

**CSES PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**March 26, 2014, 11:30am**

**Attendees: Karen Roman, Anthea Higgins, Lisa London, Anne Kisslinger, Dani Crichton, Wendy Kuhn, Caroline Walsh**

Karen Roman called the meeting to order at 11:37 a.m. In accordance with the bylaws, she noted that we need at least five PTA members present. The attendance met that requirement with 7 members present. Karen then reviewed the following items for the membership to vote on:

**1. Vote on the following 3 unbudgeted expenditure items:**

A. **Media Center Mural:** Mrs. Seebohm would like to lead a painting project which would involve all of our students this spring. Each student would paint a 5"x5" canvas. She hopes to display them together like a quilt in three large rectangles on the wall above the books in the Media Center. The CSES Educational Foundation has already agreed to pay for half of the cost. The cost is estimated to be \$2300 (\$900 for materials and \$1400 for installation by the Art Warehouse.) The PTA's expense would be \$1150.

B. **Science Fair Assembly:** Principal Palmisano and our faculty and staff hope to kick off our Science Fair week this year with an assembly called the "Magical Math Tour" by Brian Curry on May 12th. His website is [www.magicalmathtour.com](http://www.magicalmathtour.com). He has received many rave reviews on the MCPS Cultural Arts list serve. We hope to fund two separate assemblies like we normally do: one for our grades K-2 and one for our grades 3-5. Each assembly costs \$400. The school will pay for one assembly and has asked the PTA if we could pay for the other. The PTA's expense would be \$400.

C. **Matching donation to MCPS "GIVE BACK-packs" program:** Last year, MCPS started a program called the "GIVE BACK-packs" program, [www.mcpsgivebackpacks.org](http://www.mcpsgivebackpacks.org). For \$10, families can buy a backpack with school supplies inside for an MCPS student-in-need. When our PTA publicizes our annual online school supply program for our own students this spring, we'll also publicize this MCPS program. We hope that our parents and their children will go online shopping together for their own school supplies as well as for our Montgomery County neighbors' supplies. Also, the CSES PTA would match our parents' donations to this program up to \$500.

**2. Vote on the following bylaws amendment:**

**It currently states:**

Article VI, Section 2d:

Officers shall assume their official duties the first day of the fiscal year and shall serve for a term of 2 year(s) or until their successors assume their official duties.

**It should state:**

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Officers shall assume their official duties the first day of the fiscal year and shall serve for a term of   \* year(s) or until their successors assume their official duties.

*\* Our President and Treasurer serve two year terms. Our Vice Presidents and Secretaries serve one year terms.*

Karen Roman asked for a motion to proceed with the vote. Amy Moore made the motion, which was seconded by Anthea Higgins. All members present voted in favor of the items. No nays were given. Thus, the items are approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m. The next general membership meeting will be held on May 6, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Moore  
Co-secretary