

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kevin Krusz, Scott Petersen, Linda Scalzo, Richard Scalzo, Tom Schneider, Christine McCluskey, Dave McCluskey, Mark Hoffmann

Scott Petersen standing in for Marybeth Petersen as Secretary

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

**VOTED:** To approve the minutes of the January 11, 2017 meeting. Richard made a motion, Scott seconded. Motion passed unopposed.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Linda Scalzo):**

Report focused on the recent FLL JR. EXPO:

The expo was a great success and Lisa Nollman personally sent a note to FOR thanking us for our support and coordination of volunteers and food items. The Note can be found on the Booster Club share drive.

There was a total of \$728.50 (net) from the concessions with the Girl Scouts, which will be split 50:50 between FOR and the Girl Scouts.

Mark Hoffmann put on a mini FLL competition and charged a registration fee which raised \$200. Mark will be donating this \$200 to FOR – THANK YOU MARK. Mark also indicated that he incurred some other expenses as part of putting on this FLL completion but that he will be donating this himself. – THANK YOU AGAIN MARK

Linda Scalzo purchased lunch for the volunteers and judges at the event. FOR agreed that they should pay for this. Dave McCluskey made a motion and Mark Hoffmann seconded. Motion passed unopposed.

The Parker donation is still in process and has not been deposited yet. Charlie Bald is following up internally at Parker.

Matching gift donations are in the works with Travelers (\$50) and Chub (~\$160).

A quarterly Amazon Smile direct deposit should be forthcoming in February based on previous holiday sales.

The State Report for the raffle has been filed – confirmed by Chris M.

The registration fee for the Suffield Shakedown was mailed on Sunday 2/5 by Chris M.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT (Christine McCluskey):**

Opening balance as of 1/1/2017 \$13,115.56.

Income was \$100.00 – from Previous Raffle Ticket Sales.

Expenses were \$1,798.00 (All activity account expenses – towards the high school team for the individual students that they can use for their personal trip expenses).

Ending balance: \$11,417.56

Balance for team 178:	\$8,525.51
Balance for FOR:	\$2,892.05

### **CURRENT BUSINESS:**

#### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE (Marybeth Petersen and Lisa Nollman):**

- Marybeth and Lisa were not present but Chris and Linda confirmed that there were no check deposits or new members signed up.

**FHS BUILDING COMMITTEE (Rich and Linda Scalzo):** Cost has been a big concern with all the designs and as a result a committee formed to look at how to pare down the size of the project. The architect has come up with 2 revised plans that they presented to the committee / public tonight. The shop and robotics areas are still included in both the revised plans.

#### **COACHES REPORT (Linda Scalzo reported out for Tim and Michelle):**

Chairmen's are to be completed tomorrow (2/9/2017)

Programming is on track and will be turned over to drivers this weekend.

Team drivers will be announced this Friday (2/10/2017)

The coaches mentioned that there are many more girls on the team this year and that they have been taking on more significant roles on the team than in the past. Dave M. made the recommendation to add information into our Marketing materials regarding this involvement to help promote it more through STEM etc.

Reimbursements will be coming from the team to FOR this Saturday (2/11)

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

## **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE (Tom Schneider):**

Tom's been brainstorming on how to kick this off but admitted that there needs to be more people on the committee to help identify the overall message, tactics and goals of the committee. This part of the meeting focused on everyone brainstorming on ideas on how to proceed.

Dave M. indicated that he will put together a bullet list of quick hits / tasks that can be prioritized and assigned to individuals on the fundraising committee.

Examples included:

1. How to build membership?
2. How to get parents more involved?
3. What quick hit options are there for fundraising?
4. Review with the coaches what's appropriate for how to get the kids more engaged with fundraising on their own. (Need a one page sell sheet for them to share with sponsors)

**REUNION COMMITTEE:** Coaches will be kicking this off after the stop build day

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Suffield Shakedown – Suffield High School – February 18
  - Will need a car to drive the robot
- Stop Build Day – February 21
- Waterbury District Competition – Wilby High School - March 4 & 5
  - Team will need a U-Haul for the Friday and Sunday
- Greater Boston Competition Trip – Revere High School - March 17-19
  - Team will be taking a charter bus
- Hartford District Competition – Hartford Public High - April 1&2
  - Team will need a U-Haul for the Friday and Sunday
- New England District Championship UNH Trip - April 5-9
  - Team will be taking a charter bus

## **NEXT MEETING:**

Next booster club meeting is March 8 (second Wednesday of the month) at 7:00pm at the Farmington Library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26PM.