

## CGS PTO Meeting – June 8, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 online via Zoom.

**Members present:** Michael Hart, Jennifer Grigsby, Maria Arner, Lynda Francis, Marisha Lecea, Selina Bautista, Diane O'Hara, Theresa Aberg, Vanessa Sekinger, Denise Wallace, Mary Becelia

**Rising freshman parents:** Sharon Band, Robert Band, Sarabeth Trubenbach, Kathrina Urann, Suzanne Haskell, Rosa Hernandez, Deann Fairfax, Jeff McNeil, Kim McNeil, Kristen Garvie, Lana Hansen, Leif Hansen, Veniece Humphries, Jessica LoFiego, Mia Valentine, Ruth Mayo, Alfred Mayo, Stephanie Billingsley, Michael Tirman, Regina Clayton-Rone, Jacqueline Berkes, Michelle Chaudoir, Keeley Lore, Aditya Tirtho

**Secretary's report: Maria Arner** – Theresa Aberg made a motion to approve the May 11, 2020 minutes as written. Diane O'Hara seconded the motion and they were **unanimously approved**.

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

- Bank balances as of May 31, 2020:
  - Checking: \$13,023.96
  - Money Market: \$10,401.91
- Received \$71.78 deposit from Amazon Smile.
- Made \$1,546.29 payment to credit card (most for Senior Recognition gifts).
- Paid 3 sites for Teacher Appreciation; 5 sites are totally taken care of at this point.
- Wrote 9 checks for math awards.
- Wrote 3 checks for Senior Essay (Scholarship) winners.
- Paid \$401 for our annual insurance payment.
- Were refunded from Stafford Parks & Rec for the shelter for the Family Picnic.

### **Membership report: Denise Wallace**

- We had ~211 members this year (there are still a few duplicates).

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

- **Senior Recognition Ceremony**
  - Scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at the Fredericksburg Expo Center.
  - Format will depend upon COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time.
- **Cookies with the Commonwealth**
  - Date to be determined; possibly in early-mid July if restrictions allow.
- **Summer Assignments**
  - Will be emailed to students from teachers within the next week.
  - All math summer assignments are focused on review concepts to ensure everyone is starting the upcoming course on the same page.
- **Summer Recovery Booster Course**
  - Offered to rising freshmen for Algebra II review and recovery. This is highly encouraged but not mandatory.
  - Tentatively scheduled for August 3-6 from 1-2pm.
  - Planning to be on-site, but may be virtual depending upon COVID-19 restrictions.

- **New Student Orientation**
  - Tentatively scheduled for July 30<sup>th</sup> 2:00-7:30ish.
  - Planning for on-site activities versus a regional orientation this year.
  - Back-up virtual plan is created if restrictions will not allow in-person orientation.
  - Would be good to have membership and merchandise people at each site.
- **CGS Program Diversity**
  - Would anyone be interested in serving on a CGS steering committee to review historical trends of diversity, past practices meant to increase student interest from diverse populations and their impact, and ways to recruit and retain diverse students and staff in the program?
  - Mrs. Grigsby would like to meet approximately four times before the end of 2020 (before the next round of applications).
  - Mrs. Grigsby plans to include division leadership, students, parents, teachers, and alumni.
  - If anyone is interested, please shoot Mrs. Grigsby an email noting your interest.

## **Old Business:**

- **Pair with a Chair**
  - Dian O'Hara has suggested that a freshman parent pair with someone on the CGS PTO board to learn their position in order to take over the position when the upper-class parent leaves.
- **College Info Night**
  - Vanessa Sekinger coordinated this event. UMW was very responsive to her information requests. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the event was cancelled.

## **New Business:**

- **2020-2021 budget**
  - Marisha Lecea presented a draft budget for the 2020-2021 school year. After discussion and several changes, Theresa Aberg made a motion to accept the proposed 2020-2021 budget with discussed changes. Maria Arner seconded the motion and the 2020-2021 budget was unanimously approved.
    - Proposed Income: \$26,302
    - Proposed Expenses: \$26,300
- **Elections for the 2020-2021 school year**
  - Everyone that is not graduating out is willing to return to the Executive Board next year. No one was interested in filling any of those positions. After discussion, the following Executive Board members (slate) were nominated by Therese Aberg. The slate was seconded by Diane O'Hara and was unanimously approved.
    - President – Michael Hart
    - VP Caroline/King George – Deann Fairfax
    - VP Stafford – Suzanne Haskell
    - VP Spotsylvania – Vanessa Sekinger
    - Treasurer – Marisha Lecea
    - Secretary – Maria Arner
  - Teacher Appreciation for Spotsylvania - Kristen Garvie
  - Teacher Appreciation for King George – Lisa Thoms

- The following positions still need to be filled:
  - Scholarship Chairperson
  - Senior Recognition Chairperson
- **Library booking** – will not be able to book rooms for meetings at least through August.
- **Fall Social**
  - Vanessa Sekinger would like to vote on a final plan at the August meeting.
  - Plan is to have the event at Belvedere Plantation in September.
    - Did a student survey and got about 300 responses and Belvedere was the clear winner.
- **Teacher Appreciation Chairpersons**
  - It was suggested that a letter be sent to each chairperson letting them know what their budget is and providing some ideas. This way everyone is on the same page and knows what they're working with.

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

- **Merchandise Chairperson: Diane O'Hara**
  - **T-shirt design contest** – Diane O'Hara will reach out to Vanessa Sekinger to make a form for students to vote for the winning design.
  - It's been decided that each year the person that comes up with the winning design will get to pick the color for the t-shirt. This will make it fun to know which year shirts are from.
  - There will be an online store for apparel (t-shirts, polo shirts, etc). We will continue to buy in bulk, and have on hand, the following: string bags, magnets, lanyards, and phone pop sockets.
  - Because of the online store, we will not be responsible for a lot of upfront costs.
  - Diane O'Hara has selected a new vendor for next year.

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

- None reported.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13.

Next PTO meeting – August 10, 2020 at 7 p.m. – location to be determined

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