

# CARSON HIGH SCHOOL PTSA

## Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 11th, 2017

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Leticia Servin, President of the CHS PTSA, called the meeting to order at **5:33 PM** in the CHS Library.
2. **ROLL CALL & WELCOME – Members in attendance:** Leticia Servin, Jerry Garrett, Jodee Brooks, Tasha Fuson, Wendy Tims, Bonnie Preston and Scot Duncan.
3. **MINUTES & CORRESPONDENCE** – Minutes from the meeting on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 were presented. Wendy noted a correction: “SaveMart” should be replaced with “Smith’s.” *Wendy moved to approve the minutes as presented and corrected, and the motion passed.*
4. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - a. **Treasurer’s Report** – Wendy presented the November 2017 Treasurer’s Report. In November, the beginning balance was \$9,210.46 and the ending balance was \$9,146.46. *Jerry moved to approve the November 2017 Treasurer’s Report and the motion passed.*
  - b. **Membership Report** – Jerry distributed updated membership lists. Membership as of November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 is 127. As comparison, Jerry noted that membership was 99 as of this time last year. There was discussion of a party for PTSA members at the end of the school year. There was discussion about implementing an online registration system for the CHS PTSA. *Tasha moved to approve the November 2017 Membership Report and the motion passed.*
  - c. **Principal’s Report** – Tasha spoke about recent performance metrics for the school. She stated that the class graduation rate for 2017 was 93.2%, compared to about 82% for the state of Nevada and about 84% for the nation. All forms of “early college credit” (includes things such AP classes/tests, the JumpStart program, etc.) participation increased from about 400 students four years ago to 1504 this year. Both the number of AP classes offered at CHS and the average scores on AP tests for the school’s students have increased. CHS has been approved by the College Board to offer an AP Diploma, which is similar to an IB (International Baccalaureate) Diploma; it is considered to be higher than an Honors Diploma, which currently is the highest option offered by the school.
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - a. **Parent Survey** – Following up on the presentation by Vice Principal Bob Chambers at the November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting, everyone was encouraged to complete the parent survey available on the CHS website. This survey is a required part of the accreditation renewal process currently underway. Additionally, it was noted at the PTSA set up computer at the Craft Fair and collected more responses.

- b. **Reflections Program** – We plan to hold a lunch for participants. Our goal is to get at least three entrants in each category. We will review entries at the next (January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018) meeting.
- c. **PTO vs PTA** – Bonnie asked the PTSA to consider the pros and cons of being organized as a PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) versus a PTA (Parent Teacher Association). It was decided that the main trade-off of switching from a PTA (our current structure) to a PTO would be the financial boost from keeping the entire membership fee versus the loss of resources (training, programs, access to insurance, etc.). Ultimately, it was decided that no action would be taken at this time.
- d. **CHS Attendance Officer** – Previously the PTSA approved \$200 to fund rewards for students meeting attendance goals. It was agreed to front the funds so that purchases could be made, and then to require receipts documenting the usage of funds afterwards (as is done for the PTSA’s Teacher Grant program).
- e. **Parent Project Class** – Leticia reported that the Parent Project Class has been a great success with all spots filled. The class includes role playing to help parents learn to deal with difficult situations.

#### 6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Student Scholarship** – It was confirmed the scholarship is through Battle Born PTA. Additionally, it was confirmed that both the parent/guardian (at least one) and the student must be members in order to be eligible for the scholarship.
- b. **College Panel Event** – The budget of \$200 was confirmed. There was discussion of the best date, as well as dates to avoid, but a final date was not decided. Leticia suggested adding a “pathways to college” component to the event.
- c. **Document Storage/Retention** – Leticia will receive three boxes of past PTSA documentation from LeAnn Saarem (immediate Past President). The PTSA’s storage cabinet at the school is full. There was a discussion of scanning the documents, but no decision was made.

#### 7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. **Next Meeting – Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

- 8. **ADJOURNMENT** – Leticia adjourned the meeting at **6:22 PM**.

Submitted by Scot Duncan, Secretary, CHS PTSA