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**General Membership Meeting  
April 25, 2017  
Library, 7:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Barb Waldmiller. A quorum was established.

**PRESENT:** Barb Waldmiller, Sharon Stemme, Karyn Cram, Pakjoo Lee, Hyekyung Seo, Christine Smith, Suzanne Plummer, Sunyoung Kim, Moonjung Choe, Raji Guguilam, Hee Gyeong Shim, Peter Waldmiller, Lucas DeVos, Ken Waldmiller, Bettye Cooley, Howard Cooley, Sabrina Zhao, Isabelle Dolan, Kristin DeVos, Jim McIlwee, Jennifer Hughes, Laura Brazier, Kim Cai, Rachel Callahan, Peter Sursi, Stephanie Sursi, Marsha Carpenter, William Carpenter, Chris Nelson, and Neil Angelotti.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the March 2017 General Membership Meeting were presented. Christine motioned to accept the minutes and Barb seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Neil reported that the mulch sale was most of the activity for the month. The PTSA account has \$24,343 and the ANGP account has \$39,989.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** 2 new members since February.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Barb welcomed Mr. Burch and thanked him for coming since Mr. Jagels is out of town. The mulch sale went well and Karyn will provide details. Nominating committee has done their job and Jim McIlwee will report on that. AP testing is the first two weeks in May, SOL testing is later in May. Schedule for AP tests are on the CVHS website under the student services tab and the testing schedule link. The SOL schedule will be out soon. Teacher Appreciation Week is the first week of May. The PTSA will provide breakfast on Friday for all staff, there is a sign up if you are available to help. Prom tickets will be \$70 and will go on sale May 23-May 31. It is at the State Theater in Falls Church. The Prom Shop will be opening at Fair Oaks Mall. There is a flyer about this program that is run by Ms. Schick and some CVHS students. The county is establishing a general framework for cords at graduation. There is a handout for what honors are recognized.

**ANGP:** Karyn reported that we had good volunteers all weekend. We had plenty on Friday and Saturday, less on Sunday but all mulch was delivered. Thanks to all the volunteers and especially the ones who volunteered all weekend long-all three days! We raised just over \$14,000 which will go towards the ANGP. This was very close to budgeted amount. We have sold 217 tickets so far. The \$45 price is in effect until 4/31 and it increases to \$60 on 5/1. Karyn is trying to get an email sent directly to the senior students, not the parents, to make sure they have all the information.

Barb thanked Karyn for all of her hard work and dedication!

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:** Jim McIlwee, the chair, reported for the committee. His other members are Annette Koklauner and Helen Martin. They developed the slate and Jim presented it:

President-Barb Waldmiller

Secretary-Sharon Stemme

Treasurer-Neil Angelotti

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President-Christine Smith

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President-Christina Nelson

The vote will at the next meeting on 5/16. Nominations will be accepted at the meeting. The membership will vote.

### **PROGRAM:**

Barb introduced Kara Stamper, Career Center Specialist.

- Kara's background: 1<sup>st</sup> year at CVHS, she graduated from JMU, she has worked at GMU and the past four years at West Springfield High School She has 3 children, a senior, a freshman and a five year old.
- She runs the Career Center-it is located in the cafeteria by the ramp, students are welcome to stop by anytime
- **Employment**-she always has job opportunities listed on the job board-currently looking for RecPac, Chick-Fil-A (open interviews every Monday), lifeguards, concessions, internships (usually not paid) and much more
- 85 colleges came to speak to students this year
- **Service learning**-record hours in X2Vol-need 40 hours for service learning cord, 50 hours for Civics Honor Society along with a B average
- **College**- applies to 5 there are over 4,200 colleges-it is important to find the right fit, average CHVS student schools
- Colleges look for rigor and challenge but also want to see balance and that student is engaged in their classes-Honors, AP, electives that fit their interests
- NOVA-120 seniors applied for 75 spots, it is a 2 year program and then can transfer
- There are lots of scholarships and financial available but it takes work and filling out lots of forms
- Common Application Essay prompts are already released for next year so juniors can start working on essay now-several prompts but students choose one
- Students will work on their essay the first quarter of senior year
- When applying to schools some require additional essays or optional ones-if they are optional you should still do them.
- **Recommendation letters**-usually need one from counselor and one from teacher-each school is different so be sure to read the requirements
- Counselors require a form from juniors about recommendation-must be filled out by student and parent-details given to rising seniors already and will be available again at rising senior night in August-the power point that was shown to students is on the website.
- Teacher recommendations-ask early!!! Some teachers only do a certain amount due to how long they take to write-be sure the thank teacher! You may also need letters for scholarships!
- **SAT/ACT Test**-students usually take at end of junior year. Take practice tests. Students can take several times and most schools will take best scores-"super-score"-taking best math and

best reading even if from different days. Some schools require subject tests-be sure to look at that before applying so that you have time to take the test and get the score.

- **Applications**-each application costs about \$75 plus you have to pay \$12 for SAT score to be sent and \$5 for transcripts (1<sup>st</sup> three are free, all others are \$5) so total application fee per school is close to \$100
- **FAFSA**-do not pay to submit-the school provides help filling out the form if needed
- **Family Connection**-this is a link through Blackboard-it can help with college search, narrowing down schools, showing statistics of accepted students from CVHS, resume building which will help with filling out the common application section on activities and awards and much more-look at Supermatch, College Compare and Scattergrams
- **Scholarships**: FCPS vets the scholarships, it can only be listed on website if vetted-many great options but you can't get it if you don't apply-be sure to get recommendations and transcripts as needed
- **Transcript**: Final grades from 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade is the GPA that will be sent to colleges, counselor also sends a school report and automatically sends the 1<sup>st</sup> semester grades of 12<sup>th</sup> grade to all schools student sent original transcripts to
- **Other**: Explore careers-watch road trip nation videos and set goals. 600 seniors and 92% apply to 2 and 4 year schools, 8% work, enter the military or take a gap year

Thanks to all for attending, thanks to Kara for speaking, and please don't hesitate to contact Kara if you have further questions.

**Adjournment: 8:17 pm.**

**The minutes were approved on April 25, 2017. The motion was made by Jim McIlwee and seconded by Karyn Cram. Sharon Stemme, Recording Secretary**