

# CGS PTO Meeting – October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm.

**Members present:** Maria Arner, Michael Hart, Lynda Francis, Mary Alice Adams, Janet Spencer, Jack O'Brien, Vanessa Sekinger, Selina Bautista, Marisha Lecea, Lori Smith, Roz Saunders, Elizabeth Utschig

**Secretary's report: Maria Arner** – Jack O'Brien made a motion to approve the September 9, 2019 minutes as written. Mary Alice Adams seconded the motion and they were **unanimously approved**.

## **Treasurer's report: Marisha Lecea**

- Bank balances as of September 30, 2019
  - Checking: \$12,369.24
  - Money Market: \$10,400.61
- Requested information on Membership and Merchandise totals so she can fill out budget tracking.

## **Director's report: Maria Arner for Jennifer Grigsby**

- **Enrollment**
  - 594 students as of October 14, 2019.
- **Field Experiences**
  - Trips have gone well thus far!
    - Feedback on the Chesapeake Bay Field Station Overnight Trip (Grade 10) was overwhelmingly positive. We had a few first trip concerns, but those were handled and better when the second group attended. The teachers felt the content explored and the bonding experience made the trip very worthwhile.
  - Upcoming Trips
    - Physics Laboratory Day – 10/23 – Grade 12
    - Business Trips – 10/31 – Grade 12
    - Enrichment Day – 11/4 – All Grades
    - Orienteering Trip – 11/6 – Grade 12
    - Pamplin Park Trip – 11/20 – Grade 11
    - Theatre Trip – A Christmas Carol – 12/4 - Grade 9
    - Washington, DC Trip – 12/4 – Grade 10
      - Replacing Mock Congress Trip due to renovations of the Richmond House of Delegates (just this school year)
- **Upcoming Dates**
  - Middle School Recruitment Visits – October 2019
  - Middle School Site Visits – November 2019
  - Information Nights – November & December 2019
  - Senior Symposium – Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at UMW Stafford University Hall 6-8:30pm
  - Senior Recognition Ceremony – Sunday, May 17, 2020 at Fredericksburg Expo Center 4:00pm

- **Fall Social**
  - Although the event chairs will discuss this, Mrs. Grigsby thought the event went well and the students who participated had a fantastic time.
- **Questions?** Please email Mrs. Grigsby at: jgrigsby@cgs.k12.va.us. She apologized for not making the meeting but was home sick with a cold. She was hoping it was just laryngitis, but no such luck.

## Old Business:

- **Fall Social Feedback/Lesson Learned**
  - Thanks to the co-chairs for doing a fantastic job.
  - 110 students attended the event.
  - Had issues with online tickets because student names weren't on the list.
  - Look into using another online platform in the future (Event Brite); Square doesn't work well to give us the information we need.
  - 70% of the tickets were purchased online.
  - The students had a fantastic time.
  - 22 pizzas were ordered and all were eaten.
  - Do a Google survey to find out what day works best and what venue students would like.
    - With school starting earlier, late September might be a better time; students aren't as busy.
  - The chaperones didn't have to pay.
  - In the future offer "sponsor a teacher" to help pay their fee (if applicable).
- **Membership Email list**
  - Michael Hart will look into updating the Google email database with new members.

## New Business:

- **SnowBall – February 21, 2020 at the Eagle's Lodge in Stafford 7:00-11:00PM**
  - Potential Themes: CandyLand, Masquerade. To a Google survey with students to get their input on the theme.
  - Talked about rotating themes (decorations) every 4 years.

## Committee and/or VP Reports:

- **Teacher Appreciation:** Jack O'Brien wanted to confirm the budget is \$40/teacher/year. The Riverbend Chairperson will include the CGS Staff.
- **Teacher Grants:** Vanessa Sekinger asked Michael Hart to send a notice to teachers that they can apply for a grant.

## Kudos & Good News:

- Michael Hart thanked the Chairpersons for their hard work so far this year.
- Marisha Lecea stated that the *Mid-Summer Night* field trip was great.

The meeting was adjourned around 8:00.

Next PTO meeting – November 11, 2019 at 7 p.m. - Central Rappahannock Library – Headquarters/  
Downtown Branch

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