

Cedar Grove PTA Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 2, 2018

7:00 President Nicole Shulman called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

President's Report- Nicole Shulman:

- Huge Thank you to Jodi Wilbanks for chairing the Holiday Shop!

Vice President's Report- Annie Karp:

- There are still some directories available, so it is not too late to join the PTA and receive one.
- Our Feed the Bears Campaign isn't looking too great. We are currently around \$7,000, which is well short of our \$11,000 goal.
- Next month we will talk about either a spring fundraiser or re-budgeting some things.
- PayPal is now working and available on our website. You are able to donate directly there using a credit card.

Vice President's Report- Lori Andrus:

- Mrs. Gross' class won the Feed the Bears contest in December.

Treasurer's Report- Lori M. was not present, so we will have this report in February.

Secretary's Report- Michele Tregoning:

- We received a thank you note from the First Grade Team for the conference treat bags.

Staff Liaison Report- Karina Hirschhorn

- The kids loved the Holiday Shop!
- The Science Expo is coming up. On Wednesday, there will be a signup genius link available for parents to signup for STEM visits vs. Science Expo visits.
- Mrs. Jackson wanted to thank everyone for their support with Toys for Tots drive.
- Thank you for the Hot Cocoa bar.
- There will be a "Wonder" board outside of the Media Center. After they are displayed, I will be holding the entries until the end of the year, then return them to the students for them to reflect on them.
- There is a Media Monthly on the CG webpage for everyone to see what is happening each month in the media center. It is available as a Google doc.
- It is not too late to join the 5th grade book club. It will be meeting afterschool.

Principal's Report- Lee Derby

- Thank you for putting on the Holiday Shop and Hot Cocoa bar!
- Our Toys for Tots Drive was great as we surpassed our goal.
- Winter Wonderland was fun- hopefully the kids enjoyed that and the Clarksburg Choir that visited right before the break.
- There are lots of things coming up in January, including testing. There will be Map-M, Map-R, Map-P, M Class, and the ESOL test.
- The STEM & Science Expo is coming up on January 11th. There will be a shuttle service available from Potomac Valley Church. We would like to have a couple more visiting scientists. You don't need a science background to help out.
- The Board of Ed is visiting the cluster in February to meet with Principals and PTA Presidents. Our cluster coordinators and a few Principals are meeting later this week to plan the evening.
- Payments for school activities including field trips is now available on-line.
- Next Monday & Tuesday is class and group picture day.
- Our next SGA sponsored Spirit Day is next Tuesday- it is stuffed animal day.
- 5th grade articulation is coming up. The 5th grade teachers are getting updates from Hallie Wells for registration. The 5th graders will be taking a field trip to visit HWMS on January 19th. There will also be a parent information night for incoming 6th graders on January 23rd.
- The cluster concerts are coming up in January as well- Chorus is on 1/9, Band is on 1/24, and Strings is on 1/31.

Committee Reports:

Volunteer Coordinator- Jen Coakley:

- I am still trying to find a chair for our Spring Dance. If we don't have a chair, we will not hold the dance.
- We may be sending home a survey, asking families what type of dance they would like to see and if anyone would be willing to chair the dance.
- Thank you to Jodi for chairing the Holiday Shop.

Spirit Nights- Nicole Shulman (on behalf of Kelly Liu):

- Thursday, January 25th there is a spirit night at Café Rio. You will need a flyer for this spirit night (electronic or paper copy).
- There will also be one on 2/22 at California Tortilla near Costco, off of Spectrum Drive. It will be all day.

Holiday Shop- Jodi Wilbanks:

- Thank you for everyone's help with the Holiday Shop. It's a lot of work, but the kids love it!
- We will have our final numbers at next month's meeting.

Old Business/New Business

- Nicole & Lori A. met with Karen Edwards regarding Spirit Wear. She gave them samples of shirts and items we will be selling. We discussed colors and items we would like to sell.
- There will be items available for purchase at the upcoming Science Expo/Curriculum Night, which is January 11th, including long sleeve shirts, zip up hoodies, and pajama pants.

Our next meeting will be on February 6th.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00.