

## CGS PTO Meeting – August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm.

**Members present:** Maria Arner, Denise Wallace, Michele Cuba, Jen Grigsby, Tracy Ramos, Mary Becelia, Jodi Redman, Vanessa Sekinger, Gordon Duncan, Amy Duncan, Melissa Rice, Mary Alice Adams, Kelley Crowder

**Secretary's report:** **Maria Arner** – Mary Alice Adams made a motion to approve the June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 minutes as written. Mary Becelia seconded the motion and they were **unanimously approved**.

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

- Income to date: \$3,276.91 (memberships, merchandise sales, donations, Amazon Smile)
- Expenses to date: \$2,314.26 (spirit wear order and new student orientation)
- Net for year to date: +\$962.65
- We have 54 memberships to date
- **Amazon Prime**
  - When people shop on Amazon Prime use Smile and designate CGS so that we get 0.5% of each sale.

### **Director's report:** **Jennifer Grigsby**

- **Meetings with CGS Stakeholders** – She has met with or has a meeting scheduled with all of the CGS stakeholders.
- **Student & Parent Advisory Committees** – would like to form by the beginning of next semester.
- **New Student Orientation** – Was August 7<sup>th</sup> at Riverbend HS. It went very well.
- **Teachers** – Teachers will be required to attend 3/7 PTO activities throughout the year. Jen will observe every teacher 4 times during the school year.
- **Social Media** – A very big proponent; will be posting quite often.
- **Four CGS Pillars** – Will be focusing on them. Each site will do a community service project that the students will choose.
- **Toolkit for Success & Merit Scholarship Night** – September 19<sup>th</sup> at Riverbend HS 6:30-8:30.
- **Robotics** – will have 2 sponsors and will be moving to a new location.
- **Trip** – This is NOT a CGS-sponsored event but is being put out for information purposes. A Riverbend science teacher is taking students to Yellowstone June 12-17, 2019. Cost is \$2,270.

### **Old Business:**

- **CGS 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** – Thank you to parents for donating food and drinks. The event wasn't as highly attended as they'd hoped. About 30-40 alumni attended.

### **New Business:**

- **Membership** – Amy Duncan is the chairperson this year.
  - Family memberships are \$30/family. People can join/pay with check, cash, or with credit card online.
  - We encourage people to become PTO members because that's how we communicate with parents.
  - Site with the largest percentage of memberships for underclassmen (9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders) will get an ice cream party.

- Site with the largest percentage of memberships for upperclassmen (11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders) will get donuts.
- Families must be a PTO member by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 in order to be eligible to apply for the CGS PTO scholarship.
- **Spirit Wear Sales** – Tracy Ramos is the chairperson this year.
  - Merchandise forms will go home with students the first week of school (along with Membership forms). Forms are due by September 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - We added pop sockets for \$10.
- **Fall Social – Rush Hour Live Escape Games on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**
  - Cost is going to be \$20/student.
  - Students will purchase tickets in advance (sales anticipated to be mid-September to mid-October) then will sign up for a specific time/room once we know how many students to expect.
  - Need parents to coordinate/support Minute-to-Win-it games while students are waiting. Maria Arner will look into providing games.
  - Do we want to continue with “Hungry Tummy” donations? Peanut Butter donations were suggested for food pantries.
- **Opportunities to serve**
  - Still looking for a President-in-training; Michele’s youngest graduates next year.
  - Need a Snow Ball decorating chairperson.
  - Need Teacher Appreciation Chairs for King George and Stafford HS.
- **Senior Scholarship** –it was decided to release the essay prompt earlier this year (early December) with a submission window next spring.
- **September meeting**
  - We’ll have a potluck at 6:00pm at the library before the next meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup>. We’re requesting that people sign up for a main dish, side dish, or dessert.

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

- None noted.

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

- Jordan Rice attended a Chesapeake student leadership program this summer.
- Olivia Redman attended a faith & science convergence camp at Randolph Macon this summer. The cost of the camp was \$100 for 10 days and she’ll be eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship if she attends the University.
- Cole Ramos and Andrew Kolandjian, from the Colonial Forge site, were members of one of the 32 teams (out of 1,300) to make it to the Jr. ROTC Academic Bowl and made it to the semifinal round.
- Johnathan Arner from the Colonial Forge site earned his Eagle Scout award.
- Yousef Haggy got second place in the FBLA computer gaming/simulation world competition.
- The freshman class will be doing an APES canoe trip at Mott’s Reserve.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Next PTO meeting – September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7 p.m. (potluck at 6:00pm) - Central Rappahannock Library – Headquarters/Downtown Branch

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