

Nevada PTA Minutes ~ October 6th, 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, Melissa Muschick, Ashlee Lamberson, Courtney Kline, Amy Clore, Leslie Hanson, Teresa Wheelock, Lisa Johnson, Mistie Casiano, Megan Grout, Heather Petersen, Renae Lindemann, Melinda Buyck, Katie Baker, Bet Safranski Derrick, Maryann Ryan, Ashley Moffitt, Janelle Haley, Emily Hambly

1.1 Welcome

Introductions were made and attendees were asked if they had a dessert preference.

1.2 Approve Agenda

Emily Coussens revised October agenda, removing 1.4 Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve the Agenda made by Courtney Kline, 2nd by Heather Petersen. Motion passed.

1.3 September Minutes

Maryann Ryan requested clarification made to the September minutes which will take be changed.

Motion to approve the revised September Minutes made by Heather Petersen, 2nd by Maryann Ryan. Motion passed.

1.4 Treasurer's Report

Removed from October agenda.

1.5 Teacher Drawing

Lisa Johnson won a \$20 gift certificate to Amazon.

2. Unfinished Business

2.1 Open House

Amy Clore provided an update of the Open House. The PTA received 19 new memberships. Decision was made to provide Alley's a 15% tip which did not need a vote due to the committee being under budget. A member brought up that some teachers are still using the Giving Tree but some teachers may not know about it or have it still. Lisa Johnson took this away as a follow-up. Ideas for improving next year were shared which included possibly having another PTA table by the music room, update the wording on the flier to remove the language about when teachers eat due to confusion & re-routing the line for the pizza.

2.2 Halloween Costume Exchange

New this year will be a candy corn game that was introduced at Open House where kids can guess how many candy are in the jar to win the prize. Winner will be announced after the Costume Swap.

Advertising of the event has taken place. Quite a few costumes left over from last year to start the event.

2.3 Butter Braids

Order forms will go home with students on Friday. The Butter Braids testing went well at Open House & it seemed as the samples lasted longer than years past. November 11th is the delivery & pick-up night for the Butter Braids.

2.4 Cub Pride T-shirts

T-shirt order form will go home to all district students. Plan is to have t-shirts available to be passed out at conferences by teachers. New this year was on-line ordering and sweatshirts. Next year members would like to think about having a donation/swap for the Cub Pride apparel.

3. New Business

3.1 November Conference Meals

Conference meals will be provided to teachers again this fall in Central Elementary & Middle School. Leah Schmidt will chair the event and a sign-up genius will be created to get volunteers to bring in food.

3.2 Festival of Trees

Members decided to participate in Festival of Trees again this year. Megan Grout & Mindy Buyck will co-chair the event. Discussion took place on having a tree donated to the PTA that could be re-used every year.

3.3 Family Fun Nights

Charmi Geerdes suggested another Family Reading Night & Book Swap take place preferably in January. Kedra Hamilton will co-chair and request put out for additional members to the committee. Other Family Fun Nights would also be welcomed and the idea of a Science Night was brought up. Mindy Buyck was interested in chairing and was going to think about further.

3.4 Looking Forward – Event Chairs & Board

Co-chairs and committee members are still needed for several events. A sign-up sheet was passed around and will be available for future meetings to review also.

3.5 Middle School – Gaga Pit

Due to time constraints, this topic will be tabled until the November meeting.

4. Announcements

4.1 Next PTA Meeting: November 3rd, 2014

4.2 Next Meal Provided by: Renae Lindemann

4.3 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:03 p.m. made by Renae Lindemann, 2nd by Courtney Kline. Motion passed.