



Collingswood High School PTA Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Welcome

President Brenda Burg oversaw the virtual Zoom meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Rich Currie reported that PTA's balance in both accounts is \$13,551.44. (This was amended because the report gave the bank balance without accounting for in transit items. The amount should have been \$15,602.42.) Highlights for this month include \$132 sent to NJPTA for past dues, \$560 was made from the hoagie sale, and \$235 was received from the virtual coin drop.

Rich is still investigating how best to consolidate the PTA and Project Graduation accounts.

PTA Membership

Membership is ongoing through Member Hub. <https://collingswoodhighschoolpta.memberhub.store/> Prices are \$10 for a family, \$4 for students, \$5 for Teachers/Staff, and a suggested \$25 for a family donation. Adam reported that CHS PTA currently has 78 members -- 64 individuals, 3 students, and 11 teachers/staff members.

Clothing Drive

On hold at this time.

Project Graduation (PG)

Chairperson Carolyn Janco reported that the virtual coin drop fundraiser has begun. In addition, the first round of donation request letters have gone out. She has received about \$500 from local businesses and she expects a \$400 check from OMAYSO and \$250 from Tortilla Press. The second round of donation letters will be going out soon. She's waiting for a response from Madelyn Deets to see if the Collingswood Municipal Alliance will be able to contribute. Denise Currie is working on a grant from Walmart.

Another PG fundraising meeting will be held in March (date to be determined).

Adopt a Senior

Nancy O'Neill is the chairperson. She will be invited to the next meeting to discuss plans.

Fundraisers

- Thank you to Susan Angelucci for chairing the Amato Bros hoagie sale and to Adam, Carolyn, and Mr. Genna for their assistance.
- Adam will call Chipotle to try and set up a Dine and Donate night.
- The 'Teachers in Jail' idea will be tabled until next year.
- The 'What a Crock' fundraiser will be considered for March.
- Brenda asked Mr. Genna if the virtual coin drop info was sent to all students. He indicated that it was sent to seniors. He'll send out information to other class levels. Carolyn requested that the info be sent to the full district. Brenda asked that everyone share the post so friends and family may participate, too.

Old Business

- Members are asked to link their Amazon accounts to Amazon Smile to donate to CHS PTA while shopping.

- Adam's Oaklyn Education Foundation (OEF) Student Technology Fund through Fundly has been extended through the spring - <https://fundly.com/student-technology-fund>. Adam inquired as to whom he should be writing the check. Also, Patti Massengale suggested doing an old technology drive like Tatem did a few years ago. She'll investigate.

New Business

- Susan Angelucci will be the chairperson for Teacher & Staff Appreciation
- Desiree Wright will begin working on a theme for Promenade.

Principal's Report - Mr. Genna

- The tentative date for the promenade and prom will be Thursday, June 3. Mr. Dorney, senior class advisor, along with seniors are working on choosing a venue with an outdoor area for the event. Any student who attends prom on June 3 is excused from school on June 4.
- Adam asked Mr. Genna if he could invite the new superintendent to attend a PTA meeting so parents could meet him. He indicated that he would. CHS PTA would promote his attendance to hopefully get more members to attend the meeting. Sarah Pepper also let members know that Dr. McDowell will be attending the 2/23 Town Forum and will be taking questions then.
- There are about 30 students who will be attending the Senior Class trip to Florida. The dates for the trip are June 8-June 12. These students may need to quarantine when they return from out of state. If so, the graduation date may be moved. Mr. Genna asked if there was flexibility for the Project Graduation date. Carolyn indicated that The Big Event was booked for June 18, but she thinks the venue can be flexible with the date. She'll reach out to her contact, Maggie, to inquire. If The Big Event can not accommodate a date change, Robert's Pool may be considered. As per Brenda's suggestion, Carolyn will also ask The Big Event if they can have an outdoor area for the students and if there are any restrictions as to how many people can be in the building.
- Adam suggested moving Project Gradation to after prom instead, since this is when more underage drinking occurs. The idea was discussed, but ultimately it was decided that no change would take place this year.
- The Social Justice Club has started a Go Fund Me page to raise money for two students and a recent alum who lost family members due to COVID. Brenda asked if there is anything PTA can do to assist. Mr. Genna indicated that he wasn't sure yet. He'll know more once he sees how the fundraiser does.
- Adam asked if there was a fundraiser for the scholarship named for Dr. Oswald. Mr. Genna said he wasn't sure if information has been shared with the community or just staff. Adam said OEF could probably help. He would bring it up at their next Board meeting.

The next virtual meeting will be held on March 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary Denise Currie