

Nevada PTA Minutes ~ January 9, 2017
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, Lisa Johnson, Maryann Ryan, Lyndsey DeVos, Teresa Wheelock, Tori Shahidi, Kim Stephens, Gentri Barton, Melissa Muschick, Joel Fey, Adam Underberg, Amber Olson, Tanya Sorem, Mickolyn Clapper, Allison Boswell, Emily Coussens, Kim Hanna, Sue Seaton

1.1 Welcome

Attendees introduced themselves, sharing names and New Year's Resolution if any.

1.2 Approve Agenda

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

1.3 December Minutes

Teresa Wheelock moved to approve December minutes; 2nd by Kim Stephens. Motion passed.

1.4 Treasurer's Report

Only outgo was reimbursement for December PTA meal. Report deferred to next month.

1.5 Teacher Drawing

Allison Boswell won the \$10 teacher giftcard.

2. **Unfinished Business**

2.1 Carnival

Co-chair Kim Stephens reported that 20 classrooms have been volunteered for carnival use. Dinner will begin at 5:30 pm, with games, etc. from 6:00-8:00 pm. In addition to PTA volunteers, Kiwanis, Rotary and ISU ROTC may provide additional help if asked.

Tickets will be available for presale February 21-March 3. There will be a SignUpGenius for workers and posters will be available before conferences (February 11, 14 and 16 at elementary).

2.2 Snowflake Party

Chair Stephanie Spence updated plans for the February 4 Snowflake Dance. Currently planned for 6:00-8:00 pm, the dance will feature DJ "Funky Jeff" from Maxwell. Ben Franklin will be asked for donations. Balloons will only be used for decoration and secured. Hy-Vee has been asked for a cookie donation.

This event is to encourage parent-child interaction. Attendees are encouraged to use it as a "date night". Stephanie will ask Flower Bed if they can help with boutonnieres. There will also be a craft or art station and a photo booth to contribute to the 'mini-Prom' atmosphere.

2.3 Book Swap or Family Fun Night

The only dates available for such an event are in April. Barb Mittman may possibly volunteer if asked. It should be held on a weekday, which would restrict us to April 18 or 20. It was suggested we might sort books on the elementary stage in preparation. We would need a committee.

2.4 After-Prom

Senior Parent Liaison Emily Coussens reported there are still 20-25 Draw-Down Dance tickets available for January 28. Senior parents will bring appetizers. Drawings will be held every half-hour for \$50; Grand Prize will be \$500. The event at Indian Creek Country Club features band Riddle Me This.

The After-Prom event theme is "Game Night" and will feature arcade games as well as games like Jenga. The committee is working on a money-blow booth and a hypnotist has been retained.

3. New Business

3.1 Special Election for New Treasurer

Treasurer Vawn Thiphasouk needs to step down, so a Special Election will be held for that position at our February meeting. The term will end in May, 2018. Lisa Johnson and Teresa Wheelock agreed to chair the committee. Nominees will be contacted to ensure their agreement prior to the election.

3.2 Student Testing Week

Student Testing is scheduled for the week beginning February 6 at all three buildings. The PTA traditionally provides snacks to help the students and proctors through a stressful week. We need a committee to ensure we continue supporting our students this way.

3.3 Story County Reading

Kim Hanna of Raising Readers in Story County and Sue Seaton representing Step Into Storybooks shared some of their programs. They provide summer tutors for six weeks of reading. This free service provides two 45-minute sessions a week beginning the last week of June and extending to August (excluding 4th of July). Last year, 80 kids participated in Ames. Tutoring is provided at the Nevada Methodist Church.

Sue Seaton talked about the third annual Step Into Storybooks event planned for Eastern Story County. Kiwanis Club, Story County Youth and Shelter Services, Raising Readers, Rotary and the Jaycees will help. The organization wants new ideas to keep the event vibrant. Perhaps playdoh given with a book, for one example. Each child gets a free book, and there are 150-200 involved. Activity-based stations appeal to kids 0-5 for the Step Into Storybooks events.

Raising Readers involves kids up to 8 years old. The steering committee for the Eastern Story County even meets April 1, and they are seeking input and volunteers. They especially want ideas from young parents.

Raising Readers gives new books. Used books can be donated to Little Free Libraries, WIC, MICA and even food pantries.

4. Announcements

PTA Festival of Trees entry received a thank you letter. A pool pass was donated to a needy family for the entry./City of Nevada Ad Hoc Grant Committee has met. We will receive some grant money but have yet to receive a letter informing us of the amount. Funds are usually disbursed in July./Windsor Manor will provide Teacher Meals for February conferences. Allison Boswell will keep us informed of any volunteer needs.

4.1 Next PTA Meeting: March 6, 2017

4.2 Next PTA Meeting Meal: Heather Petersen

4.3 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Kim Stephens; 2nd by Lyndsey DeVos. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.