

CGS PTO Meeting – March 12th, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:13pm.

Members present: Maria Arner, Michele Cuba, Vanessa Dover, Lori Smith, Merri Kae VanderPloeg, Mary Millburn, Melissa Rice, Mary Becelia, Denise Wallace, Vanessa McOsker

Secretary's report: **Maria Arner** – Mary Becelia made a motion to approve the February 12th, 2018 minutes with one correction (her last name). Mary Millburn seconded the motion and they were **unanimously approved**.

Treasurer's report: **Denise Wallace**

- Income to date: \$22,283.10
- Expenses to date: \$11,145.21
- Net for year to date: +\$11,137.89
- There were 2 new members in the past month (241 total).
- We sold 480 tickets for Snow Ball (90 were sold at the door)

Director's report: **Merri Kae VanderPloeg**

- **Snowball**
 - No issues; everything went very well.
- **Spirit Club**
 - Meeting at Barnes & Noble tomorrow night at 6:30.
 - Will discuss activities for the family picnic.
- **Film Festival** – April 19th at Riverbend HS
 - Open to anyone that would like to submit a film.
 - There will be prizes.
- **CGS 20 year reunion** – June 23rd, 2018 2-4pm at Riverbend HS
 - Would like to form a planning committee.
 - Would like the PTO to provide cookies and help with set up/clean up.
- Merri Kae will be moving to Tucson on June 18th, 2018. Her husband has taken a job there.
 - If you're interested in helping with interviews for a new Director contact the following:
 - Keith Wolf – the Executive Director for High Schools in Spotsy County
 - Todd Nichols – Stafford County

Old Business:

- **Snow Ball:**
 - Special thanks to Susan Sprow and Lori Smith for co-chairing this event this year.
 - Thank you very much to the parents who sent in snacks, cups, and decorations; and to those who helped decorate, serve food, assisted in the parking lot, or helped with clean up.
 - Suggestions/things that went well:
 - Candy bar (including to-go) bags was a huge hit.
 - Next year, Riverbend needs more advanced tickets (they sold 123)
 - Ask parking lot attendants to bring flash lights.
 - Raffles worked well – gave each student a raffle ticket at check-in and then once they went into the hall, they could put it in the jar for the gift card they hoped to win. We had 14 gift cards donated!

- Order 1 more tray of mozzarella sticks next year.
- It would be nice to have more teachers in attendance (there were only 3 this year).
- We MUST have a security person; it was nice for a parent to donate his time this year.
 - Michele received a call from a parent that was very impressed with the parking lot attendants.
- Susan's daughter is graduating this year so if you would like to help as decorating chair next year, please let Michele know.

New Business:

- **College Forum** - March 27th 7:00-8:30 pm at UMW in the University Center - 4 major VA universities will have senior admission reps on site to give information on college search process, admission process, writing your best college essay, and financial aid & scholarship info. Following the information session, floor will be opened for a time of Q&A.
- **Senior Essay Scholarship** - April 9th is the deadline for the Senior Essay Scholarship (before midnight). Essay scholarship winners will be announced at Senior Recognition.
- **Senior Culminating Symposium** – April 25th 6:00-8:00pm at UMW/Stafford Campus
- **Senior Recognition** - May 20th 2:00-4:30 pm at UMW (Dodd Auditorium)
- **Family Picnic** - June 1st 4:30-7:00 pm at Pratt Park in Stafford. Chairperson is Mary Millburn.
- **T-shirt design contest:**
 - For the past 3 years we've had a contest for students to design the next year's t-shirt. It was decided to continue this contest again this year.
 - Flyer will be distributed by 3/27
 - Submissions are due by April 27
 - Voting (by students will be May 1st-12th (winning design will be announced shortly after voting closes)
- Budget for 2018-2019 school year will be discussed at May meeting and voted on at June meeting.
- Board for 2018-2019 - if you are interested in a board or committee chair position, please let Michele know. Board will be voted on at June meeting.

Committee and/or VP Reports:

- No additional reports.

Kudos & Good News:

- Jacob Millburn (Senior) won the Rotary speech contest.
- Jordan Rice earned her Girl Scout Silver award.
- Johnathan Arner was accepted to the Engineering school at Virginia Tech.
- Michele Cuba is having hip replacement surgery on March 27th. Prayers would be greatly appreciated.

Upcoming meetings: April 9th, May 14th and June 11th, 2018

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.

Next PTO meeting – April 9th, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the Central Rappahannock Library – Headquarters/
Downtown Branch

Prepared by:

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2017-2018 CGS PTO Secretary