



## **Collingswood High School PTA Meeting Minutes Wednesday, April 21, 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 \$21,596.45. The increase this month is attributed mostly to Project Graduation donations and 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. Rich suggested that she be reimbursed for all of it and then she can make a donation back to the CHS PTA if she so chooses. This is for accounting and tax reasons.

Rich also mentioned that going forward any fundraiser donations should be going through the official PTA accounts, including PTA's Venmo and Paypal. This is again for accounting purposes and also will make it easier for those donating to the PTA to receive tax credits rather than donating by way of PTA members.

An inquiry by Rich was made regarding Senior Honors Night. He wanted to make sure he will have the students' names to write out award checks. Discussion of the event concluded that the date of Honors Night is May 26 (rain date May 27) and that Rich should reach out to the counseling department to get the names of those being awarded PTA funds.

Rich also requested that fundraiser publicity indicate that those paying by Venmo or Paypal should write in the note area what they are buying (ex. lawn sign, ticket to PG).

### 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 additional donation checks to give to Rich to deposit.

She has been reaching out to bus companies for quotes. So far, the best quote seems to be \$350 per bus with a capacity of 54 students. Parent volunteers will be sought to ride on the bus with the students. There are 187 students in the class of 2021. Typically, about 125 students attend the event.

The cost of T-shirts for the event (students' ticket to PG) was discussed. In the past, the cost was \$25. This ensures that students don't just sign up without having a commitment to attend. (Students with financial hardship will be covered.) It was confirmed through the discussion that the \$25 cost would stay this year, however, some of that money will be given back to students in the form of a gift card door prize. It was suggested that gift cards be purchased by the middle school PTA so that their Script program could benefit.

Carolyn is looking for more donations to use as door prizes for the students. She did not put out the flyer she created asking for the community to contribute because she thought there were too many fundraisers already going on. She received a \$250 gift card from ShopRite. She is considering buying a cake and maybe gift cards if ShopRite will allow it.

She has been trying to reach, without success, Madelyn Deets to see if the Collingswood Municipal Alliance will be able to contribute this year. Adam offered to reach out to Madelyn.

Carolyn asked Rich if he had info on former vendor names hired as caricaturists and psychics. He will investigate and pass along the information.

ACS Press was suggested as a vendor for the PG T-shirts. The winner of this year's T-shirt design will get \$25 like in past years.

Carolyn will coordinate with Lisa, the principal's secretary, to send out emails regarding PG.

### Adopt a Senior

Nancy O'Neill is coordinating Adopt a Senior with faculty and staff. PTA, at the present time, does not have a role. Susan Angelucci asked if the community could adopt seniors and if there will be senior photo signs on Collings Avenue like last year. It was suggested that Susan investigate with the school. If she pursues asking the community for donations, Adam suggested asking for gift card donations as PG giveaways to seniors.

### Fundraisers

- The Egg My Yard/Basket It fundraiser was extremely successful. Over 90 families participated, 3,100 eggs were ordered, and a total of \$2,790 was brought in. Brenda would like to see this be an annual event. Sarah Pepper suggested that the form next year include an area where the ages of the children could be indicated so volunteers know how to hide the eggs (easy to hard). Also, a line will be added indicating that if the PTA doesn't follow up on your order to contact PTA since we may not have received your order (suggested since someone this year almost did not get egged because they used the wrong email address when placing their order).
- Sarah Pepper volunteered to organize the senior lawn sign fundraiser. The price for the signs will be determined after getting quotes (ACS Press and Pirolli Printing were mentioned). Rich Currie asked if the money raised from the sale of the signs could be used to buy seniors their yearbooks. It seems like a person or organization in town might already have volunteered to cover this expense. Carolyn will be asking Mr. Genna to confirm.
- The tentative date for the Haunted Hayride is Saturday, October 23. As a backup plan, this may be a drive through event.
- Chairperson Denise Currie reported that the 'What a Crock' fundraiser is off to a slow start with only 9 orders, making the PTA so far \$97.75. Flyers are at the Oaklyn snack stand.
- Rich Currie received an order and a \$50 check for the Buy a Brick fundraiser. Brenda will reach out to former president Patti Massengale to find out the details of this fundraiser and to investigate some past orders (Sarah Pepper and Ron Hamrick) that may not have been fulfilled. Sarah suggested going forward that this fundraiser be done once a year instead of as a rolling fundraiser. This way PTA will hopefully have enough people ordering at once so there would not be a delay if a minimum brick order is necessary. A chairperson for this fundraiser will be needed.

### Old Business

- Members are asked to link their Amazon accounts to Amazon Smile to donate to CHS PTA while shopping.
- The Oaklyn Education Foundation (OEF) Student Technology Fund has raised \$10,200.
- The promenade and prom will be held on June 3.
- A nominating committee, chaired by Adam Sherr, and including Rich Currie, Sarah Pepper, and Carolyn Janco (alternate) was created. They are 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 meeting. Brenda will continue to publicize the committee. Several people have already expressed an interest in a few of the positions.

#### New Business

- Teacher & Staff Appreciation Chairperson Susan Angelucci indicated that her event will consist of -- Monday: Bagels, Muffins, and Coffee (from Westmont Bagels and Sam's Club); Tuesday: Scratch off lottery tickets; Wednesday: Pudding (The Puddin Palace); Thursday: Grab bags with items like Expo markers, gum, etc.; Friday: Mr. Softee. Susan indicated that over \$700 in donations was raised for this event. Note: The Custodian Breakfast was merged with this event.

#### Principal's Report - Mr. Genna

- Mr. Genna was not present at this meeting. He shared notes with Brenda --

There is additional capacity at the high school to add more in-person learners. Parents can contact Mr. Genna if they'd like their child to attend in-person classes.

Some upcoming senior activities include:

Senior Award Ceremony - May 26

Prom - June 3

Graduation/Project Graduation - June 24 (rain date June 25)

The next virtual meeting will be held on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. (Date changed due to conflict with Seniors' Last Dance)

*Submitted by Secretary Denise Currie*