

CGS PTO Meeting
January 8, 2024 (draft minutes)

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

Members present: Olga Janicki, Jennifer Grigsby, Kristen Garvie, Christina Merideth, Michael and Elsa Lewis, Mona Jani, Kareen Johnson, Selina Bautista, Karen Gillespie, Debra Caffrey, Hanifa Smith, Lynda Francis, Kathrina Urann, Alexea Juliano, Kristin Kirkpatrick, James Conlee, Shauna Enoch, Athena Samuel, Jonathan Knauth, Mila and Drew Jackson, Nancy Hunt, Michelle Midkiff, Yohanna Dalmasi, Draco Moon, Anne Marie Salvanera, Olena Romanova, Lidia Gonzalez, Carol Schaller, Regina Clayton

Secretary's Report (Kristen Garvie):

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

Treasurer's Report (Kristen Garvie for Christina Merideth):

- The balance in the checking account is \$12,206.45
- The balance in the savings account is \$3,271.23
- There are several outstanding payment (storage area, SnowBall, teacher appreciation)

Membership (Alexea Juliano)

- No report

Merchandise Report (Suzanne Haskell)

- No report

Director's Report (Jennifer Grigsby)

- Recruiting season is over. Applications have closed in Caroline, King George, and Stafford, and Spotsylvania closes on Jan 12. Students will be notified between Feb 5 and the middle of March.
- There is one teacher vacancy: a science teacher in King George. Those classes are currently being covered virtually.
- The program counselor candidate will appear before the governing board this month and hopefully start in February.
- For the next three months she will be observing classrooms throughout all sites.

Old Business:

- We are in good shape for the Masquerade Ball, coming up on February 24th. DJ and photo booth are booked. Thanks to parents who have helped out with the wish list!

New Business:

- Alexea will be the chairperson for the senior scholarship essay contest. Debra and Lidia volunteered to be two of three judges.
- Olga posed a question for Ms Grigsby in light of the new year: What are the goals for the CGS program in the months to come? She explained that the 2023-2024 CGS goals are: strong instructional strategies and student engagement, outreach to younger gifted students (such as STEM activities for middle school students), implementing and adapting new math pathways, gifted endorsement of teachers, continued improvement of culminating, student retention, and new field experiences.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43pm. The next meeting is February 12 at 7pm via Zoom.

Minutes prepared by Kristen Garvie