

## CGS PTO Meeting – May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:20pm.

**Members present:** Maria Arner, Merri Kae VanderPloeg, Mary Millburn, Denise Wallace, Vanessa McOsker, Tracy Ramos, Mary Alice Adams, Michele Cuba, Melissa Rice, Jodi Redman, Cam Nguyen, Sherri Oesterheld, Jeanie VanDevender

**Secretary's report:** **Maria Arner** – Tracy Ramos made a motion to approve the April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 minutes as written. Mary Alice Adams seconded the motion and they were **unanimously approved**.

### **Treasurer's report:** Denise Wallace

- Income to date: \$22,283.10
- Expenses to date: \$14,870.78
- Net for year to date: +\$7,412.32
- Will deposit all Senior reception money at one time.

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

- **Pinning Ceremonies**
  - Students recognized for completing 2 years and continuing in the program.
  - Riverbend – May 25<sup>th</sup>; serving cake and cookies.
  - Some schools will do in the fall.
- **Cookies with the Commonwealth**
  - Caroline/KG – May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at KG High library
  - Spotsylvania County – May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm at Riverbend Cafeteria
  - Stafford County - May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm at Colonial Forge High School Cafeteria
- **CGS 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** – Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2-4 pm at Riverbend HS.
  - Mr. Mulreany and Mrs. Thompson will be leading the event.
  - All alumni are welcome (including 2018 grads).
  - In June a sign-up Genius will be sent for cookies, brownies, drinks, and volunteers.
- **Summer day trips**
  - George Mason/Library of Congress – Cancelled due to lack of interest.
  - STEM – low attendance.
  - Caving trip – Cancelled due to lack of adult interest.
- **New student orientation**
  - Regional (for all students that will be new to the program) – August 7<sup>th</sup> 1-8pm at Riverbend HS.
  - Stafford County – August 8<sup>th</sup> at individual sites.
  - King George and Spotsy will be held their first week of school.

### **Old Business:**

- Tonight, we are celebrating the eight awesome years of service that Merri Kae has given to our Governor's school. As most of you know, her husband accepted a job in Arizona so the family will be moving in June. Thank you to everyone that donated food and drinks for tonight. We presented Merri Kae with an art easel for her studio in her new home.
- **Senior Recognition** - May 20<sup>th</sup> from 2-4:30 at UMW (Dodd Auditorium).
  - We are still missing 45 RSVP's.
  - Teachers need to send out a reminder regarding the dress code.
  - Students need to be reminded to be there at 1:30.

- **Family Picnic** - June 1<sup>st</sup> 4:30-7pm at Pratt Park in Stafford.
  - We need about 20 ice chests.
  - Need a rope for tug-of-war.
  - Working on activities that will get students engaged and interacting.
  - The Kilroy robot will be there.
  - The SHS forensics club will do presentations at 6:00. Four CGS students won at states.
- **T-shirt design contest** – there are 3 designs and voting by students closes May 16<sup>th</sup> at midnight.
- **Board for 2018-2019** – Please consider helping out our PTO. If you are interested in a board or committee chair position, please contact Michele. New board will be voted on at June meeting. The following positions are still open:
  - President in training
  - Toolkit for Success
  - Fall Social
  - Merchandise Chair
  - College Forum
  - Snow Ball - Decorating Chair
  - Family Picnic Chair
  - Teacher Appreciation chairs needed for King George, North Stafford, and Stafford
- **Budget for 2018-2019 school year** – Denise Wallace, the CGS PTO Treasurer, led a discussion on proposed income and expenses. The budget be voted on at the June meeting.

#### **New Business:**

- **None**

#### **Committee and/or VP Reports:**

- **Teacher Appreciation:**
  - North Stafford – Led by Lisa Sams- breakfast bucket, Amazon gift card, Panera gift card, and a movie night bucket including microwave popcorn, candy, and Redbox movie rental.
  - Stafford High School – led by Vanessa McOsker – will do a teacher appreciation lunch will deli meat and Greek salad (from Wegmans; requested by the teachers).

#### **Kudos & Good News:**

- Jennifer Sprow - won the gold at VA Skills USA competition in Architectural Drafting. She will be competing at Nationals later in June. She will be defending her gold medal there. Bobby Jett said that it is the first time that a Stafford student has ever competed at Nationals for 3 years (her soph year was Additive Manufacturing, and then junior and senior Arch Drafting).
- Jacob Millburn will be attending Stevens Institute in Hoboken, NJ this fall.
- Mrs. Oesterheld thanked the PTO for all it's support.
- Five or six seniors are going to college abroad in Japan, Paris, Singapore, and Edenborough.
- Merri Kae thanked everyone for the gift and cookies. She is going to be a college counselor in a high school in Arizona.
- Cole Ramos and Andrew Kolandjian from Colonial Forge Army JROTC academic team will be competing in the national academic bowl. There are 1,389 teams and only 32 get to go to Nationals.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Final PTO meeting – June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the Library Headquarters/ Downtown Branch

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