

Central Texas Christian School

PTF Minutes

March 3, 2016

Mr. Littlefield, CTCS Head of School, welcomed everyone to the PTF meeting.

John Bohlin, Band Director, opened us in prayer.

In Attendance: Ashley Emmons, Crystal Hennig, Kassie Thompson, Angie Stringfellow, Christina Marshall, Katie Dragoo, Jenny Stermer, Jamie Good, Martha Alford, Laura Frazier, Steve Thompson, Debbie Lange, LeeAnn Boore, Teresa Anderson, Tanya Cosper, Lisa Shatto, Mandy Schultz, Shanna Degenhardt, Ty Jackson, Janene Graeff, Adela Hauck, Lucy Rodriguez, Cesibel Hurtado, Melody Bloker, Kelly Kirby, Lisa Paschall Stewart, Julie Sinclair, Crystal Hennig, Kelly Ragsdale, Chasady Mirkes, Stephanie Blackstone, Sandy Adcock, Mary Hignight, Will Sears, Stephen Sandefur, Brittany Norman, Beth Mixon, Holly Dinwiddie, Jennie Elleson, Bryan Daniel, Karen Daniel, Patricia Weatherbee, Cary Petricka, Kathleen Staffon, Melody Euler, Mandy Hollinger, Melissa Bohannon, Jennifer Kolouch, Melissa Sonnier, Christy Allerkamp

Student Connection –Middle School & High School Bands, John Bohlin, Band Director

The Middle School and High School bands played four pieces for us this morning and they sounded wonderful!

Mission Emphasis – Taylor Humphrey, 10th grade Student

Taylor Humphrey, CTCS 10th grader, and Megan Hardin, 12th grader at BHS, are traveling to Uganda this summer for a 10 day mission trip with First Baptist Church of Belton. They will teach VBS and love on the kids while they are there. The girls are selling t-shirts for a fundraiser. If you would like a t-shirt to help them raise funds, please contact Taylor, Megan or Kelly Humphrey, 1st grade teacher at CTCS.

Guest Speaker – Yvette Shackelford – Area Representative for ASSE, International Student Exchange Program

Yvette Shackelford, Area Representative for ASSE, International Student Exchange Program, spoke to the group about hosting a foreign exchange student for the next school year. There are currently 5 students that would like

to attend CTCS, 2 Chinese girls, 1 boy from Spain, 1 girl from Spain and a student from Italy. She said the exchange program pays for their tuition, fees, and uniforms at CTCS. Host families open their homes to the student from August through May or for only one semester. If you are interested in hosting a student, please contact Karen Luckett or Yvette Shackelford. You can find more information at www.host.asse.com.

Student Connection –Arianna Callera and Giulia Ficini

Arianna Callera is currently a foreign exchange student at CTCS from Italy. She is living with the Sears. She said the reason she chose CTCS was because it looked safe and supportive. Arianna said it is hard being away from home for 10 months but that her host family has made her feel so welcome. They have become her second family. She encouraged the parents at the meeting to open up their homes for a foreign exchange student. She said they will be blessed by the decision. She said this has been the greatest experience of her life.

Will Sears, host parent to Arianna, said that opening their home was a God thing. God put it on their hearts to host a student and they were obedient.

Lenore Chiles said they were glad to open their home to Guilia for the school year. She said the Bible says to serve the sojourners and they felt led to become a host family. Dr. Chiles said it has stretched them as a family to not be “me” focused.

Re-registration Information – Mr. Littlefield

Mr. Littlefield said registration is currently underway. There are 169 families already enrolled for the next school year with 16 brand new families currently. He wanted to remind everyone about the referral program for new families and the discount on your registration fee.

Committee Reports

Box Tops – Mande Liles

Over 10,000 Box Tops were mailed in on Monday morning which equals \$1000 for our school! 1st grade won the pajama party with 1,459 box tops. Middle School brought in 1,015 box tops and won the free dress day. Mrs. Russell will

decide on the days for the pajama party and free dress day and an email will be sent announcing the day.

Teacher Appreciation Week – Mandy Schultz

Teacher Appreciation Week is next week, March 7–11th. On Thursday, a Chinese buffet will be served to the teachers and staff. Please keep sending in your beach vacation raffle tickets. They are due on Tuesday, March 8th. The drawing will be held on Wednesday, March 9th. Please turn your raffle tickets in to Amber Flack. You can also buy more from her.

Pizza Friday – Mande Liles

There are only 6 more Pizza Fridays left for the remainder of the year. We are in need of volunteers. An email will go out soon asking for volunteers to sign up to serve.

Walk A Thon – Deborah Beene

Walk A Thon is Friday, April 29th. This year's theme is "Walk Humbly with your God", Micah 6:8. We need lots of volunteers to pull off this fun filled half day. Watch for sign up opportunities to come your way. We are inviting anyone interested in helping with Walk A Thon or Art Auction to please come to a meeting on Tuesday, March 22nd at 8:15am. The meeting will be held in the uniform shop. We hope to see you there!

Art Auction – Deborah Beene

Art Auction is Thursday evening, April 21st. All the art work will be displayed all week long to place your silent bids. Home Room Moms will coordinate with teachers and parents in the next few weeks to get art projects completed. The live auction will have a beach house getaway, a 6 hour professional organizer session, hunting excursions and more. If you have an item that you are willing to donate, please contact Deborah Beene. This is a huge fundraiser for our school so please come out and show your support.

Athletic Booster Club – Spirit Store Kiosk – Kassie Thompson

Don't forget about all the new items for sale at the Spirit Store kiosk and online. They've added more items such as a cute lion stuffed animal, water bottles,

Nike t-shirts and more. Go to the school's website and look for the Spirit Store link.

Walk A Thon & Art Auction Planning Meeting

We would love your help with our two biggest fundraisers of the year. Please help us plan at our next meeting which is Tuesday, March 22nd at 8:15 a.m. in the Uniform Shop. We would love to have you!

PTF is currently selling PTF baseball style t-shirts for \$25.00. If you are interested in buying one, please fill out a form in the office and attach your check to it. If you have additional questions, please contact Kassie Thompson at kassie@swcontract.com.

Treasurer's Report (handout available) – Angie Stringfellow

PTF's new email account: ctcsptf@gmail.com

Please send any suggestions, thoughts, encouraging words or if you would like to volunteer to this email address.

Door Prizes:

Two 31 bags with CTCS monogrammed on them were given away.

Free dress day for students whose parents attended this meeting will be **Thursday, March 10th**. Visit the Used Uniform Shop after this morning's meeting for a 2nd Free Dress Ticket to use on **Thursday, March 24th**.

WAT & Art Auction Meeting – Tuesday, March 22nd, 8:15 a.m.

Next PTF Meeting – April 7th 8:15 a.m.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Lisa Shatto.

Minutes taken – Ashley Emmons