



STEM Booster Club General Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2023 at 6:30 PM
Martin High School Library, Arlington, TX

1. Welcome (President Allyssa Wheaton-Rodriguez) The meeting called to order at 6:38pm introductions were made of the board and parents present.
2. Minutes of April 27, 2023, STEM Booster General Meeting (Jana Monroe) A motion made to approve minutes by Allyssa Wheaton-Rodriguez and was 2nd by Natoya Alee. Motion passed.
3. Treasurer's Report (Joy Shazima) reported a breakdown of first event income: \$160 memberships, \$2080 from spirit wear, and \$356 from concessions for a total of \$4596.00. Our closing balance is \$57,148.00
4. Financial Audit Report (Sarah King) - reported that everything balanced and was accounted for to the penny. The committee found no issues or questionable expenses. All paperwork was provided.
5. STEM Academy Co-Coordinator Updates (Mr. Forsythe and Ms. Taylor) - Jason Forsythe reported that the Leadership Conference is November 17, 2023. It is planned and run by the students in the Stem Academy. The NASA trip is October 17th - 18th, they have 122 sophomores signed up to go. The OU Math Day November 9th and they will be taking 47 students to compete. The Junior and Freshman classes will be doing a day trip this year at Lakeview. Juniors will be going January 10, 2024 and Freshmen will be going March 28, 2024. He announced the implementation of Stem Plus Points. Each student can earn 5 pts per Semester. There will be plenty of opportunities to earn points and the purpose is to encourage student involvement in the activities and events for the Stem Academy. There will be a website where points can be requested, granted and tracked. Mr. Forsythe announced some Competitions that would take place throughout the year: Stem Works Robotics competition, there will be a practice night on October 28th and the Competition will take place November 3rd and 4th, 2023 at Kennedale High School. We will have a Solar car this year to compete at Texas Motor Speedway. Our Robo boat competition was moved up to February 4th -12th. We will be participating in a Drone competition on November 3rd, November 11th - 18th, competitions are at UTA. Our Mars Club will be forming a Rocket that will be competing this year as well. If we qualify, the national competition is in Virginia. Applications for incoming freshmen will open October 24, 2023 and close January 19, 2024. There will be a parent information meeting on November 14, 2023. Stem open house is December 16th. There will be a second parent information night on January 11th.
6. Officer Reports
 - a. 2nd VP Fundraising - (Natoya Alee is standing in for our fundraising chair she had to resign due to health issues) Allyssa Wheaton Rodriguez announced If anyone is interested in taking the position to please contact her. Natoya has scheduled some Spirit Nights, the goal is to do one a month. Our 1st Spirit Night is September 28th in the Highlands. It will be from 3pm-8pm at Small Cakes and 3pm-9pm at Tourchies. We will be getting 20 percent of sales on this night. Please spread the word. She is working on booking the rest for the year. Kendra Scott's dual give back night is February 9th. This will be for all sales in person or online. Participation is key. Stay connected by joining

the Martin Stem Booster page on Facebook.

- b. Scholarship (Laura Farnell) - Scholarship Committee - the Scholarship is to be awarded at the banquet. She is in need of 5 people to help read through the applications and choose a recipient. Clarification on one of the rules was made, Parents must be Stem booster club member not Board member. Laura shared a Thank you note written by a recipient from last year. Volunteers to help thus far are: Jana Monroe and Camile Miller.
- c. 3rd VP Communications (Sarah King) - no news to report working on website updates and donors are being recognized on the page.
- d. 4th VP Volunteer Coordinator (Ines Roach) - absent and no news to report. Please get approval if you have not already.
- e. 5th VP Membership (Sydney Pham) - please join if you have not yet.
- f. 6th VP Hospitality (Erlene Scharff) - reported they have year mapped out. They will do 3 snack bags for staff, in the fall, spring and 1 other time. They want to do a luncheon around Christmas time, and one before spring break. They are planning a Breakfast as well. They will be putting together gift bags for the Leadership Conference as well. They need help getting some Items donated if possible, if you know anyone please let us know. The Leadership Conference committee requested 20 gift bags (last year it contained a Nothing Bundt Cake and a powerbank for example). Any sponsors we could get would be great. We will also be providing snacks and goodies for all 600 Stem Students.
- g. 7th VP Student Activities (Tasneem Ebrahimji) - reported that the Back to School Splash was great. We had 45 rsvp and 25 showed up. It was held at Bowman Springs pool and they served pizza, snacks and drinks. Fun was had by all. We need help from parents to encourage their students to attend. They are planning different activities throughout the year. We provided Daesy's Sno cones for Summer Bridge Camp which was a great success as well. She reported that it seems that things done at school are better attended. The Leadership conference is student run, but we will help provide snacks. We will need help serving at the Leadership Conference. We will have a group Volleyball event in November at UTA. They are going to give us a Group code to purchase tickets and are trying to find a way to add food for prior purchase. We will also do a Basketball group event in January. They are planning a park day in the fall or spring at Cliff nelson. Any ideas are accepted and appreciated. We are working on the banquet, the date set for April 21st. All is Pending waiver approval. It will be at UTA, last year we had 400 attended. This year's theme is NASA related. We currently have 606 students.
- h. 8th VP Programs (Donna Winchester) - it was reported that the Silent Auction will be held April 7-9, 2024. We need help with getting donations and organizing things.

7. Other Business

- a. Open Board Position-Fundraising 2nd VP

8. Next General Meeting - January 18, 2023 @ 6:30p

Meeting adjourned 7:28pm