

Nevada PTA Agenda ~ December 2nd, 2013
6:00 p.m. Central Elementary Library



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- 1 **Call to Order:** Kedra Hamilton called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
Attendance: Leslie Hanson, Beth Safranski-Derrick, Megan Grout, Molly Coltrain, Kathy Goecke, Courtney Kline, Emily Coussens, Kedra Hamilton, Tammy Bullock, Maryann Ryan, Jen Barber, Angela Fritz, Charmi Geerdes, Joel Fey
 - 1.1 **Welcome**
Introductions made and everyone shared their favorite toy as a child.
 - 1.2 **Approve Agenda**
Motion to approve the Agenda made by Jen Barber, 2nd by Courtney Kline. Motion passed.
 - 1.3 **October Minutes**
Motion to approve the October and November Minutes made by Courtney Kline, 2nd by Jen Barber. Motion passed.
 - 1.4 **Treasurer's Report**
Motion to approve Treasurer's Report made by Tammy Bullock, 2nd by Leslie Hanson. Motion passed.
 - 1.5 **Teacher Drawing**
Kedra Hamilton won a \$20 gift card to Amazon.
Each parent in attendance was entered in to the end of the year drawing.
2. **Unfinished Business**
 - 2.1 **Butter Braids Update**
Maryann Ryan provided an update on the Butter Braid delivery night. All went smoothly with more being picked up this year than in previous years. Additional thoughts shared to help improve the fundraiser were more reminders closer to when sales were to be turned in and more done at the classroom level when orders come back to alleviate how much time is spent preparing for data entry.
 - 2.2 **Festival of Trees**
Megan Grout provided an update on the Festival of Trees. Jim Walker had advised he had not been able to provide a tree last year and wouldn't be able to this year either however there were other possibilities. Angela Fritz has a spare tree she can provide. Megan also had the idea to create the tree from boxes wrapped in wrapping paper. Theme would be to showcase books and can be used to communicate how many books the PTA was able to help the libraries buy with the Scholastic Book Fair earnings. Leslie Hanson and Courtney Kline advised they had extra lights they could provide. Megan will reach out when needs additional help with wrapping or preparing the tree.

2.3 Book Fair Update

Beth Safranski Derrick provided an update on the Fall Book Fair. There were 281 books purchased overall. Angela Fritz advised based on sales we were eligible for \$2124.98 of book purchasing credit to be split between Central Elementary and Middle School Libraries. The Commons was a key reason for the success it was felt however for the Spring Book Fair based on other events taking place the sale will be in the hallway again.

2.4 Family Fun Night Update

Kedra Hamilton provided an update on the Family Fun Night event. The first event will occur sometime in mid-January and be a Reading Night/Book Swap. There are two teachers on the committee to help that helped with this event in previous years. The first meeting will be Thursday, December 5th at 4:30 in Kedra Hamilton's classroom.

3. New Business

3.1 Snowflake Dance

The Snowflake Dance is on the calendar for February 1, 2014 and a request for a Chair was presented. Leslie Hanson and Courtney Kline offered to co-chair the event.

3.2 Middle School Fundraiser

Emily Coussens shared the need to put together a group to approach the Middle School and High School staff. The PTA would like to share our mission, goals, what successes we have been able to achieve and offer ideas on other fundraisers as well as offer any help they may need. Courtney Kline offered to help Emily with this project. Any other members interested are encouraged to contact Emily Coussens.

3.3 Testing Week

Angela Fritz advised due to the proceeds of the Open House there are additional funds available for Testing Week if decided. This would be for all students including Kindergartners through the Junior class of the High School. Topic will be put on the January agenda to vote on a budget for Testing Week and request a chair/committee at that time.

3.4 January Meeting Meal

Kedra Hamilton shared the Meeting Meal calendar and advised there was not a volunteer for January. If interested in bringing the meal for January, you can let one of the Board members know.

4. Announcements

4.1 Next PTA Meeting: January 6th, 2014

4.2 Next Meal Provided by: TBD

4.3 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. made by Leslie Hanson, 2nd by Courtney Kline. Motion passed.