

## **Meeting Minutes - Farmington Friends of Robotics March 8, 2017 - Farmington Public Library, 7:00PM**

**Members Present:** David and Christine McCluskey, Linda and Rich Scalzo, Marybeth and Scott Petersen, Jean DaSilva, Tim Barron, Lisa Nollman

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

### **Approval of the Minutes:**

**VOTED:** To approve the minutes of the February 8, 2017 meeting. Richard made a motion, David seconded. Motion passed unopposed.

### **President's Report (Linda Scalzo):**

Exciting weekend at the competition in Waterbury!

### **Treasurer's Report (Christine McCluskey):**

Opening balance as of 2/1/17 \$11,417.56

Income was \$580.22 (\$200 FLL Registration, \$364.25 FLL Expo Concessions, \$15.97 Amazon Smile.)

Expenses were \$598.91 (\$398.91 Build season supplies Enforcers, FLL Expo expenses \$200.00)

Ending balance: \$11,398.87 (\$8,126.6 allocated for Team 178, \$3,272.27 balance for FOR.)

### **CURRENT BUSINESS:**

**Membership Committee (Marybeth Petersen and Lisa Nollman):** No report.

**FHS Building Committee Update (Linda and Rich Scalzo):** The building committee arrived at a decision for a design of the new building. Plans and pricing are now being worked on by the architect. If approved, construction begins 2018 and will take 4 years.

**Coaches' Report (Tim Barron):** The team is sending "thank you" letters to the two teams that were part of our alliance at Waterbury. The team took up a collection to buy pizza for NRG for their help at the competition. Tim believes Waterbury was our first year making it to the finals in competition! Working on improving the process on when the robot re-enters the pit to ensure certain checklist items are being addressed. Lisa has created a checklist for the drive team. Scouting and strategy improvements being worked so we are the ones picking teams for the alliance, not waiting to be picked. Mindset change! The team's 20th anniversary celebration planning is underway and looking at June 3 for a date. Location TBD.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Fundraising Committee (Dave McCluskey & Tom Schneider):**

David presented a comprehensive outline regarding fundraising including a mission, financial goal, funding categories, potential revenue sources, and organization / initial steps including a stretch goal.

1. Tim agreed to meet and discuss where we are today with current revenue streams and sponsorship. Marybeth agreed to attend and record notes.
2. Build FOR Membership. Linda has list of parents. Tim has list of alumni. Linda wants to discuss possibility of mandatory participation (volunteer hours or financial contribution) from all team parents. Make participation in FOR a part of the team structure at sign up.
3. Recruit others to help - a few people have already expressed an interest.
4. Tim suggests TRUMPF, UConn, All Green It (expressed previous interest).

David asked those present to review his proposal and submit ideas (both adult-directed and student-directed) for all fundraising ideas - donations, sustainable support, one large fundraising event, etc..

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Greater Boston Competition Trip March 17-19
- Hartford April 1-2
- New England District UNH April 5-8
- 20th Anniversary Reunion June 2017

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

Next booster club meeting is April 12 at 7:00pm at the Farmington Library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23PM. Rich motioned, Christine seconded.