

**CHS/CSHS PTO**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**February 12, 2019**

PTO members in attendance: See sign in sheet  
Call to order by Anne Vanderbush at 10:07

**Welcome and Announcements:**

- Sophia Deras, senior at CSHS, presented her years long project for assisting NISD underserved students through a snack sack program. The snack sacks will be distributed to students who qualify for free or reduced lunches. She is requesting food or monetary donations for the project. She will accept donations through the first week of March. Her goal is to surpass last year's bag total of 1,388.
- Margie Wedinger announced that SASO (Scholars and Athletes Serving Others) will host an informational meeting tomorrow night at the Marq for interested high school students and eighth graders.

**Principal Reports:**

**Mr. Duhon (CSHS):**

- Basketball season coming to a close, girls' playoff game tonight
- Wrestling is in last weekend of playoffs
- Swim/Dive—clap out on Wednesday for the students going to State
- Diversity Council meeting today—students and staff who are concerned with topics related to recent events
- Upcoming 4 day weekend, Staff Workday on Monday—will have presentation on student diversity

**Mr. Giamanco (CHS):**

- Campus diversity meetings ongoing—including staff, students, and parents. Feb 27<sup>th</sup> is next meeting; Feb 28<sup>th</sup> will be District meeting.
- Arena Scheduling meeting tomorrow night in library
- Sadie Hawkins Dance at CHS was a success, approximately 450 students participated. Song playlists are reviewed for approval by administration prior to event (same as Homecoming and Prom).
- Coaches approve playlists before games

**Officer Reports:**

**Anne Vanderbush (President):**

- *Review of minutes from November 13<sup>th</sup>, General Meeting. Motion to approve by Yvette Carmona, seconded by Anne Vanderbush*

**Margie Wedinger (Disbursements):**

- Fall Disbursements went well, much appreciation from staff.
- We may be able to do small Spring Disbursement

**Committee Reports:**

**Project Graduation:**

- Marcy McTaggart: Event will be held after graduation ceremony, May 31<sup>st</sup>, from 11:30PM to 5:30AM
- Committee formed and up and running
- Seniors will get letters of information about event
- Need for non-senior parents to sign up to help out during the event

**Baccalaureate:**

- Event will be held Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at White's Chapel
- Students have signed up to participate, Feb 21<sup>st</sup> is first meeting at CSHS
- Invitations to event will be mailed in April

**Scholarships:**

- More info to come
- Website for applications to be up and running by end of March

**Outreach:**

- PTO sent condolence card to the family of the student who died over winter break
- PTO made donation to education fund for children of Jen Faltys (Dr. Faltys' wife)

**Hospitality**

- Both CHS and CSHS will host Mardi Gras themed Staff Luncheons
- Committee relayed thank you's from staff for previous luncheons

**PTO Topic of the Month: Cultural Competency and Diversity**  
**Guest speaker: Coach Eric McDade, CHS**

- Coach McDade has been instrumental in leading discussions at the district, campus, and personal level with staff, students, and parents
- Coach relayed his own story and experiences of growing up in a small Texas town
- Described the current culture of our district—some students want to talk about diversity, others do not
- Described the situation of “getting the pass” to use an inappropriate racial term—never okay
- Walked the attendees through exercises to create greater diversity awareness

Meeting adjourned at 11:32

Minutes submitted by Kathleen Cipriano

Next General Meeting: March 26, at 10AM, CHS