

CGS PTO Meeting – April 9th, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm.

Members present: Maria Arner, Vanessa Dover, Merri Kae VanderPloeg, Mary Millburn, Denise Wallace, Vanessa McOsker, John Hager, Vanessa Sekinger, Tracy Ramos, Jeanie VanDevender, Mary Alice Adams, Helga Purnell

Secretary's report: **Maria Arner** – John Hager made a motion to approve the March 12th, 2018 minutes as written. Vanessa Dover seconded the motion and they were **unanimously approved**.

Treasurer's report: **Denise Wallace**

- Income to date: \$22,283.10
- Expenses to date: \$11,593.31
- Net for year to date: +\$10,689.89

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

- **Film Festival – April 19th at Riverbend HS**
 - It's supposed to be next week but so far there are no submissions. The deadline has been extended until Wednesday (4/11).
- **Senior Symposium – April 25th 6:30-8:00pm at the Mary Washington, Stafford Campus**
 - It's required for seniors, and underclassmen get 2 culminating extra credit points for attending and interviewing presenters.
- **CGS 20 year reunion – June 23rd, 2018 2-4pm at Riverbend HS**
 - A Sign-Up Genius will be sent for cookies, water, iced tea, set-up, and clean-up.
 - Items can be dropped off at Riverbend until June 21st (school will be closed on Friday, 6/22).

Old Business:

- **College Forum**
 - About 80 people attended; less than normal but it was a rainy night close to spring break.
 - Deadlines were stressed. Encouraged students (and parents) to use a calendar to keep track of deadlines.
 - Don't wait until the last minute to apply.
 - Tax implications of scholarships were discussed.

New Business:

- Helga Purnell, the Resource teacher from Stafford High, spoke about what resources Stafford County has in terms of scholarships, college assistance, etc. She stated that she is a student advocate, listener, communicator, helps students with registration, monitors students' progress, and notifies students of enrichment opportunities. We will try to get reps from other counties at future meetings.
- **Senior Essay Scholarship – deadline pushed to April 13th at midnight.**
 - Essay scholarship winners will be announced at Senior Recognition.
- **Senior Recognition - May 20th from 2:00-4:30 at UMW (Dodd Auditorium)**
 - We need to order 4 cakes this year.
 - The color guard and quartet have been reserved.
 - Need to request recognition slides from parents (there is a fee for this).
 - Students will make their own slides.

- **Family Picnic - June 1st at Pratt Park in Stafford 4:30-7pm.** Picnic chair is Mary Millburn.
 - Mentors for incoming freshman will be around to talk.
 - The Spirit Club will organize games.
 - Picnic will be pushed during “Cookies” nights.
 - King George – May 15th
 - Stafford – May 22nd
 - Spotsy – May 23rd
- **T-shirt design contest**
 - Flyer emailed to students before spring break (also available on CGS website).
 - Submissions due by April 27th
 - Voting by students – May 1-12th (design 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 email Michele. She will be sending out an email with available positions once she has heard back from current board/committee chairs on whether they are willing to serve on 2018-2019 board. New board will be voted on at June meeting. Please consider helping out our PTO.

Committee and/or VP Reports:

- No additional reports.

Kudos & Good News:

- Maggie Carolan, a graduate from the Forge site, was part of the team from Virginia Tech that went to Flint, MI to help with their water crisis.
- Audrey Arner met the scientist that inspired her junior/senior culminating project.
- Fiona Sekinger is going to France for a judo tournament.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm.

Next PTO meeting – May 14th, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the Central Rappahannock Library – Headquarters/
Downtown Branch

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2017-2018 CGS PTO Secretary