



STEM Booster Club General Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2025 at 6:30 PM
Martin High School, Arlington, TX

1. Welcome (President Allyssa Wheaton-Rodriguez) meeting called to order at 6:33pm. She introduced herself to the attendees.
2. Minutes of September STEM General Meeting (Jana Monroe) minutes were read and approved at the last meeting.
3. Treasurer's Report (Joy Shazima) - report was made by Allyssa Wheaton-Rodriguez in Joy's absence. We have a closing balance of \$50,315.24 with funds retained for Roboboat (\$1750.48) and Solar car (\$353).
4. STEM Academy Co-Coordinator Updates (Ms. Taylor) - Mrs. Taylor reported that the application for new incoming students ended on the 13th and we had 434 applicants. She was concerned because recruiting was so different this year but we had a good amount of interest. Applications were read today; all applications are read twice and scored. They will then compile the data on Monday and their decisions will be made. Then, emails will be sent. The Interviews will be held on February 4th and 5th. Then the final decisions will be made. Our Jr. Class trip was canceled due to Weather so it has been rescheduled for this Friday the 1st.
5. Officer Reports-
 - a. 2nd VP Fundraising (Natoya Alee) We will have our Kendra Scott Gives Back February 7th & 8th (online only on 2/7/25 in store the 8th 5-8pm). She will need volunteers to answer questions and generate sales. She also reported some Spirit Nights:
 - Jason Deli (i-20) on January 30 from 4-8pm can do all day if you tell them you are there for STEM
 - Chick-Fil-A (Little Rd) on February 26th from 4-8pm.
 - Scholarship Chair (Shannon Annen) - She reported that the Application for Scholarships will go live next week. The Dr. Anita Bahn scholarship will no longer be available, but we have added a Memorial

Scholarship Jay Atman and it will be available this year. The deadline is in March (March 7).

-Scholarship Fundraiser Chair (LeighAnn Haferkamp) - The process of gathering items to sale is a big undertaking—she asked for help gathering donations. The auction will be on April 10 - 13, it is all done online. The more donated items the more money we will have to give to the students via scholarship. Also if anyone has baskets to donate to put things in that would be great.

b. 5th VP Membership (Sydney Pham) - We have record membership for this year at 120 members.

c. 6th VP Hospitality (Laura Rose) - she reported that we will be helping with STEM interview night by providing meals for 29 adults with a total of 56 over the 2 days. We will do a March luncheon for 40, in April a snack day sponsored by Erlene. The rest of their budget funds will be going towards Teacher Appreciation in May.

d. 7th VP Student Activities (Jennifer Richardson) - She reports that she will be taking care of feeding the student volunteers dinner for interview night; it will be 15 students each night. She is planning an event on February 8th at UTA Planetarium and Pie 5 Pizza. More Details to come.

-Banquet Co-Chairs (Jenni Huntley and Christine Minton) - Jenni Huntley reported that Christine will be helping but won't be at meetings due to another position she has accepted. They are working on some details. They have DJ, the food contract is signed. The Banquet will be Friday, April 25th from 7 to 10pm. We have to have everything cleaned up ourselves so please stay to help clean up. The Upstairs space has been given to us for free and cost of linens was lowered by \$2. The theme is STEM through time like a decades theme. They are working on table centerpieces, balloon arches, and photo booth. Another cost is security, and we have a choice of 2 companies. Food will be special diet friendly. We need volunteers to arrive at 5pm to help set up. It is at The Grandview in Mansfield. Tickets will be \$50.

6. Other Business

We need volunteers to be on the Nominating Committee for next year's board
(5) - Jennifer Richardson, Heather Marvel, Shea Lewis, Tasneem Ebrahimji,
Yvette Fielder

7. Upcoming Dates

- a. Next General Meeting-April 3, 2025 6:30-7:30p
- b. Scholarship Fundraiser Silent Auction-April 10-13
- c. Banquet-April 25, 2025

Meeting adjourned: 7:31pm