

Lamping PTA General Meeting
February 10, 2010
1:30 p.m.

Attendance: Frank Lamping, Robert Solomon, Tara Imboden, Jenn Blackhurst, Angela Kupiec, Jen Woodie, Lori English, Benita Ralston, Gina Wulfekuhle, Dawn Urban, Kathy Disney-Fairchild, Shay McLean, Stefanie Jablonski, Renay Mirsky, Miki Reid, Erica Bozarth, Michelle Wells, Eugenia Cho, Christie Young, Margo Whitehead, Judy Watson, Paula Watson

Welcome and Announcements: Jenn B. introduced our new principal Mr. Robert Solomon and commented on how excited we are to have him here at Lamping. She thanked David McCarthy, Brian Youngblood, and Mrs. Ledbetter for the Watch DOGS official kick-off party. She also gave our appreciation to Jen Woodie, Dana Czerwinski, and Erica Bozarth for the Fundraising Mega Party that concludes this year's fundraiser. She made an announcement concerning a Parent Information Night at Coronado H.S. concerning substance abuse and early warning signs that has been made available to Coronado's feeder schools. The Nevada State PTA convention is coming up on April 8 – 10, anyone can attend. Delegates are sent according to membership (1 delegate per 25 members). She asked that you notify her if interested in attending. There are opportunities for sponsorship or if you have the name of an organization that would like to partnership with the PTA and set-up a booth at the state convention. Let Jenn B. know if further information is needed. She commented on Governor Gibbon's State of the State Address and pointed out a list at the bottom of the agenda of our assemblymen & state senators. She asked that we please stay involved and contact them with our input concerning education.

Minutes: from January 13, 2010 were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report Angela Kupiec reported that on the balance sheet as of yesterday we have a balance of \$55,595.66. On the Profit and Loss the expenses were from gift cards, Watch DOGS, CCSD fees, and some early Reading Night costs. Income was manly from Valograms and Yearbook sales. We are still within our budget. She asked for questions.

Report from Mr. Solomon: Mr. Solomon thanked everyone for making him feel welcome and commented on how excited he is to be at Lamping. He commented on how bittersweet it was to leave Harmon E.S. He had grown so attached to the kids. He stated that he hopes to build those same relationships with the kids here at Lamping. Mr. Solomon commented on how impressed he is by how much the PTA does for the school. He hopes to continue to share with the PTA and welcomes our ideas/thoughts. He praised the success of the new Watch DOGS program and suggested they keep the momentum going in order to maintain that support throughout the year.

AZAC: Mr. Solomon had an opportunity to attend an AZAC meeting where the different options for Lamping were being proposed. Recently, there was a proposal that was put forth by AZAC to leave the Lamping Zone alone for this year and to recommend making changes to a large zone the following school year. He felt that there was an assumption that this is pretty much where things are going and he advised everyone not to assume anything, because you never know what is going to happen. AZAC is a committee of volunteers that make a recommendation to the Board, but the board makes the final decision. There is no guarantee that the board is going to take AZAC's recommendation. The next meeting is going to be on February 23rd. He feels it's important to let your trustee know how you (or community) feel and if you have that opportunity before the board, please feel free to voice your thoughts or opinion. He asked that we please do so in a way that reflects positively on Lamping. Jenn B. stressed that at the meeting on Feb. 23 a final decision will be made.

Mr. Solomon stated that the phone system in the front office is going to be updated and the caller will now have access to all the extension numbers & voice mail, mailbox numbers. Also, he was hoping that instead of the sign-in and out sheet we could have a computer screen or Ident-a-Kid program, where you are able to sign in and the computer prints you a badge with your picture on it. Volunteers and substitute teachers would all sign-in and out through this system. He wanted to know if PTA was interested in that. Jenn B. said that it had been brought up before as something that the PTA was willing to fund. The estimate was \$319.00 which doesn't include a PC or laptop. Mr. Solomon stated he had a flat screen monitor, wireless mouse and keyboard that could be used to start off with and all we would need is the CPU. Jenn B. declared no motion was needed that it's in the budget, just waiting to hear if the school wanted it or not. Mr. Solomon said it would be a great tool for the front office and help improve things.

Mega Party: Erica Bozarth reported that the Mega Party went great. She has heard nothing but positive things about it. No issue with inflatables (no complaints) Weather was cold, but still the snow-cones were a hit. Felt it was a good incentive.

Reflections: Award ceremony tonight at 6:30 p.m. All the winners (1st, 2nd, 3rd, or Honorable Mention) got an invitation to come, but anyone is welcomed. The winning projects will be displayed along with a program where the Literature entries will be read, DVD's will be shown and the music entries will be played. Tomorrow the winning entries will be taken and submitted to be judged for state.

Valograms: Is going good between 900 and 1000 sold, 400 for the teachers. A couple of volunteers are needed on Friday at 1:00 p.m. to help deliver. The Valograms are ready and sorted in boxes according to great rooms. The teachers will handle the delivery for their own class. The teacher's Valogram's will be put in their box in teacher's lounge.

Watch D.O.G.S. - David McArthur not available. Lori English reported that she has witnessed the enthusiasm/excitement that the students have displayed when coming into contact with any of the Watch DOGS volunteers. There's a new link available on the Lamping web site for Watch DOGS where volunteers can sign-up. A calendar is up on the web site and will be updated indicating what dates are open. Or email David. The program is set-up for mornings right now but the plan is to expand to afternoons in the future.

Reading Week-Eugenia Cho reported that Reading Week is set up for March 1-5 with March 3rd being the Literacy night beginning at 6:00 p.m. The theme is "Grow a Garden of Books". Volunteers will be needed that night to man some arts & crafts stations. Also, on February 18th help is needed with photo copying and on the 22nd to help put up a Bulletin Board (Michelle Wells & Benita Ralston volunteered). 3 Volunteers will also be needed for about an hour from the Watch D.O.G. program to read to each class. Eugenia asked if the PTA had discussed dedications/donations on behalf of Sue Ingram and if a tree could be planted in her honor during Reading Week. Mr. Solomon said that there was to be a formalized dedication of the Learning Center in her name and we could advertise and talk about planting a tree in her honor during Reading week. However, actually getting the tree and planting it would have to be done after we've coordinated with the CCSD grounds dept. and he said that would have to occur after Reading Week. Eugenia said she would get an email sent out asking for the volunteers needed. Also, that popcorn would be served in the multipurpose room to the students on Literacy Night.

Continuing Business:

Standard Student Attire (School Uniforms) –Resurveying in process. Mrs. Imboden will be in charge of getting information out. The surveys will be coming out soon and we are going to need help getting the word out that the surveys need to be filled and returned.

Jenn B. reported that the next PTA meeting has been pushed back a week because of the Area 3 Pac meeting (so she can relay any pertinent information). It's scheduled for March 17 at 6:30 p.m. wear green as its St. Patrick's Day and also meetings for April, and May will all be moved back a week.

Upcoming Events:

2/10	Reflections Ceremony, 6:30 p.m.
2/11	Area 3 PAC Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
2/12	Valogram Delivery
2/15	Presidents' Day Holiday
2/19	Staff Development Day- No School
3/1 – 3/5	Nevada Reading Week
3/17	PTA General Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
3/26	Mr. Lamping's Birthday Celebration

The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m.