

Nevada PTA Minutes ~ April 10, 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, Tori Shahidi, Teresa Wheelock, Kim Stephens, Gentry Barton, Melissa Muschick, Laurie Shinn, Lyndsey DeVos, Joel Fey, Amber Olson, Allison Boswell, Emily Coussens, Cindy Woolledge

1.1 Welcome

Attendees introduced themselves, sharing names and opinions on cinnamon rolls, if any.

1.2 Approve Agenda

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

1.3 March Minutes

Lyndsey DeVos moved to approve March minutes; 2nd by Melissa Muschick. Motion passed.

1.4 Treasurer's Report

Lisa Johnson moved to approve treasurer's report; Allison Boswell seconded. Motion passed.

1.5 Teacher Drawing

Lisa Johnson won the \$10 teacher gift card to Fareway.

2. **Unfinished Business**

2.1 Carnival

Carnival went well. Estimated profit is \$9,600, although a few things are still out. Survey respondents (94 people) reported the best advertisement was email from the school. Date and time chosen were good. Presale of tickets was appreciated. Favorite foods were pizza, water and pop. The best-liked booths were the obstacle course and golf. Least was the Wild Hair Studio. One of the major snafus was the sell-out of pizza, resulting in delays before the next delivery. Committee suggested perhaps presales of pizza might help with that situation next year. Those who pre-ordered/paid for a pizza would be guaranteed delivery.

2.2 After-Prom

After-Prom "Game Night" shirts have been ordered. A recent request was to include "jousting," which the committee is looking into. SignUpGenius is working well for volunteers.

2.3 Teacher Appreciation

Teacher Appreciation Week begins May 1. Teachers will get planners again this year. The committee is actively recruiting additional ideas. Some being considered include a snack cart in the teacher's lounge; doughnuts on Monday during the "late start" time; recruiting parents to help with donations of treats; class "thank you"s to lunchroom and custodial staff. Teachers indicated Post-Its

and Blue Tape are still in demand as possible gifts. The committee will meet on Thursday, April 13 at Mi Casita at 6:30 pm. Anyone is welcome.

2.4 PTA Scholarship Committee

Applications are due Friday, April 28. Interviews will be conducted mid-May.

2.5 New Officer Nominations

Lisa Johnson and Teresa Wheelock volunteered as a nomination committee. Stephanie Spence will resign as Vice-President so that she can run as PTA President. The new Vice-President will serve a one-year term. Nominations will be received and verified by the committee for a May 1 vote for President (two-year term); Vice-President (one-year term); and Secretary (two-year term).

2.6 Central Yearbook

Yearbook will be available soon! It will sell for around \$5.00. Kimberly Stephens showed the group a proof; they have identified some corrections to make before final printing. Yearbooks will be printed by the AEA and received before school is out, allowing for kids to have their friends autograph it.

3. New Business

3.1 BOGO Book Fair

Buy One, Get One Free Book Fair will start the first week of May and also incorporate the "Happy Camper" theme. Volunteers will be needed to assist, especially with set-up. Days/times have yet to be set but will try to coincide with other activities if possible (i.e. Preschool Orientation).

3.2 May Conference Meals

The final conferences of the school year are set for May 4 at the high school. A "May the Fourth Be With You" or Cinco de Mayo themes were suggested. A pasta-and-salad bar will be offered with a "dark" and a "light" source to accommodate the "Star Wars" theme. Allison Boswell will create a SignUpGenius to recruit donations and volunteers. This will be shared with parents as well as PTA.

3.3 Central Elementary Parent Night

Last fall's parent night was so well-received Central will again host Dr. Phillips this spring. The theme of the May 16 event will focus on ADHD and again include a pizza meal and daycare. Volunteers will be needed. Central's counseling staff, Emily Kruse and Erin Murphy, are good contacts.

3.4 End-of-Year Fund Disbursement

The May PTA meeting will include voting on disbursement of funds earned this year. In the past, roughly half has been retained as "seed money" and PTA operating funds. Percentages can be suggested in a motion at the May meeting. One possibility is giving half to elementary and one-fourth to both the middle and high schools of the total money disbursed. Members should consider how best to award funds and come vote in May.

3.5 Summer Events/Fall Kick-off Committees

The Summer Events Committee has planned events such as last year's pool party and the Lincoln Highway Days parade efforts. Stephanie Spence volunteered to chair this year's committee. The Fall Kick-off Committee, a fairly new committee, has offered a potluck (2016) or other social event to help recruit new members and introduce parents to each other. Kim Stephens volunteered to chair the committee this year.

4. Announcements

4.1 Mileage Club

Can always use more volunteers Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 11:00-1:30 pm through May.

4.2 Step Into Storybooks

Stephanie Spence reported they doubled last year's attendance and it went well.

4.3 Testing Week

PTA has received numerous thank yous, especially from the students. Contact Beth to view them.

4.4 City of Nevada Grant

The City of Nevada awarded a grant in the amount of \$4,625 from our application last fall. Funds will be disbursed after July 1. PTA must report to the City on how the money is spent. Suggestions included: expand pool party (food?); a science night; "Senior" Prom with grandparents. Melissa Muschick mentioned the Young Professionals of Ames have monthly social events, something we may wish to consider to get the middle school more involved.

Additional Announcement

Parent Cindy Wooledge asked for some assistance in a food allergy awareness and advocacy event to inform students and especially parents about the topics. She would like to see a speaker or possibly even a booth at the carnival where kids could try an Epi-Pen trainer. The Food Allergy Resource & Educations (FARE) website could provide additional ideas and information.

Wooledge said the elementary is handling the situation well, but has some concerns as students move into the middle and high school. Education regarding allergies and reactions might be presented through speakers in classrooms. Other suggestions were a booth at orientation.

4.5 Next PTA Meeting: May 1, 2017

4.2 Next PTA Meeting Meal: Vawn Thiphasouk

4.3 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Lyndsey DeVos; 2nd by Emily Coussens. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.