

CGS PTO Meeting – May 13th, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm.

Members present: Maria Arner, Denise Wallace, Michele Cuba, Tracy Ramos, Jennifer Grigsby, Vanessa Sekinger, Michael Hart, Jeanie VanDevender, Diane O'Hara, Lynda Francis, Jack O'Brien, Marisha Lecea, Kim Carryer, Stephanie Hayden, Lisa Bowling

Secretary's report: Maria Arner – Jennifer Grigsby made a motion to accept the April 8th, 2019 minutes as written. Vanessa Sekinger seconded the motion and they were **unanimously approved**.

Treasurer's report: Denise Wallace

- Income to date: \$24,460.71 (memberships, merchandise sales, donations, Amazon Smile, Fall Social ticket sales, Snow Ball ticket sales)
- Expenses to date: \$17,876.05 (spirit wear order, new student orientation, storage unit, fall social, Snow Ball, teacher appreciation, Robotics, family picnic deposit, Scholarships, Sr. Recognition)
- Net for year to date: +\$6,584.66
- We have 233 memberships to date

Director's report: Jennifer Grigsby

- **CGS Application Process**
 - All applicants will be notified by the following dates –
 - Stafford County – letters were mailed; awaiting finalized lists from Dr. Fellingner based on acceptance responses.
 - Finalized lists for Spotsylvania, King George, and Caroline counties have been collected by the CGS office.
- **Cookies with the Commonwealth**
 - There was fantastic attendance at all of the Cookies events!
 - Riverbend – 29 out of 30
 - Spotsylvania – 30 out of 33
 - Stafford – 50 out of 90
 - King George – 17 out of 25
 - We incorporated an ice-breaker activity and had seniors presenting their culminating work at three of the events. Anyone that attended is encouraged to provide feedback to Mrs. Grigsby.
- **Staffing 2019-2020**
 - All staff positions have been tentatively filled for 2019-2020. We currently have six new teachers entering the program and two teachers transferring to other sites. Some are replacing current teachers and others are new positions being opened.
- **Senior Symposium**
 - Event went very well, and students did an excellent job with creating their boards and presenting their research both formally and informally.

- **Potential New Field Experience**
 - **AP Biology: Chincoteague Bay Field Station**
 - Overnight trip
 - Intertidal studies, wetland ecology, dune ecology, maritime forest, sustainable wetland ecology, marine invertebrates, fish biology, coastal botany, ornithology, organism dissection, nocturnal adaptations hike, life history of arthropods, teambuilding
 - Approval received from Spotsylvania, Caroline, KG (tentative); still waiting on Stafford.
- **Upcoming Events**
 - **Senior Recognition Ceremony:** May 19th 2:00-4:30 PM at UMW (Dodd Auditorium).
 - **CGS Family Picnic:** May 31st 4:30-7:00 PM at Pratt Park in Stafford.
- **Student Kudos:** Mrs. Grigsby encourages anyone to email her with student accomplishments so that she can present them at the meeting; or, better yet, come to the meeting and present them in person.

Old Business:

- **None**

New Business:

- **T-shirt design contest winner** - Mira Dover, rising Senior at our Stafford Site
- **2019-2020 Budget Discussion**
 - Research was done on purchasing an Insurance policy. Can get a good policy for ~\$401. Reduced the Proposed Budget line for insurance to \$500.
 - Proposed income is: \$26,552; Proposed expenses are: \$26,700. Difference is -\$148.
 - Vanessa Sekinger motioned to approve the proposed 2019-2020 budget; with the reduced insurance line. Tracy Ramos seconded the motion and the budget was **unanimously approved.**
- **2019-2020 Board**
 - See attached for list of names.
 - Maria Arner motioned to approve the presented board. Tracy Ramos seconded the motion and the board was **unanimously approved.**

Committee and/or VP Reports:

- Mrs. Grigsby made gifts for all of the teachers.
- Spotsy High Teacher Appreciation – Provided a picnic lunch for the teachers and gave each one a \$10 Amazon gift card.
- Stafford Site Teacher Appreciation – Gave gift cards and provided food for Teacher Appreciation week.
- Riverbend Site Teacher Appreciation – Provided two lunches and a breakfast for teachers.

Kudos & Good News:

- Sarah Cuba, Spotsy Site, received the Provost Scholarship from VCU which is \$16,000 per year for a total of \$64,000. She will have her own room in the Honors College.
- Cole Ramos, Colonial Forge Site, will be attending Carnegie Mellon University; majoring in Computer Science.
- Abigail Wallace, Stafford Site, will be attending CNU; majoring in English and Computer Science. She will be in the Honors and Presidential Leadership Programs.
- Brianna Wallace will be going to Radford's music school; she plays the flute.
- Special "thank you" to Michele Cuba and Denise Wallace for their commitment and service to the CGS PTO for the past several years.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37.

Next PTO meeting – June 10th, 2019 at 7 p.m. - Central Rappahannock Library – Headquarters/ Downtown Branch

Prepared by:

Maria Elena Arner, 2018-2019 CGS PTO Secretary

CGS PTO Board Elect 2019-2020

Executive Board:	
President	Michael Hart
VP Caroline/King George	Jeanie VanDevender
VP Stafford	Mary Alice Adams
VP Spotsylvania	Vanessa Sekinger
Treasurer	Marisha Lecea
Secretary	Maria Arner
Committee Chairs:	
Fall Social	Vanessa Sekinger & Lynda Francis
Snow Ball	Lori Smith
Decorating	Elizabeth Utschig & Sarah Goldsmith
Senior Scholarship	Kevin Powell
Family Picnic	Evette Russett
Senior Recognition	Mary Alice Adams & Jodi Redman
PTO Grant	Vanessa Sekinger
Membership	Denise Wallace
Merchandise	Diane O'Hara
College Forum	Deb Haines
Teacher Appreciation Chairs:	
Colonial Forge	Cathy Close
King George	Michael Hart
North Stafford	Maria Arner will contact someone she knows
Riverbend	Jack O'Brien
Spotsylvania	Lori Taylor
Stafford	