

Nevada PTA Minutes ~ February 6, 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, Kim Stephens, Gentry Barton, Melissa Muschick, Laurie Shinn, Joel Fey, Mickolyn Clapper, Amber Olson, Tanya Sorem, Allison Boswell, Joni Gammon, Emily Coussens, Courtney Kline, Steph Hutt, Amber Tinta, Vawn Thiphasouk

1.1 Welcome

Attendees introduced themselves, sharing names and favorite Valentine's tradition, if any.

1.2 Approve Agenda

Melissa Muschick moved to approve the agenda; Kim Stephens seconded. Motion passed.

1.3 January Minutes

Teresa Wheelock moved to approve January minutes; 2nd by Allison Boswell. Motion passed.

1.4 Treasurer's Report

Expenditures for the month were for Testing Week. Maryann Ryan moved to approve treasurer's report; Courtney Kline seconded. Motion passed.

1.5 Teacher Drawing

Joel Fey won the \$10 teacher gift card to Hy-Vee.

2. **Unfinished Business**

2.1 Snowflake Party

Dr. Fever was the DJ for the dance portion of this well-attended event, which also featured valentine making, a photo booth, and an open gym operated by PE teacher Tori Shahidi. Refreshments included 700 cookies. Free-will donations were \$49.06. Some members suggested the basket be in a more obvious location to increase donations. It was also suggested a PTA member be posted at the door to ensure children were not left at the event without adult supervision. Pictures were posted to the facebook page.

2.2 Carnival

Lisa Johnson and Allison Boswell are working on obtaining prizes for the carnival. Children will be issued tickets for each game which can be redeemed for larger, nicer prizes than we have done in the past. Someone has contacted us about donating crocheted items in Cub colors for prizes. They will also look into medals. Rooms have already been assigned and a SignUpGenius will be created to help with volunteers. Teachers will receive signups this week. ISU ROTC and Kiwanis have also been contacted as possible volunteers.

The Carnival was featured on the front page of the *Nevada Journal* featuring all three event chairs and our President Emily DeYoung. Amber Olson indicated they may have a graphic designer to help if needed. No wristbands will be issued this year. Tickets are 2 for \$1 that day (to minimize how much change is needed). Tickets will be for sale at a discounted rate between February 21 and March 3, and information will be sent home with elementary students.

2.3 Testing Week

Student assessment testing takes place this week. No one volunteered to chair that committee, so the PTA officers stepped in to fulfill this annual PTA tradition. Students and proctors in all three schools were provided with items for three (high school) or four (middle and elementary) days of testing. Items provided were 1,152 bottles water (240 of which were donated by Hy--Vee); 904 individual packs of Cheez-Its; 248 individual packs Goldfish crackers; 1,152 cereal bars; and 774 fruit snacks (100 donated by Fareway). The effort came in under budget with a total spent of \$745.74.

2.4 After-Prom

The Draw-Down Dance went well, with a “phenomenal” band. The Grand Prize of \$500 was donated back to the committee for the After-Prom event. The band played until 11:30 p.m., and although the event was scheduled to end at midnight, it was difficult to get people to leave. Indian Creek Country Club donated the venue. Liaison Emily Coussens reported there was about \$5,600 in ticket sales. There were additional donations as well. The committee meets on Sunday night and will discuss volunteers, board games and the arcade games for the After-Prom “Game Night”.

2.5 Book Swap

Due to difficulty scheduling the event and finding volunteers, there will be no book swap this year. The event will be looked at again next year, perhaps changing the month it is held.

2.6 Special Election for Treasurer

Two people were nominated for treasurer, one of whom accepted the nomination. Seventeen PTA members in attendance voted and unanimously selected Kimberly Stephens as our next PTA treasurer. Outgoing treasurer Vawn Thiphasouk will work with Kim to help with the transition, especially until the Carnival, which Kim is co-chairing, is over.

3. New Business

3.1 Volunteer Request

Stephanie Graves spoke to the members about a benefit she is organizing for a cancer patient and his family. The spaghetti dinner will be held March 11 at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Nevada. They will need volunteers to help set up chairs and tables, make pasta and desserts, and serve the meal. There will also be an auction and raffle and she will appreciate assistance with clean-up, too. Beth will make a SignUpGenius to help organize the volunteers, and it will be publicized on the facebook page. Members also suggested other publicity methods, like the Nevada Bulletin and water bills.

3.2 Teacher Appreciation

Teacher Appreciation Week is the first week in May and Stephanie Spence offered to chair a committee. Maryann Ryan and Courtney Kline agreed to help with the endeavor. Stephanie may send a survey monkey to teachers for ideas. Anyone else with ideas for this appreciation week are encouraged to share with the committee.

3.3 PTA Scholarship Committee

PTA awards two \$750 scholarships annually. Application details need to be updated and submitted to the high school guidance office. Interviews are generally held in April. Courtney Kline volunteered to chair this committee. Maryann Ryan will help serve and former committee member Kedra Hamilton will be contacted about possible interest. The contact at the high school is now Lori Arends.

4. **Announcements**

4.1 February Conference Meals will be provided by Windsor Manor. Allison Boswell has created a SignUpGenius to provide items like flatware as well as set-up and clean-up help.

4.2 Mileage Club will start at the end of March and continue to the end of May. Volunteers will be needed to help mark laps and keep records.

4.3 Next PTA Meeting: March 6, 2017

4.2 Next PTA Meeting Meal: Heather Petersen

4.3 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Courtney Kline; 2nd by Allison Boswell. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.