



CARSON HIGH SAFE GRAD

A Tradition That Makes A Difference

COMMITTEE MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015

6:30PM-8:00PM

Q's BBQ

Members Present: Karri Couste, Darla Dodge, John Dodge, Deanna Fine, Julie Hearn, Julie Slocum, LeAnne Saarem, Sharon Love, Melanie Stevens, Stefen Newsom, Wendy Tims, Sierra Asby, Elena Glenn, & Sue Drozdoff

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

I. Approval of Minutes from December 9, 2014

Darla Dodge made a motion to approve the minutes from November 11, 2014. Julie Slocum seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

II. Old Business

a. Safe & Sober 5K Walk/Run

Update Discussion

- Stefan Newsom found The Change Company as another sponsor of the 5K.
- We now have 16 verbal sponsors – Kohl's being one of the sponsor and have not confirmed.
- The raffle is going well. Gold Dust West, Sportsman's Warehouse, and Big 5 are some of the more recent sponsors.
- Sign-Pro will charge us \$4.00 per square foot to make new banners. They will be big enough to put in front of a folding table, or in front of the school. It would be nice to be able to change the date so we can reuse it.
- We are trying to set up a table at the North Walmart in order to get people to come to the race, and/or buy raffle tickets. This will also be an opportunity to talk about Safe Grad. Anyone interested in volunteering to work at these tables contact Darla or Karri.
- Medals are in process for all three age groups
- Shirt logos need to be converted into black and white. John is continuing to work on them.
- Julie Hearn: Sponsorship check from Southwest Gas has been mailed. John will check to see if it's there. At this point we aren't sure if it's been cashed. –With SW Gas, donations come out of one budget, and sponsorships come out of another. Forms need to be filled out with Tax ID to receive a check. Southwest Gas hopes to have 20 participants.
- Goodie bags: Note pads, pens, lip balm, etc. are all needed by Feb. 1st.
- We will stuff bags on Jan. 31st.
- Julie H. will check with SW Gas for bag to put the goodies in. Deanna also suggested checking with Walmart if SW Gas doesn't work out.
- Jared Hearn is going to take the 5K flyer to Leadership kids tomorrow to get them on board with it. We're looking for high school students to participate.

- Raffle Tickets: Collecting money and raffle tickets as they come in. See previous email for specific raffle prizes.
- Kohl's will hopefully give us 5 people for 3 hours = \$500.00. They believe they will have people to volunteer for the 5K.
- Packet pickups are Thurs. Feb. 5th from 5:00-8:00 pm at Q's Restaurant.
- NHS wants to volunteer their time for points. Elena Glenn is heading this up.
- Face Book Page. **Carson High School Safe Grad – Safe & Sober 5k.**
Go to the page, Like it, Share It.
- We need to get an article to Angela Golick for the Nevada Appeal Senator Square Column. Deadlines are Wednesday. Darla said she would take care of this.

b. 2015 Budget

Action

- Sept. 4, 2014. PTSA approved lump sums of proposed \$31,000.00 (income), and \$34,000.00 (expenditures) as part of the PTSA budget. These numbers were a placeholder in the PTSA budget based on the 2013-2014 numbers.
- In planning ahead PTSA needs a budget from us in Sept. of each year. The larger PTA Fiscal budget technically starts in July, but we can wait until Sept.
- Darla will send an electronic copy to Sue so that Sue can work on it.
- Budget approval will be tabled until the next meeting.

c. Misc.

- Fundraising letters will be going out. We do not want to contact people twice so that we don't "burn any bridges".
- Last year the money we raised from community donations \$13,000.00, down from \$24,000.00 the year before.
- Surveys to high school seniors will be going out soon in order to spread the word about Safe Grad, as well as to get their input as to what they would like to participate in, eat, etc., the night of the event.

III. New Business

a. Parent Booster vs. PTSA (Pros & Cons)

Discussion

- Karri and Darla have discussed this with Ms. Fuson, the CHS principal. Mrs. Fuson has suggested bringing up an entire Carson High Booster, rather than have various clubs competing with one another. There would be a committee with representatives from each group. Groups would work together to fundraise. The main booster would raise money, and then the clubs would apply for the money. Groups could still fundraise on their own, but they would still be under the Main Booster Club, and receive some monies through this venue.
- Karri has also brought the discussion up with LeAnn, CHS PTSA president.
- We are not able to get funding in some areas because we are part of PTSA. Examples are Costco, and JC Penny.
- What happens to the money in our account if we do not want to be a part of PTSA? It needs to go to another 501c3 and as part of the booster. We would need to get Nevada PTA involved tax wise.
- Can we be a part of the AAA Boosters if we are part of PTSA?

To Become a Booster:

- We can get insurance through AIM for about \$200.00.
- Boosters create bylaws, have budgets, fundraise, hold events, etc.
- They are also a 501.c3
- At this point we need more information regarding a cost-benefit analysis in order to consider a change
- We agree to continue the discussion of becoming a separate booster further.

Pros of being in PTSA	Cons of staying with PTSA
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Opportunity to buy liability insurance.- Helps with IRS, 501c3 or 501c4 laws under IRS.- We can get training, and support from the state if we get audited by the IRS.- Getting Members shows that there is support within the school for PTSA & thus Safe Grad.- PTSA is our umbrella group which we get our Tax ID number from in order to be a 501c3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- A large portion of the PTSA the membership money (\$4.50) goes to national and state PTSA. This money goes to training for PTA, and PTSA on the national level.- The CHS PTSA only gets .50 per member of the \$5.00 membership fee.- People aren't as active in PTSA at the high school level.- Some people have mentioned that they don't want to be involved in Safe Grad because it is part of PTSA.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 @ 6:30pm

IV. Adjourn 7:45 pm