**CSH PTG Public Meeting – November 9, 2021, 9:30am, Location: Nest**

**Attendees:**

* Board members in attendance: Lisa Smith, President (in person), Anne Steels, Treasurer (in person, providing meeting minutes); Alex Whelehan, VP of Communication (Zoom)
* Faculty: Mr. Danbusky, Mr. Homer
* Executive Board Student Council President: Michael Keshner
* Public attendance was both in person and over Zoom

Sandra Reilly called the motion to order, Deserie Saunders seconded the motion

**Student Council update:**

* Student Council raised money at the Junior High Movie Night by selling snacks
* Huntington homeless initiative:
	+ Bus picks up homeless people and takes them to the shelter which provides dinner for them
	+ Collection drive is taking place with funds going toward underwear, socks and bare essentials
	+ People can get in touch with Student Council (Michael or any others) if they have any questions

**Community Service** (Mr. Homer):

* Access information about Community Service on Mr. Homer’s website page, must use a desktop (i.e., not mobile)
* To access forms: Go to school website, click on Our Schools/Junior-Senior High School/ Teacher Websites, scroll up to Homer, Chris / LHS Community Service Forms (hours, signatures). Can print out at home and director of program can sign it. Forms including letterhead are required for the hours to count
* For National Honor Society, 20 hours per year are required for high school students, 20 years total for junior high students
* Ms. Segora and Ms. Georgio approve hours for National Honor Society for Senior High; Ms. Coffey for Junior High
* Aim to truly help those in need. Good to show dedicated focus but at the same time, not all at one place. Example of in-school activities : helping with charity drives, e.g., Salvation Army angel drive
* Food Drive to assist Helping Hands – not for hours. Deadline is November 12th
* Organizations seeking volunteers:
	+ Tri CYA – needs volunteers after school and on Saturdays
	+ North Shore Holiday House – they have events all year, e.g., getting campground ready for summer camp, working at thrift shop, reading to campers at night while camp is in session. Winter benefit on December 2nd – will need volunteers whole week leading up to the event
	+ CSH Library – Mr. Homer is in constant touch with the Library, they are always seeking volunteers for different activities
	+ Beach clean up took place this past Saturday
	+ A few sites are geared to animal lovers
* Family Service League not doing homework help for now
* Nursing home visits, animal shelters are recommended for junior high; Homeless shelters not
* Question re independently organized food drives, e.g., for LI Cares. Must clear with Ms. Segora/Georgio/Coffey first
* Cannot receive community service credit for doing anything for family members
* Question re Camp CIT, Girl Scout hours– have to ask Ms. Segura if the hours count
* Not supposed to double dip if hours are also needed for bar/bat mitzvahs, confirmations, etc.
* Elina Thatcher offered another opportunity, will give Mr. Homer information

**PTG update:**

* Lisa introduced herself, Anne and Alex. Read each by-law for which we proposed changes. All were approved. Question asked to clarify the majority rule change, Lisa explained it, there were no objections
* Deserie Saunders appointed as the VP of Committees, 2 remaining positions (Secretary and VP of Memberships) will not be filled until the Spring
* 75 kids attended Junior High School movie night – it was the first one ever held and was very successful. More to come!
* Vineyard Vines T-shirts are coming! We’re hopeful they will arrive by Thanksgiving, definitely before Christmas
* Currently have 238 members, more than we have ever had. Directories have errors, we will be sending out amendments
* We’re going to provide everyone with the Weekly Notes (i.e., not just PTG members)
* Announced raffle winners for T-shirts: Lorie Corallo and Agnes Fernandez
* Literary Luncheon update (Sandra Reilly):
	+ Luncheon will be held on April 13th at the Crescent Club
	+ Seeking Donations: Broadway events, music, sports events, etc. Please reach out to Sandra or Caroline Tsekerides
* Holiday Bake Event (Deserie Saunders):
	+ Bake or bring store bought sweets for entire staff: teachers, custodians, security guards, etc.
	+ Looking for volunteers
	+ All items need to be delivered by December 8th