

CHS PTSA

Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2016

1. **Call to order** – LeAnn Saarem, 5:40 p.m., CHS Library

Members in attendance: Wendy Tims, Yurie Liu, John Everhart, and LeAnn Saarem. There was no quorum, so no official business was conducted.

2. **Minutes & Correspondence** – LeAnn Saarem, Dec. and Jan. Minutes were presented - to be approved when quorum is present. Need to confirm attendees for the Dec. meeting (Heidi Hines ?).

3. **Treasurer's Report** – Wendy Tims

- a. January treasurer's report was presented – to be approved when quorum is present. Ending cash balance of \$7522.32 on 1/31/16. Wendy is going to prepare a 2015-16 actuals vs budget line items report. LeAnn will work with her to get the excel spreadsheet ready.

4. **Membership Report** – LeAnn Saarem, 57 members

- a. Incentive program was well received. We gained over 25 new members.

5. **Unfinished Business**

- a. Need PTSA Vice President – Newcomer, John Everhart, has volunteered to fill the V.P. position through the end of this school year. John and Yurie are new to CHS but were very involved parents at their son's last high school in Reno. He was a former teacher, truancy officer, and involved with an adult education program. LeAnn will email all officers and members to officially nominate him for the position. Official vote will be conducted at the next meeting.

- b. Reflections Program – LeAnn Saarem and Wendy Tims

- i. CHS winners will be recognized at the School Board, Feb. 9, and state winners will be presented at the NV PTA's reception in March.
- ii. One idea for next year from Ananda Campbell (librarian) was to hold a Carson City Youth Art Show in partnership with Jeffery Pace at Artsy Fartsy. Our art contest winners, along with other schools possibly, could be displayed and celebrated within the community. LeAnn will contact Jeffery to see if he would be interested.

- c. College Interview Panel – Very successful event with 100+ attendees. We received very positive feedback and good newspaper coverage.

- d. Amazon.com Fundraiser – LeAnn will research it.

- e. Big Blue Welcome event (and Career Expo) – Feb. 18, 2016

- i. Wendy and LeAnn will work the table at the event (4:15-7 p.m.).

6. New Business

- a. Help for Bonnie with secretary position – Since Bonnie has had an important family health issue, we are looking for a volunteer to be acting secretary for the rest of the year. LeAnn will email all of the membership to ask if anyone is interested. LeAnn will continue to draft the minutes until a replacement is found.
- b. Possible painting project at CHS – A new PTSA project idea was discussed. We may want to paint an inspirational message mural on one of the beams by the exit doors at the north side of CHS (by the gym). There is currently a small sign saying, “Return with Honor,” but it is very small. One comment was to paint it on canvas and then just hang it like a sign. We would like to involve the students and art teachers along with the community artists that helped with the Reflections contest. LeAnn will email Mrs. Fuson to propose the idea and get her feedback/approval and how to proceed to organize the project.
- c. NV PTA Scholarship – Nevada PTA along with the Battle Born PTA is offering scholarships of at least \$500 to graduating seniors. LeAnn has forwarded the information to the CHS guidance office to be incorporated into The Scoop for advertisement.
- d. Attendee Comments: John and Yurie, being new to CHS, had an observation and idea about the sports health night that is sponsored by CHS each fall. Since they transferred to CHS for the spring semester only, they found it difficult to attain their son’s doctor physical so he could participate in track and field. They were wondering if CHS could look into offering the sports health night two times each year. This would help new students along with existing students that didn’t participate in a fall or winter sport but want to do a spring sport. We should bring this up with Mrs. Fuson.

7. Announcements

- a. Next meeting: March 14, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the CHS library
- b. CHS PTSA is still open for ideas from CHS staff to ask for support to fund teacher/department needs

8. Adjourn: 6:41 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: LeAnn Saarem March 14, 2016