



CARSON HIGH SAFE GRAD BOOSTER

A Tradition That Makes A Difference

MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015

6:30PM-8:00PM

Q'S BBQ – MEETING ROOM

Members Present: Karri Couste, Darla Dodge, John Dodge, Deanna Fine, Jodi Swirczek, Kim Dawley, LeAnn Saarem

I. **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:37pm.

II. **Approval of minutes from May 12, 2015:**

III. **Old Business**

a. **Committee Post-Reviews (Budget, Registration, Food, Raffle, Entertainment, Volunteers, Trip, etc)**

Buses (Kim Dawley): We cancelled two buses due to the lack of registration enrollment for the Six Flags trip and the bus company will be sending a full refund for both buses. Kim will call tomorrow to find where the refund is and will let Darla know. If the check is sent to the CHS address, we need to tell Sue so she can look in the PTSA box. The buses stayed together and everything, overall, went well with the exception of some kids getting sick. We tried to sell extra tickets but were unable to do so. We pre-purchased 224 tickets in March at the discounted price and only used about 100. When you purchase the tickets by March 31st they are lower than if we were to buy them by May 30 and the minimum order is 100. Next year, we should pre-purchase 100 tickets and then order more tickets later and hope that they honor the discounted price. Maybe we should do a preregistration with a discount to get a better idea of how many tickets to purchase.

Food: Overall there was still too much of most foods. Deanna suggested in order to try and alleviate some of the waste next year, it would be very helpful to keep all the food trays full of food. This way the food offered was more appealing to kids as they walked by. We may also want to be more specific with businesses as to what we need donated next year. This is not only the case with local businesses, but with parents as well. We spent a lot of our time walking all around doing this when we were busy trying to get other things done. Maybe we should make posters of food available to put on the wall behind the tables. **NOTE:** There needs to be a volunteer specifically for trash and clean up.

Nurses: They would like to come back next year and requested a nurse's kit. We will plan on making a future motion to budget about \$60.00 towards this for the next event in 2016.

Entertainment:

Tattoos: The line was too long and some graduates waited 2-3 hours. The artists took too long and it was suggested to discuss with the artists to limit each art tattoo to 15-20 minutes, and only do one tattoo per graduate. It was also suggested to create a waiting list with the graduate's cell number so the artists could send a text when it's their turn. **NOTE:** This wait list could be completed by a volunteer.

Minute to Win It: Don't do it during the hypnotist show as the graduates are in the show and there are not enough graduates to complete the games. Start it earlier or when registration begins because there was too much down time.

Bounce Houses: The human foose ball was good and the Adrenalin Rush didn't get used as much as previous years. The wrecking ball was popular and we'll bring back. Maybe get rid of foose ball and bring the basketball back.

Volunteers: The Masons and Kiwanis clubs along with the GNCU staff were all phenomenal. Chet, Masons President, stated they are on board to help with the 5K and the event next year. Dan Kimm would like 16 volunteers. All of the volunteers for registration and bag check would like to come back next year. We need to make sure people check in at the volunteer table so Karri can recognize them in the paper. Set up at the doors of the Community Center worked well this year.

Registration: There were 169 graduates who attended this year. The new set up and location for registration worked very well. Some kids came through the back room with an attitude and a sophomore tried to sneak in. There was also a foreign exchange student who had not graduated from Carson High trying to get in. We had to deny access, and it was a problem with the host parents. Darla suggested we refund the family the \$50.00 and ensure that Carson High School refers ALL questions regarding Safe Grad to the booster. Darla will work with Jodi to change the registration forms for next year to further include the CHS student ID and information regarding refunds. Karri will put a list of FAQ's at the front office for 2016.

Decorations: Be thinking of ideas for next year. Ask the kids.

IV. New Business

a. Elections for 2015-2016 Booster:

President: Karri Couste
Vice President: Deferred until next meeting
Treasurer: Darla Dodge
Secretary: Deanna Fine

b. Committee Designations Review:

Entertainment: Karri Couste
Decorations: Karri Couste
Registration: Jodi Swirczek
Buses: Kim Dawley
Volunteer Coordinator: Julie Slocum
Food: Wendy Yang
Raffle: TBD

c. Dutch Bros. Fundraiser: Darla stated Dutch Bros. will be holding a 'Safe Grad' fundraiser in either August or September and will donate a portion to Safe Grad as well as have a tip jar for us.

d. CHS PTSA Grant: The CHS PTSA Grant was finalized and signed in the amount of \$11,543.85 – made out to Carson High Safe Grad Booster. The balance of the bus refund, along with any other monies related to CHS Safe Grad will be mutually agreed upon between CHS PTSA and the CHS Safe Grad Booster, and transferred accordingly.

e. Student Refund: Karri Couste made a motion to refund \$50.00 to Maria Nygaard for registration in regards to the foreign exchange student who paid, but was unable to attend. Darla seconded it and it was unanimously approved by the booster. Next year we will make sure to make it clear about exchange students – only CHS or PHS graduates may attend.

f. PR: Why were our numbers down this year? We need to really talk Safe Grad up to get more graduates interested and participating. Darla suggested a table be set up at back to school schedule pick-up at the beginning of the year. Jodi said she would contact principal Fuson for approval. Sue recommended calling the office to see how many seniors might be coming. We should go to awards dinners and ceremonies at the end of the year and give a plug. Maybe we should do a video at the beginning of the year. John suggests making a refrigerator magnet with important dates and Safe Grad events – he'll look in to the cost of this. We also need the Nevada Appeal to complete a PR release to emphasize the program.

V. Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 8, 2015 @ 6:00pm

VI. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm