

Meeting Minutes - Farmington Friends of Robotics April 12, 2017 - Farmington Public Library, 7:00PM

Members Present: Christine McCluskey, Linda Scalzo, Melinda Krusz, Marybeth Petersen, Mark Hofmann.

Meeting called to order at 7:06PM by Linda Scalzo.

Approval of the Minutes:

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the March 8, 2017 meeting. Mark made a motion, Christine seconded. Motion passed unopposed.

President's Report (Linda Scalzo):

Revere and Hartford competitions went well. The team won the entrepreneurship award at both competitions; partly due to the formation of our 501(c)3. The team volunteered at New Hampshire. The team has been invited to St. Louis and will be going. Michele Hall started a "Go Fund Me" page to raise \$1,500 to help pay the way for students who want to go to St. Louis but have a financial need and has almost raised the entire amount.

Treasurer's Report (Christine McCluskey):

Opening balance as of 3/1/17 \$11,398.87. Income was \$00.00. Expenses were \$3,168.37 (\$150 Suffield Shakedown registration, \$1,035.87 build season supplies Enforcers, \$1,982.5 Enforcers T-shirts.) Ending balance: \$8,230.5 (\$4,958.23 allocated for Team 178, \$3,272.27 balance for FOR.)

CURRENT BUSINESS:

Membership Committee (Marybeth Petersen and Lisa Nollman): Marybeth reached out to the contacts from the recent outreach event held at the Chamber of Commerce Pizza Tasting and included membership/sponsorship information. Discussion around doing the event again next year and making it a "Dream First" event due to the number of children at the event. Mark asked to be included in the future fundraising meetings. Marybeth graciously accepted!

FHS Building Committee Update (Linda and Rich Scalzo):

Next week's meeting cancelled, next meeting May 3, referendum scheduled for June.

Coaches' Report (Tim Barron & Michele Hall): Tim submitted the following report: Pizza night event hosted by the Chamber of Commerce went well. A representative from Brookdale Senior Living was there and asked the team to bring the robot for a demonstration. Date pending team officers. Tim expects to have a location for the 20th reunion by Monday 4/17. Tim and Michele are both working on submitting reimbursements from build season. In planning for next year NE First Championship will be in Portland, Maine.

Michele has shared information on the trip to the FIRST World Championship to St. Louis via email with information on how parents can participate in the trip. There is an agenda full of sessions and workshops pertaining to robotics and grant writing, mentoring for diversity, FIRST volunteers, team building, etc. along with the competition.

NEW BUSINESS:

Officer Slate: Linda said we need a slate of nominations to fill officer positions for next year at the May 10 meeting, to be voted on at June 14 meeting. Linda will email members asking for volunteers to fill officer positions.

President - Linda will continue in this position unless someone else would like to be considered for the position of President.

Vice President - open position.

Treasurer - open position (thank you to Christine for her hard work and dedication this year!)

Secretary - Marybeth will continue one more year unless someone else would like to be considered for position of secretary.

Mark raised the question of the new high school plan including of a dedicated Robotics space. Even if the referendum passes, that part of the high school will not be built until 2022 which is a long time to be at the Annex. He wonders if the team is still looking for space. Tabled until after the referendum on the new high school.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- World Championship, St. Louis - April 25-30
- CT State Championship, Guilford May 13 - event scheduled, ***not sure if we will attend***
- 20th Anniversary Reunion, June 3 (***will likely need parent support***)
- End of year banquet - June 15.

NEXT MEETING:

Next booster club meetings are May 10 and June 14 (officer elections) both at 7:00pm at the Farmington Library.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 Christine motioned, Melinda seconded.