

CGS PTO Meeting

August 14, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm via Zoom.

Members present: Olga Janicki, Christina Merideth, Jennifer Grigsby, Kristen Garvie, Natalie Stephenson, Kerry Childers, Hewis Johnson, Eugene and Clarissa Quinn, Kandie McDonald, Michelle Chaudoir, Mary Yergey, Meg Rine, Michael and Elsa Lewis, Lisa Mewherter, Stephanie Bergin, Layla Wardle, Kandie McDonald, Mona Jani, John Thomas, Shanna Aberle, Susan Abramowitz, Nancy and Brian Hunt, Hewis Johnson, Rudy and Susan Catahan, Ram Obbineni, Darryl and Latrice Chapman, Jordan Bethea, Trista Anderson, Regina Roane, Blair Plotner, Amie Nester, Della and Web Brown, Kareen Johnson, Debra Caffrey, William Johnson, Hanifa Smith, Lynda Francis, Kathrina Urann, Alexea Juliano, Kirsten Kirkpatrick, Selina Bautista

Secretary's Report (Kristen Garvie):

- Christina Merideth made a motion to approve the May minutes, and Lynda Francis seconded the motion. They were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report (Christina Merideth):

- The balance in the checking account is \$9878.45
- The balance in the savings account is \$3,271.08
- We have received about \$100 from Square donations

Membership (Alexea Juliano)

- We currently have 131 members

Merchandise Report (C.M. for Suzanne Haskell)

- We sold magnets, sling bags, and pop sockets at the picnic. Pajama pants will be available in the fall.

Director's Report (Jennifer Grigsby)

- We had a great first week of school. She will be at every site each month and has already done an observation at North Stafford.
- New this year: a student advisory board, which will give students a voice and access. They will meet at least quarterly to talk about what's going on with CGS.

- Field experience fees have gone out; \$75 is due for each student (juniors also have a Dual Enrollment fee).
- The first field experience of this year is the freshmen canoe trip in September. There is a new trip this year for juniors: an overnight chemistry/US history trip to Philadelphia.

Old Business:

- The CGS picnic went well and was attended by more than 600 people. Thanks to Michelle Chaudoir for coordinating and to the volunteers who took leftover food to firefighters and the homeless shelter.

New Business:

- The fall social is set for Sunday, October 22, 2:00-5:30 at Belevedere. Rachelle Shields has reserved the pavilion and two firepits.
- In a few weeks a link for merchandise sales will be sent out; meanwhile, there are a few items for sale at cgs-pto.square.site.
- Alexea asked if there might be a t-shirt design competition this year. She will follow up with Suzanne.

Committee Reports

- Alexea Juliano has a presentation with tips and ideas for other Teacher Appreciation chairs after the meeting.

Kudos and Good News:

- Christina's son is close to getting his Eagle Scout badge.
- Regina Roane's daughter Amira Tate attended the Spanish Academy program at W&L this summer
- William Johnson's daughter had a good experience at the National Junior Leadership conference in Bethesda this summer
- Kamil Musah's son Zain attended an aviation camp this summer
- Jennifer Grigsby dropped her son off at Bridgewater last week for football camp before classes start
- Lisa Vice's son had a great experience at the astronomy Summer Residential Governor's School camp at Lynchburg University last summer
- Amandeep's son was a delegate at a one-week UN camp this summer
- Jessica Jagger's son Ian attended a two-week leadership training camp in western Virginia
- Michelle Midkiff's daughter Scarlet attended the BLAST science camp at Virginia Tech

Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm. Next meeting is September 11, 2023 at 7pm via Zoom.

Minutes prepared by Kristen Garvie