



STEM Booster Club General Meeting Agenda
April 11, 2024, at 6:30 PM
Martin High School, Arlington, TX

1. Welcome (President Allyssa Wheaton-Rodriguez)-Meeting called to order 6:37pm. Welcomed all new people to the meeting and introductions. Jana Monroe is absent, Tasneem Ebrahimji filling in for Secretary. Posted meeting minutes from last general meeting motion to accept the meeting and second, Tasneem motion to accept and Kathryn second and everyone accepted, and minutes accepted.
2. Minutes of January STEM Board Meeting (Jana Monroe) - posted in advance for review, motion to approve the minutes by 2 attendees of the meeting. Tasneem Ebrahimji motioned to accept and Kathryn second the motion. Everyone voted and minutes accepted.
3. Treasurer's Report (Joy Shazima)- reported banquet sales total is \$14000. Received a check for \$1600, student applied for several grants for RoboBoat, will create separate line for funds. Donated \$6000 to the space program, and paid stem leadership speaker out of profit and not student activities. Ending balance is \$48,000 and hoping to grow to \$52,000. May need to adjust budget for banquet after this years final numbers.
-Budget Vote- Joy Shazima proposed budget: banquet tickets reduced estimate to 350 which is \$15750 and reduced silent auction to \$4600, decided membership to \$6500 and total is \$33300. Sarah King motion to accept, Donna Winchester second, all in favor accepted and motion passed. Approve proposed budget.
4. STEM Academy Co-Coordinator Updates (Mr. Forsythe and Ms. Taylor)- Mr. Forsythe was not present, Mrs. Taylor introduced herself. Freshman Lake view trip March 27th, kids were great, enjoyed it, outside playing, and had a good time. Finished up recruitment of new incoming class with 169 students. Robotics team came in 8th place and had a good showing. HOSA state trip was a success and 79 students going to nationals. FLPA is in Galveston, Hackathon is happening this weekend for computer science kids, coding fun Martin kids come, Saturday Martin kids come overnight Saturday and Sunday event. Student recognition during the solar eclipse in local news, Landon Franklin will release a weather balloon for NASA. Amazon Scholarship for engineering was awarded to 2 Martin students this year and 2 summer internships at various amazon locations paid \$30,000. Seniors getting amazing scholarships and getting accepted to universities and filling up the white board. Freshmen Bridge camp will be July 22nd through 26th at Young Jr. high, Martin campus will be closed due to construction all summer. The field trip for seniors will be at Alley cats. Robo Boat, they competed in Sarasota, FL and only public high school and they finished 9th out of 15 and they compete against colleges, ahead of Cornell and Georgia tech and coast guard. Impressed with our group of kids. Student space flight program, flight postponed from July to September 17th. We have trip planned; one experiment was selected. Sarah asked how many stem students are graduating, 150. Close to the original number.

5. Officer Reports

- a. President (Allyssa Wheaton-Rodriguez)
- b. 2nd VP Fundraising (Natoya Alee)- We didn't have anyone at this position and Natoya helped out. Trying to set up our final spirit night at Panera Bread.
 - Scholarship Update (Laura Farnell)- Several recipients, and 2 send thank you notes that was shared with everyone. They will be announced at the banquet.
- c. 5th VP Membership (Sydney Pham)- current membership 120 and new members 5 only. Asked if information was sent to all new parents, discussion about getting more during the summer bridge camp parent night on July 22nd and first event.
- d. 6th VP Hospitality (Erlene Scharff)- welcomed everyone, Teacher Luncheon was Salad Go! and it went well, was easy set up and well received. Teacher appreciation will do snacks and Erlene and her realty company will sponsor. Final breakfast in Mid-May and next year add dessert bar set up. Thank you for the budget increase.
- e. 7th VP Student Activities (Tasneem Ebrahimji)-had a busy year and were able to do great events.
 - Free Play event-had a turnout of 21 students, they all seemed to enjoy it.
 - Banquet update-sold about 350 tickets, all vendors have been booked, facility has been paid and last-minute preparations are taking place. Sign up will go out for volunteers for check in and photo booth and clean up.
 - Summer Activities Update (Ashley Schwenger)-absent, Tasneem Ebrahimji overviewed. Planning Rangers game, Summer Bridge snow cones, and Cidercade.
- f. 8th VP Programs (Donna Winchester)-scholarship fundraising online auction, next year continue the same and raise more money, 100 percent goes to scholarship.
 - Silent Auction Update

6. Other Business

Bylaw Amendments vote-copy of by-laws available and posted, amendment committee got together and reorganized some of the positions, reorganize some positions that are not needed anymore, additional information on scholarship clarified to make it more transparent. Laura Farnell motion to accept the recommendation of the by-laws amended by the committee, Sarah King second the motion, all in favor, none opposed, by-law amendments passed.

Officer Vote- Vote on officer positions for next year, currently we have nominees for:

President-Allyssa Wheaton-Rodriguez

1st VP-Shea Lewis

2nd VP-Natoya Ali

3rd VP-Tasneem Ebrahimji

4th VP-Ines Roach

5th VP-Sydney Pham

6th VP-Laura Rose

7th VP-Jennifer Richardson

Secretary-Jana Monroe

Treasurer-Joy Shazima

Allyssa Wheaton-Rodriguez asked if there were any nominations, none were added. Vote in favor of accepting slate, Sarah King motion, Laura Farnell second the motion, all were in favor, no one opposed, new officers voted in.

Chair appointments-

Fundraising Assistant-Sheramie Bentley
Spirit Shop Co-Chair-Donna Winchester
Spirit Shop Co-Chair-Brandi Villanueva
Food Chair (First event)-Ashley Schwengler
Scholarship Chair-Heather Fearing
Scholarship Fundraiser chair-LeighAnn Haferkamp
On-Call Chair-Laura Farnell
Hospitality Assistant #1-Erlene Scharff
Hospitality Assistant #2-Kala Soward
STEM Care Chair-Angela Moberly
Student Activities Assistant-Heidi Robertson
Summer Activity Chair-Shelley Battle
Banquet co-chair-Jenni Huntley
Banquet co-chair-Abi Provence

7. Upcoming Dates

a. Next General Meeting-after school starts (usually September), Board Meeting in August, Board installation dinner May 9th at Spring Creek, 6:00pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:18pm.