

Nevada PTA Minutes ~ December 5, 2016  
6:00 p.m. Central Elementary Library



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1. **Call to Order:** Emily DeYoung called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.  
**Attendance:** Emily DeYoung, Beth Safranski Derrick, Stephanie Spence, Vawn Thiphasouk, Lisa Johnson, Lyndsey DeVos, Teresa Wheelock, Tori Shahidi, Kim Stephens, Gentri Barton, Heather Petersen, Allison Boswell, Brian Archambault

- 1.1 **Welcome**

Attendees introduced themselves, sharing names and favorite holiday tradition.

- 1.2 **Approve Agenda**

Teresa Wheelock moved to approve the agenda; Lisa Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

- 1.3 **November Minutes**

Allison Boswell moved to approve November minutes with updated attendance; 2nd by Tori Shahidi. Motion passed.

- 1.4 **Treasurer's Report**

Kim Stephens moved to approve report presented; 2nd by Heather Petersen. Motion passed.

- 1.5 **Teacher Drawing**

Allison Boswell won the \$10 teacher giftcard.

2. **Unfinished Business**

- 2.1 **Festival of Trees**

No chair volunteered but the PTA officers are heading up a PTA entry. The Festival is separate from the Chamber's Cookie/Caroling/Tree-lighting this year but Parks and Rec is still having the festival this coming weekend. Parks and Rec will give a swimming pass to a "needy" family for each entry. PTA will cue from our recent "Giving Tree" efforts. Paper apples will be printed: red for elementary; green for middle school; yellow for high school. Leaves will indicate which apple wish list is for which staff person. Tori Shahidi offered small apple ornaments to help fill out the tree and PTA already owns lights, garland, etc. A sign indicating that it is PTA tree and explaining the wish lists will sit by tree. Decorating assistance welcome; times announced on facebook and with emails.

- 2.2 **Butter Braids**

Members reported the pickup went smoothly, for the most part. The winning classrooms have celebrated with the ice cream party sponsored by Marc Olson and Re/Max. One "attendee" reported that there were "lots of toppings". Kids enjoyed the parties.

### **2.3 Conference Meal Review**

Most recent conference meal (last week for high school) seemed to go well. All slots on the SignUpGenius were taken. PTA-organizing and parent emails sent by the school seem to be helping ensure everything is covered. Emily DeYoung reported there were even leftovers at the high school. Allison will make three signs indicating PTA sponsorship, since the February one will encompass all three buildings. Windsor Manor has volunteered to provide the February conference meals.

### **2.4 Book Fair**

The fall Book Fair sold \$4,684.64 worth of books, slightly less than last year's sale. Scholastic Dollars will be awarded after Scholastic finishes the record (check has been sent) but the middle school and elementary libraries already took \$321.41 worth of books. Chair Beth Safranski Derrick expects the award amount to be slightly less than last year but to be at least \$2,100.

### **2.5 Carnival**

Co-chair Kimberly Stephens reported the committee met prior to tonight's PTA meeting. There will be one ticket booth (instead of two) which will sell tickets good for games and snack items. Food of pizza and a brownie will be available for purchase (no tickets). Prizes will be awarded via a punch card or similar system like Perfect Games uses to enable kids to get better prizes. Kim has designed a logo, which will be used for announcements and advertising.

### **2.6 City of Nevada Grant**

Emily DeYoung and Stephanie Spence represented the PTA at a November 18 meeting with others requesting funding from the Ad Hoc Committee. Stephanie filled out and submitted the application asking for \$16,000 in general funding to allow us to have some operating capital and offer more events. The Ad Hoc Committee will meet this Thursday to discuss requests, then it goes to the City and mayor. We won't know if we were awarded any money or how much for several weeks.

## **3. New Business**

### **3.1 Snowflake Party**

Stephanie Spence is chairing the event the same day as the high school's Crystal Ball (February 4). She would eventually like to have events such as a "daddy/daughter dance" and "mother/son" event to encourage some memorable parent/kid time. Members discussed possibilities other than a dance, which has met with mixed success. Games might involve more children. Tori suggested something like "Reindeer Relays" with a mix of different activities. Kim Stephens and Vawn Thiphasouk offered to help. A craft component was also suggested, perhaps something with snowflakes (beads and pipe cleaners?)

### **3.2 Book Swap or Family Fun Night**

Not yet scheduled, but typically we offer something in January or February. Kim offered to help with a book swap, but is busy with carnival until after March. Stephanie said Step Into Storybooks has an event planned April 1 and has requested PTA help. That event is geared toward the five-and-below age demographic. It was suggested that we might use a book swap as a kick-off for a readathon, which could also be a fundraiser and designed for older kids. Kim would like to recruit book donations from middle and high school students for the book swap.

## **4. Announcements**

The elementary yearbook is proceeding well. Kim has already received pictures from Lifetouch and started working on layouts.

**4.1 Next PTA Meeting:** December 9, 2016

**4.2 Next PTA Meeting Meal:** Allison Boswell and Lisa Johnson are in charge of January meal.

**4.3 Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Teresa Wheelock; 2nd by Gentry Barton. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.