



NIGHTHAWKS PARENT SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 6, 2024 6:30PM - NTHS LEARNING COMMONS

Attendees: Stephanie Bissky (President), Tavis Settles (Vice President), Victoria Settles, Mike Bester, Dawn Barcham, April Boutin, Amy Neale, Zoe Penner, Amanda Mauch, Arti Singh, Farah Mellot, Elaine Cohen, Wilma Wong, Sara Moores, Kathy West, Hasina Zaki

Meeting Called to Order at 7:29 PM by Stephanie.

Motion to Approve Agenda

- Revision to agenda - addition of approval of the September 18, 2024 meeting minutes.
- Motion to approve the revised agenda by Arti, 2nd Hasina. Motion carried.

Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes

- Revision to September 18, 2024 meeting minutes - addition of Farah Mellott, Sara Moores and Elaine Cohen to the attendance.
- Motion to approve revised meeting minutes from September 18, 2024 by Tavis, 2nd Sara. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve Meeting Minutes from October 2, 2024 by Sara, 2nd Tavis. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report (Scott Murayama away given by Stephanie)

- Scott has been trying to contact Chris Hamel from Marsh Insurance as our insurance was up for renewal October 1, 2024. He will continue to follow up.
- Motion for up to \$800.00 for insurance renewal with Marsh by Tavis, 2nd Sara. Motion carried.
- Discussion – Other schools in the area are paying much more for insurance. We do not have a casino or as much money so our insurance is currently less.
- Current bank balance is \$18,844.64

Presentation of Cheque to 50/50 Winner (Sara & Mike)

- Draw for 50/50 took place in the school office October 31. Winner took home \$4,780
- \$9,560 worth of tickets were sold. Once fees were paid to Rafflebox & Stripe we made \$3,771.11.
- Thank you to Sara for organizing the 50/50.

Casino Application (Cathy West)

- In order to apply for a casino we need to submit 12 month of audited financials and bank statements, stamped copy of the bylaws, a budget for the year and a letter from the principal stating that they know the Society exists and that we are applying for a casino.
- We need to create a more detailed budget to include with the application.
- Now that we have our audited financials we can submit our application.
- Currently the wait for a casino is 2 years.
- Discussion regarding casino, raffle and fundraising chairs. Farah was originally casino chair but considering the wait time for the casino Farah's student will have graduated. Dawn would like to



take on the roll of the casino chair. Farah Mellott will stay on as fundraising chair. Sara Moores will be raffle chair.

- Motion to accept the resignation of Farah Mellott from the position of casino chair by Tavis, 2nd Sara. Motion carried.
- Motion to nominate Dawn Barcham as casino chair by Tavis, 2nd Hasina. Motion carried.
- Motion to nominate Sara Moores as the raffle chair by Wilma, 2nd April. Motion carried.
- Motion to apply for a casino by Arti, 2nd Tavis. Motion carried.

Discussion Regarding the Funding of Outdoor Pursuits

- For this semester we approved to provide up to \$350 to the outdoor pursuits class to attend a 3-day backpacking trip to Heart Mountain. Would like to make sure that the same funding is available for the outdoor pursuits class next semester.
- Finances are tight for many of our families. What kind of funding can we provide.
- If we provide supplemental funds for one class of students, what is provided to other students who choose to take optional classes with higher fees or additional expenses?
- In comparison our school fees are lower than other high schools in the area. How do we create equity amongst all schools in the CBE as demographics vary widely.
- Can we create a fund that would be available to all students who need assistance with these additional expenses versus approving funds for only certain classes?
- When we host events at the school there are costs associated. For instance, the cost for extra caretakers and referees for the feeder basketball tournament was \$2000. Our leadership students worked hard to find sponsors and donors to help make the tournament a success.
- We don't know yet what our trends are, and we don't have an alumni society who may provide donations.
- No final decision was made about funding and further discussion was tabled until next month.

Fundraising Report (Farah)

- Our next fundraiser will be Skip A Sip after fall break, November 18 to December 20. Skip your regular coffee pick up and donate to the school.
- We will send out information via school messenger and the Instagram page. Should we advertise via paper to each student? Probably it will be a waste of time and paper, chances are students won't take it home and give it to their parents.
- How are we able to collect the money? Has any progress been made in getting a debit/credit machine? We will confirm with Scott (treasurer) if we can do etransfer and what email address we should use.

Next Meeting: December 4, 2024

Motion to adjourn meeting by Tavis. Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm

Meeting minutes prepared by: Elaine Cohen – member

Meeting minutes approved by: Stephanie Bissky - President