

# CARSON HIGH SCHOOL PTSA

## Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 13th, 2017

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Leticia Servin, President of the CHS PTSA, called the meeting to order at **5:31 PM** in the CHS Library.
2. **ROLL CALL & WELCOME – Members in attendance:** Leticia Servin, Jerry Garrett, LeAnn Morris, Jodee Brooks, Bob Chambers, Wendy Tims, Bonnie Preston and Scot Duncan.
3. **MINUTES & CORRESPONDENCE** – Minutes from the meeting on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 were presented. *Wendy moved to approve the minutes as presented and the motion passed.*
4. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - a. **Treasurer's Report** – Wendy presented the October 2017 Treasurer's Report. In October, the beginning balance was \$9,452.38 and the ending balance was \$9,210.46. It was noted that **SaveMart Smith's** is no longer sending money because we do not have enough registered members (cards). *Jerry moved to approve the October 2017 Treasurer's Report and the motion passed.*
  - b. **Membership Report** – Jerry distributed updated membership lists. We had 40 new members. He stated that membership as of October 2017 is 112.
  - c. **Vice Principal's Report: Accreditation Process** – Bob Chambers gave the administration report in Principal Fuson's place. He spoke about the accreditation process that the school is undergoing currently. He explained that it is like an audit process. There will be multiple surveys of stakeholders, as well as some focus group discussions. The product of the process is a master plan that will be reviewed by AdvancED (the accreditation entity in Nevada). There likely will be suggestions given by AdvancED, and the plan will be modified prior to finalization. The accreditation process must be completed every 6 – 7 years.
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - a. **Units Standing** – The PTSA is in good standing with the Nevada PTA. Following up on two items from the last meeting, the PTSA has completed its tax return and financial review. Additionally, the check for our insurance has cleared.
  - b. **Reflections Program** – We are behind schedule, as the deadline to Nevada PTA is January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018. We need a chairperson. In terms of promotion, in the past we have put flyers around the school and made announcements. We will set a deadline of Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 by 3:00 PM. The PTSA will judge the entries as part of its regular meeting later that evening.
  - c. **Student Scholarship** – The PTSA scholarships were clarified as being provided by Great Basin Credit Union and distributed by the PTSA.
  - d. **PTO vs PTA** – Currently, we are the only PTSA in Nevada at the high school level; all other organizations have switched to a PTO structure. The main advantage is that we would retain all membership fees collected. The main

disadvantage is the loss of the connection to the Nevada PTA / National PTA and the loss of 503 non-profit status. Other advantages discussed: freedom; ability to hold our own contests and give our own scholarships; training and education resources available. Other disadvantages discussed: loss of insurance (need to obtain/purchase our own); requirement for officers to complete training. It also was mentioned that we are not taking advantage of benefits of membership in the state and national organizations, such as grants. Leticia asked Bonnie to make a list of pros and cons to present to the PTSA at a future meeting.

- e. **Community PLC** – The Community PLC (Professional Learning Community) meeting is Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the CHS Library.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Support Attendance Officer** – Alice V. is our school's Attendance Officer and she approached the PTSA about doing something special for some kids who have made a significant improvement in attendance/school performance. Scot suggested that do it as part of our Teacher Grant program. *Bonnie moved to grant \$200 for the purpose of rewarding the kids who have been successful in the Attendance Officer's program, Wendy seconded the motion, and the motion passed.*
- b. **College Panel Event** – Leticia tabled this topic, indicating that she will discuss an addition to the program at the next meeting.
- c. **Parent Project Classes** – This is a national program for strong-willed children. CHS paid \$25 for the books. The English class is starting next week.
- d. **Cards to Families** – In lieu of sending our own card, the PTSA will sign the cards in the Library for the students injured in a recent car accident. There was discussion about making a donation on behalf of the PTSA, but ultimately it was decided not to do so.

## 7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. List of Events in Support of the Families of Students Injured in Car Accident – Various charities and events were mentioned by Wendy.
- b. **Next Meeting – Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

8. **ADJOURNMENT** – Leticia adjourned the meeting at **6:01 PM**.

Submitted by Scot Duncan, Secretary, CHS PTSA