

Nevada PTA Minutes ~ April 6th, 2015
6:00 p.m. Central Elementary Library



President – Emily Coussens; ecoussens@msn.com
Vice President – Kedra Hamilton; khamilton@nevada.k12.ia.us
Secretary – Charmi Geerdes; gforcex4@yahoo.com
Treasurer – Angela Fritz; angelamfritz@gmail.com
www.nevadaiewapta.org
nevadaiewapta@gmail.com

1 **Call to Order:** Emily Coussens called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Attendance: Emily Coussens, Kedra Hamilton, Angela Fritz, Charmi Geerdes, Amy Clore, Erin Crawford, Leslie Hanson, Allison Boswell, Courtney Kline, Lisa Johnson, Heather Petersen, Emily DeYoung, Beth Safranski Derrick, Melissa Muschick, Tori Shahidi, Jesse Tibodeau, Leah Schmidt, Mindy Buyck, Renae Lindemann

Welcome

Introductions were made and attendees were asked what is their child's favorite part of school or for the teachers what is their favorite part of the day.

1.1 Approve Agenda

Revision made to the agenda to move the 2.3 After Prom topic to the start of the Unfinished Business.

Motion to approve the revised agenda made by Renae Lindemann, 2nd by Leslie Hanson. Motion passed.

1.2 March Minutes

Motion to approve the March minutes was made by Tori Shahidi, 2nd by Renae Lindemann. Motion passed.

1.3 Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Renae Lindemann, 2nd by Courtney Kline. Motion passed.

1.4 Teacher Drawing

Emily DeYoung won a gift certificate to Staples.

2. **Unfinished Business**

2.1 After Prom

Jesse Tibodeau provided an update on the After Prom committee. Jesse advised the next fundraiser is Trivia Night at Gates Hall on April 11th. The Senior parents are still searching for a Junior parent group to lead the next After Prom committee. Jesse also stated that if anyone is interested in volunteering to help with the After Prom to contact him.

2.2 Carnival

Emily Coussens shared that the PTA Carnival was a success and she had heard good feedback on the event. Renae Lindemann was the chair for the Games & Prizes and she advised that 30 teachers shared their rooms for the games, there were 34 games available including inflatables and 2 of the games were business sponsored by the ATA and Perfect Games. Two games (sand art and balloon darts) were eliminated but four new games were introduced (treasure hunt, can toss, hula hoop & wild hair studio).

Volunteers also did the face painting to save funds and there was good feedback on their art. Renae estimates at this time that 326 wristbands and 4,695 tickets were sold which is an increase from 2014. Tori Shahidi was the chair for Food and she advised that by the end of the night everything had sold. There was some feedback on how to best allow the teachers, volunteers and their families eat prior to the start of the Carnival without feeling rushed by early attendees and a suggestion was to lock the front doors until the start of the Carnival and have the volunteers only use another entrance. Courtney Kline was co-chair of the Silent Auction & Basket Raffle and she advised that she felt the drawing for the winners of the raffle went smoother than last year and that 758 raffle tickets sold. There is still room for improvement on how winners of the Silent Auction pick up their items. An idea was shared that the items are moved to the Cub Den where they can be paid for and picked up.

2.3 Scholarship Committee

Courtney Kline updated members on the High School Senior Scholarship committee. The application has been updated and shared with the school. They are currently trying to coordinate dates for the interview process.

2.4 Teacher Appreciation Week

Heather Petersen advised that plans are underway for Teacher Appreciation Week which is the first week of May. The committee will be meeting after the regular scheduled PTA meeting to finalize plans. The covers for the calendars and the calendar inserts have all been ordered.

2.5 Spring Book Fair

Beth Safranski Derrick shared that the Spring Book Fair planning is progressing. It will be a BOGO sale again and will be scheduled for the first week of May. Ann Malven will help but there will still be a need for volunteers and Beth will supply a request to Charmi Geerdes to create a sign-up genius.

2.6 Summer Events

Charmi Geerdes provided a brief update on the Summer Events. The Committee has not formally met but at the March PTA Meeting Emily Hambly had stated the Lincoln Highway Days group would prefer we held the movie night the Saturday of Lincoln Highway Days. The pool has been reserved for Saturday, August 8th and gratefully there is no fee due to winning a free pool party at the Festival of Trees.

3. New Business

3.1 Carnival Funds Disbursement

Angela Fritz reviewed the current net proceeds from the Carnival which totaled \$9,829. This total could differ based on possible additional receipts from the on-line auction. Leslie Hanson raised a question to understand the higher amount paid for a gambling license. Angie explained that this year the decision was to purchase a 2-year gambling license which would then permit the PTA to sell wristbands longer, allow the PTA to partake in any extra raffles throughout those two years at other events, as well as cover the After Prom gambling license needs.

After a group discussion, Tori Shahidi made a motion to distribute the Carnival funds as follows: 10% to Middle School (\$983), 10% to High School (\$983), 50% to Elementary (\$4915) & 30% for PTA events (\$2949). Courtney Kline 2nd the motion and all present were in favor. Motion passed.

3.2 Board Nominations

Emily Coussens reminded members that at next month's meeting voting for the new board will take place. Nominations for any of the positions can be made confidentially to Emily and need to be received by April 17th.

4. Announcements

4.1 Next PTA Meeting: May 4, 2015

4.2 Next Meal Provided by: Emily DeYoung

4.3 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:09 p.m. made by Leah Schmidt, 2nd by Heather Petersen. Motion passed.