

## **Carderock Springs PTA General Meeting Tuesday, February 7, 2012**

Wendy Kuhn, PTA President, called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. There were 22 people in attendance, including Mr. Rock Palmisano,, CSES Principal and Ms. Emily Klotzman, CSES guidance counselor.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Wendy Kuhn provided the Treasurer's Report. Highlights are that membership is at 228 families and 21 teachers/staff vs. the budget of 210 members. There are still 51 families that have not joined the PTA this year. Other successful fundraising events this year include the book fair (\$1100 over budget), Giant gift cards, and Sally Foster. We are over budget on teacher programs due to substitute teacher costs related to allowing CSES teachers time for curriculum training and planning. There is money in the reserves which the membership can approve to cover these important and necessary costs.

### **Community Service**

Martha's Table sandwich collection on Fridays is ongoing.

There will also be a collection of toothbrushes and toothpaste at the classroom Valentine's Day parties. The donations will be collected in the hunger helper bins.

There will be a collection of in kind donations of pet supplies in conjunction with movie night. Pet Connect will give a brief talk. Kids Adventurers has also been collecting items such as baby wipes, phone cards, candy, beef jerky to send to Marines through the "Do One Good Thing" website. Leah, the Kids Adventure Director, said the response has been overwhelming and they will probably send 2 boxes of items.

### **Events**

There are several exciting PTA sponsored events coming up. Bingo Night will be held this Thursday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30pm in the APR. All students will get one free Bingo card. Additional Bingo cards, pizza, drinks and bake sale snacks will be available for purchase.

Movie Night will be held on Friday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30pm in the APR. The movie is "Hotel for Dogs" and hot dogs, drinks, and popcorn will be available.

There will be a member raffle at both events. All current PTA members will be entered into the raffle for \$50 Mama Lucia and Potomac Pizza gift cards. Another great benefit of PTA membership!

The date for Spring Fling is TBD. The original date published presents a conflict. A new date will be announced shortly.

## **Fundraising**

The deadline for joining the PTA is March 31<sup>st</sup>. Membership includes one free yearbook and a reduced price for additional copies.

Sally FASTER is ongoing, website is still active. So far, \$2303.50 has been raised. Thanks to Lisa Stransky Brown and Melanie Caudron for all their hard work on this program.

A Family Night at Potomac Pizza is scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup>, kick off of NCAA Basketball's March Madness. Proceeds will go to support the printing of the Carderock Chronicle.

## **Programs**

Kristina Valencia is our next visiting artist. She will begin an art project in April to decorate the cement risers at the front of the school. This will be a tile project. If anyone has leftover tiles from past renovation projects, Kristina would gladly accept any donations.

International Week and Staff Appreciation Week will be held May 7-11. More details on both events will be coming out soon.

## **Volunteer Update**

Karen Roman thanked everyone for volunteering their time in so many ways. Some of the upcoming needs for volunteers include Bingo Night, classroom Valentine's Day parties, and the ongoing needs for lunch/recess volunteers. Karen mentioned that a greater parent presence at lunch and recess has a direct and positive impact on behavior.

## **Cluster/MCCPTA Update**

The big news is the next fiscal year budget. The wild card for the budget is the State's intent to push the pension costs to the counties. That means that the County would need to absorb \$315 million over the next 5 years.

## **Foundation Update**

Karen Roman highlighted the Foundation's next big event, "No Whining, Just Wining," a wine tasting event which will be held on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at Adat Shalom. There will be a few silent auction items and the money raised at the event will support the technology program, the mini-grant program, and upgrades to school such as the new A/V system in the APR. Invitations will go home in backpack mail this week.

## **Other business**

- Yearbook sales will start shortly on the website. There is a new store section on the csespta.org website with a paypal link.

- The nominating committee is being formed to identify next year's PTA Board and Committee Chairs. The Nominating Committee will be formed by March 6<sup>th</sup>, the 2012/2013 Board Slate will be published by mid-April with an invitation for any last minute nominations, and the new Board will be elected at the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.
- There will be a second round of Parent/Principal Meetings in the Spring. This time the groups will be divided into a K-2 meeting and a 3-5 meeting.
- Please read the weekly PTA newsletter that goes out each Wednesday. It includes lots of helpful information.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm and Ms. Klotzman began her Parent Ed talk.

Next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30am. This is a combined event with the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast.