

Nevada PTA Minutes ~ March 2nd, 2015
6:00 p.m. Central Elementary Library



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1 Call to Order: Emily Coussens called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Attendance: Emily Coussens, Kedra Hamilton, Allison Boswell, Melissa Muschick, Maryann Ryan, Kathy Goecke, Courtney Kline, Megan Grout, Beth Safranski-Derrick, Heather Petersen, Katie Baker, Renae Lindemann, Jesse Tibodeau, Emily DeYoung, Emily Hambly, Charmi Geerdes, Tori Shahidi

Welcome

Introductions were made and attendees were asked their favorite childhood book.

1.1 Approve Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda made by Courtney Kline, 2nd by Tori Shahidi. Motion passed.

1.2 February Minutes

Motion to approve the January minutes was made by Heather Petersen, 2nd by Allison Boswell. Motion passed.

1.3 Treasurer's Report

The February Treasurer's Report will be reviewed and approved at the April PTA Meeting.

1.4 Teacher Drawing

Tori Shahidi won a \$20 gift certificate to Amazon.

2. Unfinished Business

2.1 Raising Readers

Kedra Hamilton reminded members of this upcoming event on March 7th. Sue Seaton is still in need of volunteers for stations and if there is interest they should contact her directly.

2.2 Testing Week

Renae Lindemann provided an update for the Testing Week activities. A snack was provided each day of testing to the High School and Middle School students and water was provided one day. They were able to stay well within their budget and found deals on snacks through other retailers vs. going through Food Service this year. The High School classes had all created thank you cards for the PTA to show their appreciation.

2.3 Carnival Update

Emily Coussens shared that everything is moving forward as expected with this year's Carnival. The teachers have volunteered the classrooms needed so the next step would be to start filling the volunteer spots. A touch-base of the Carnival Committee is taking place after the regular scheduled meeting tonight.

2.4 After Prom

Jesse Tibodeau updated the group on the After Prom Committee's fundraising. The Draw Down dance did well where 145 tickets were sold and around \$5700 raised. The next fundraiser is Trivia Night on April 11th. The ideal goal would be to converse with the Junior parents after the event to get them up to speed on this committee for next year's event.

2.5 Teacher Appreciation Week

A request was presented to the members in attendance for an event chair for Teacher Appreciation Week. Heather Petersen graciously agreed with Tammy Bullock serving as a co-chair. Tammy currently has the binder and Emily Coussens advised would share with Heather the budget available. Others interested in helping: Courtney Kline, Emily Coussens (could help with delivery), Renae Lindemann & Kedra Hamilton.

2.6 Scholarship Committee

No update from the Committee at this time but Emily Coussens advised she would locate the binder and ensure that someone from the Committee receives it. Charmi Geerdes stated she would send the event chairs the electronic copies of last year's files.

2.7 By-Law & Policies

Proposed policy additions to the by-laws were presented at the March PTA meeting. After review by the members, Courtney Kline made a motion to accept these proposed changes. Megan Grout 2nd the motion and all in attendance approved. Motion passed.

2.8 Board Nominations

The current PTA board provided a synopsis of the current responsibilities for each position. Emily Coussens stated that we would begin accepting nominations between now & May but a formal request would begin at the April PTA meeting. Voting will occur at the May PTA meeting.

3. New Business

3.1 Spring Book Fair

Beth Safranski-Derrick is chairing the Spring Book Fair and will be assisted by Ann Malven. Beth will reach out to Charmi for a Sign-Up Genius request. This event will occur the first week of May is a BOGO sale.

3.2 Summer Events

Charmi Geerdes and Leah Schmidt are co-chairing the Summer Events committee and requested additional committee members. Renae Lindemann & Maryann Ryan agreed and Emily Hambly will continue to be the Lincoln Highway Days-PTA Liaison. Emily did state that based on the events occurring at this year's LHD the LHD Committee requested the Family Movie Night be moved to Saturday night which we agree to. Charmi advised the pool party will probably be early August as we are unsure of the school start date.

3.3 Fall Kick-Off

Kedra Hamilton provided a summarization of what this committee entails as this was the first year of its existence. She stated they planned the Social night for members, decided a goal & theme, created business partnerships and helped with membership cards as well as finding volunteers to do membership drives at the early Fall events. At this time there were no volunteers for this committee.

3.4 Other Business

Kathy Goecke reminded members that Mileage Club starts the week after Spring Break and they are still in need of volunteers. Charmi Geerdes advised she would also put the request on Facebook. Anyone interested should contact the Central Elementary Office.

4. Announcements

4.1 Next PTA Meeting: April 6th, 2015

4.2 Next Meal Provided by: Billie Welch

4.3 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. made by Renae Lindemann, 2nd by Courtney Kline. Motion passed.