



Collingswood High School PTA Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 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 current balance is \$17,305.80. Highlights for this month include receiving \$500 in Project Graduation sponsorships, \$423.38 ('odd' number because PayPal charges fees) from the virtual coin drop, and \$1,265 for the Egg My Yard fundraiser.

As chairperson of the Egg My Yard fundraiser, Brenda has indicated that she will be seeking reimbursement for some costs of this event.

Brenda also asked Rich if he received an email regarding CHS PTA making a \$50 contribution to a zone PTA scholarship. Rich indicated he did not recall seeing this email, but he will investigate.

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. VP Adam Sherr reported that there were no changes this month to membership. CHS PTA currently has 78 members -- 64 individuals, 3 students, and 11 teachers/staff members.

Project Graduation (PG)

Chairperson Carolyn Janco reported that she has sent out more donation request letters with little success. She will be reaching out to Madelyn Deets to see if the Collingswood Municipal Alliance will be able to contribute this year. Adam reconfirmed that the Oaklyn Municipal Alliance Youth Services Committee will be contributing \$400.

Denise Currie completed a grant request to Walmart. We are awaiting a response from them.

No separate PG fundraising meetings were scheduled at this time.

Adopt a Senior

Carolyn indicated that she attended a meeting at school regarding the planning of senior activities. These possible activities include a field day, week in the park, and pool party. Chairperson Nancy O'Neill indicated that Adopt a Senior may be different from last year. It is proposed that instead of adopting one or more specific seniors that the community be asked to donate baskets and gift cards instead. A discussion on the pros and cons of this idea was discussed. More information will be forthcoming.

Fundraisers

- Adam will call Chipotle to try and set up a Dine and Donate night.
- The Egg My Yard fundraiser has sold over 1,800 eggs so far with 59 families and sponsors participating. Collingswood Cares will be sponsoring 16 families. They will be sending PTA a check soon. Next year, Brenda thinks this fundraiser should continue, but prices may be increased. Volunteers for bunny duty (delivering eggs to homes) are needed, as well as basket donations. The amount of eggs sold will be capped off at 2,500. Rich suggested taking photos of yards after they have been 'egged.' Adam suggested the photos would be good to send to families and sponsors. Brenda said she will be contacting the police in Collingswood, Oaklyn, and Woodlynn to let them know of these special home deliveries.

- The Haunted Hayride is being considered for Saturday, October 23. The times may possibly be from 5:30 p.m. (to accommodate younger children) to 9:00 p.m. (workers would stay past this time). Brenda suggested as a backup plan to make this a drive through event. She will be contacting the district, borough, and police department.
- The virtual coin drop was a success with \$423.38 brought in.
- Chairperson Denise Currie will move forward with the 'What a Crock' fundraiser. An April 12 start date was discussed. Adam will put flyers at the Oaklyn snack stand.

Old Business

- Susan Angelucci will chair the Teacher & Staff Appreciation event.
- Adam asked if the high school is not having a prom, whether PTA can still host the promenade. Carolyn believes the school is moving forward with the June 3 prom. Three possible venues are Woodcrest Country Club, the Camden Aquarium, and the Scottish Rite Auditorium. Adam will let Desiree Wright, Promenade Chair, know to proceed with planning. He and Brenda will inquire with Mr. Genna about the school's prom and promenade plans.
- 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 has raised \$10,200. This amount was announced at both the Collingswood and Oaklyn Board of Education meetings.

New Business

- Adam, with assistance from Brenda and Patti Massengale, will chair the Custodian Breakfast. Adam will ask Mr. Higginbotham about how best to proceed with the breakfast.
- Sunshine Urbaniak brought to PTA the idea of a Collingswood Monarch Butterfly project. She volunteered to be chairperson. Brenda suggested that they speak with Mr. Genna, the Collingswood and Oaklyn Green Teams, those who oversee the greenhouse at the high school, and Mr. Higginbotham to seek advice and approval on undertaking this project.
- A nominating committee, chaired by Adam Sherr, and including Rich Currie, Sarah Pepper, and Carolyn Janco (alternate) was created. They will be looking for nominations for the positions of Treasurer, Secretary, and Project Graduation chairperson (2 year terms each) since Rich, Denise, and Carolyn's terms are coming to an end in June. Elections will take place at the May 19 CHS PTA meeting.
- There was a message on Facebook inquiring about our PTA's stand on in person vs. remote classes. Here is CHS PTA's response: "CHS PTA does not have an official position on in person vs. remote as the PTA supports all aspects of the high school, including many varying opinions. While our individual board members and members may have their personal opinions, the CHS PTA has no official position and stands at the ready to support teachers, administration, and CHS parents in whatever formats of learning exist."

Principal's Report - Mr. Genna

- Mr. Genna was not present at this meeting.

The next virtual meeting will be held on April 21, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary Denise Currie