

Nevada PTA Minutes ~ April 7th, 2014
6:00 p.m. Central Elementary Library



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- 1 **Call to Order:** Emily Coussens called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Attendance: Emily Coussens, Charmi Geerdes, Kedra Hamilton, Angela Fritz, Beth Safranski-Derrick, Allison Boswell, Lisa Johnson, Amanda Kellar, Renae Lindemann, Leah Schmidt, Maryann Ryan, Courtney Kline
1.1 Welcome
During the Welcome portion a thank you was communicated to all members in recognition of Volunteer Week and all the help the members provide throughout the school year.
1.2 Approve Agenda
Motion to approve the Agenda made by Renae Lindemann, 2nd by Leah Schmidt. Motion passed.
1.3 March Minutes
Motion to approve the March Minutes made by Renae Lindemann, 2nd by Lisa Johnson. Motion passed.
1.4 Treasurer's Report
Motion to approve Treasurer's Report made by Renae Lindemann, 2nd by Courtney Kline. Motion passed.
1.5 Teacher Drawing
Allison Boswell won a \$25 Staples gift card.
Each parent in attendance was entered in the end of the year drawing.
2. **Unfinished Business**
 - 2.1 Scholarship Committee Update**
Kedra Hamilton provided an update on the scholarship committee. The applications are due on April 18th. If more than 8 applications are received then the committee will re-group and narrow down prior to interviews. May 8th will be the night of the interviews and a sign-up genius will be created for the applicants to select their interview times.
 - 2.2 Teacher Appreciation Week**
Renae Lindemann provided an update on this event. Each day has been decided what to be provided to the staff. Tammy Bullock will communicate a night for helpers to gather to get things ready to be distributed.
 - 2.3 Spring Book Fair Update**
Beth Safranski-Derrick provided an update on the Book Fair. Beth has requested two cash registers be available that night. She will provide Charmi Geerdes a date and more details to set up the sign-up genius.

2.4 Art Fair

Jeff Widen spoke to the group regarding the Elementary Art Fair. There are approximately 1300 pieces of art that need set up and then taken down. He would welcome any help with this process. The Art Fair is May 13th from 6-7:30 in the Central Elementary School Commons. Set up would be in the morning and then after the show. Anybody interested in helping can contact Jeff at jwiden@nevada.k12.ia.us.

2.5 Carnival Update

Positive responses and feedback for improvement on this year's PTA Carnival were shared. As expected the expenses had come a little over budgeted amount. Renae Lindemann made a motion to increase the budget for the Carnival to cover the amount of expenses surpassed, a 2nd by Allison Boswell and an approval vote by all members in attendance. Motion passed. Having the face painting in the library this year was beneficial, the high school volunteers were appreciated and the kids were excited about having them there, everyone was pleased with the new inflatable company. There were 25 teachers who donated their rooms, 30 games (including 2 new games), an average of 200 children played each game with a total of over 4600 prizes given away. Ideas for next year would be to have a chair specifically for volunteers and another organization to approach next year could be the Builder's Club at the Middle School.

3. New Business

3.1 Carnival Disbursements

Angela Fritz presented to members the decision needed to be made on how to distribute the carnival funds. Renae Lindemann made a motion to split the carnival earnings as such: High School 12 ½% (\$1237.00), Middle School 12 ½% (\$1237.00) then with the 75% remaining 70% to Elementary (\$5195.40) & 30% kept as operating expenses (\$2226.60). Allison Boswell 2nd the motion and there was an approval vote by all members in attendance. Motion passed.

3.2 Fall Kick-Off Committee

Another request was made for volunteers to help with the fall kick-off committee. The main focus would be helping with membership and also possible business partnerships. Kedra Hamilton and Courtney Kline graciously offered to chair this committee.

3.3 Summer Events Committee

The summer events committee provided a brief update of what events will take place again this year: pool party, Lincoln Highway Days parade and a family movie night during Lincoln Highway Days. Based on last year's participation and expenses a request for a budget increase was made. Courtney Kline made a motion to increase the budget to \$500 with a 2nd by Renae Lindemann and an approval vote by all members in attendance. Motion passed.

4. Announcements

4.1 Next PTA Meeting: May 5th, 2014

3.4 Next Meal Provided by: Vawn Thiphasouk

4.2 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. made by Renae Lindemann, 2nd by Leah Schmidt. Motion passed.