

Nevada PTA Minutes ~ March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014  
6:00 p.m. Central Elementary Library



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**1 Call to Order:** Emily Coussens called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**Attendance:** Emily Coussens, Charmi Geerdes, Renae Lindemann, Tammy Bullock, Beth Safranski Derrick, Megan Grout, Leah Schmidt, Amanda Kellar, Lisa Johnson, Allison Boswell, Leslie Hanson, Maryann Ryan, Kedra Hamilton, Angela Fritz

**1.1 Welcome**

Introductions made and everyone shared their favorite carnival game.

**1.2 Approve Agenda**

Motion to approve the Agenda made by Renae Lindemann, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisa Johnson. Motion passed.

**1.3 February Minutes**

Motion to approve the February Minutes made by Allison Boswell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Renae Lindemann. Motion passed.

**1.4 Treasurer's Report**

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report made by Renae Lindemann, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Allison Boswell. Motion passed.

**1.5 Teacher Drawing**

Allison Boswell won a \$20 Amazon gift card.

Each parent in attendance was entered in the end of the year drawing.

**2. Unfinished Business**

**2.1 Carnival Update**

Emily Coussens provided an update on the event. The intent this year was to use other avenues for volunteers if possible so parents could enjoy the carnival with their children and there have been several organizations or groups interested in helping including Kiwanis, Key Club, High School Drama and State Farm. Kedra Hamilton advised she had sent an email to Elementary teachers to have them remind their families about the basket donations. Charmi Geerdes posted a reminder to the PTA Facebook page as well. Suggestion was made to communicate basket themes to teachers prior to parent-teacher conferences next year. Additional ideas were different ways to thank or appreciate the business sponsors and how to better communicate how the fundraiser money is spent on the District.

**2.2 Testing Week Update**

Emily Coussens provided an update on the event. A total of \$723.80 was spent on the event. The High School and Middle School were each given a drink and snack three days. The Elementary School was provided a drink and snack one day however it was not distributed so Candy Anderson removed the

charges for those items from the PTA bill. Suggestion was made for next year to have two days at each school. Information was also provided to check with Hy-Vee in future for donated water.

### **2.3 Teacher Appreciation Week**

Tammy Bullock & Renae Lindemann provided an update on this event. They advised all ideas have been determined for what will take place for staff members. The committee, which also includes April Heintz, will reach out to the other PTA members when they need assistance preparing the items.

### **2.4 Scholarship Committee**

Kedra Hamilton provided an update on this event. The committee has met and updated the scholarship application as well as the informational poster. Both will be provided to the guidance office and in addition posted to the PTA website and Facebook page. Based on how many applicants are received the committee may need to meet again prior to interviews. Interviews will occur for the top 8 applicants on May 8<sup>th</sup>, time to be determined yet.

### **2.5 Snowflake Dance Budget**

Angela Fritz provided an update on the Snowflake Dance budget. She advised that we were around \$20 over budget. Leslie Hanson graciously advised she did not need to be reimbursed the additional amount. However, we will want to revisit the budget in the future for this event.

## **3. New Business**

### **3.1 Mileage Club**

Emily Coussens provided an update on this event. It will start near the end of March and occurs on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11:30-1:20. Volunteers will be needed to help with this event. In the past, finding volunteers was owned by Kathy Goecke. Emily will reach out to her to confirm.

### **3.2 Summer Events Committee**

Charmi Geerdes provided an update on what the Summer Events Committee entails. The past two years it has included participating in the Lincoln Highway Days parade, a family movie night for Lincoln Highway Days and a pool party. Another thought for volunteer opportunities this summer would be to help with the lunch meals provided at the Catholic Church and organized by Barb Mittman. A request was made for additional chairs or committee members. Renae Lindemann, Megan Grout, Tammy Bullock & Maryann Ryan all volunteered with Kedra Hamilton & Emily Coussens offering additional support if needed.

### **3.3 Fall Kick-Off Committee**

Angela Fritz presented a new committee opportunity. The Fall Kick-Off Committee's primary focus would be to help increase membership. Angela advised the Iowa PTA website has some great ideas to research as well but initial thoughts included business membership opportunities, membership drives at summer events or back-to-school events, students sponsoring teacher memberships. Any interest on being a chair for this committee can contact a PTA board member.

### **3.4 Spring Book Fair**

Beth Safranski-Derrick provided an update on the Spring Book Fair. At this time no specific dates or times were provided but when these are determined Beth will provide to Charmi Geerdes to set-up the Sign Up Genius volunteer slots.

## **4. Announcements**

**4.1 Next PTA Meeting:** April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**4.2 Next Meal Provided by:** Eve Hobbiebrunken

### **4.3 Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. made by Renae Lindemann, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tammy Bullock. Motion passed.