CSTA Board Meeting

February 28, 2018

Attendees

* Louise McMinn Diane Hart
* Mary Pat Coburn Patricia DeCoster
* Ray Cirmo
* Christopher Newlan Samantha Rosenberg
* Rachel Manzer Julie Christianson
* Betty Hagymasi  **Kevin Fleming**
* **Somi Akela**  Amy O’Neal
* Ralph Yulo Pat Ruane
* Cindy Wilbur Crystal Caouette
* Andrew DeCoster
* Scott Johnson Jesten Weeks
* Leslie Czerwinski Norm Barstow
* Terry Wilson Ray Delehant
* Laurel Kohl – resigned position

Everyone Eat and Social

LM Call to Order, Norms

LM Review of Minutes

* Revision - Andrew DeCoster was here
* Pat Ruane move to accept, Cindy Wilbur second

Pat D Financial Review and update

* Income – 34,303.46
* Conference income was good
* Membership income a little low
* $23, 900 expenses
* Plan on awards dinner being $3-4,000 over the awards income
* CSTA should end up in the plus column at the end of the year
* Got new checks $151 line 555B
* $238 re-instated our malfeasance policy
* Taxes squared away
* New account Appapicella & Appapicella in Shelton
* Will have new accountant take a quick look at our books to ensure everything is okay
* They deal with non-profits
* Please keep all bills/receipts for the audit we will have this summer
* Insurance covers members and nonmembers for conference
* Insurance covers any official CSTA event

TW Membership

* 271 regular membership
* 16 retired
* 16 life members
* 112 pre-service members
  + PR will contact Kathryn O’Callahan at WCSU to encourage pre-service engagement

LM Election committee – nominations:

* Please let LM know if you are interested
* Vice President
* President
  + Diane Hart will not run for President
* Directors – Litchfield, Tolland, Elementary, High School, Charter/Magnets, Higher Ed, Vo-Tech

LM & RY Awards Committee Update and Marty Tafel Award

* Letters have gone out to both winners and non-winners
* Price for banquet not set yet…trying to balance price and cost
* Tafel – RY got in touch with Florida lawyers who have info about the Tafel will
  + Does not state that the award needs to be given until the end of time
* Crystal Caouette moved that CSTA removes $1000 per year from the Tafel CD and into checking for the purpose of covering the cost of the MT award – Second Amy O’Neal
* So moved none opposed

RM & CC NGSS workshops

* May 5 last workshop – full day
* Make-up date still in limbo – half day- moved to Middletown??
* Last workshop - Feb 3 - doors locked at NB (doesn’t look good for CSTA) moved to CREC – 25 attended (great solution and workshop still held)
* Next Workshop - Kellog Center – March 14 – 5:00PM informal after school NGSS workshop

DH Conference Committee

* Publicity – have a Logo – Change is in the Air
  + Save the date postcard
* Program committee met – call for presenters is ready to go
  + DH will put it on the website
* Exhibitor Letter ready to go
* Exhibitor registration is live
  + CSSA help with exhibitor committee
* Venue capacity workshop space – will offer less workshops per session (9 – 12)

BH Publicity

* Business facebook page only CSTA members can post
* Anyone can post on our group page…looking to have a pinned post at top to clarify the purpose of the group
* Heather & Julie will monitor site
* Andrew D will be responsible for producing flyers
* Contact BH if you need publicity stuff
* Some directors are getting addresses for science educators and getting info out to them

AO, TW NGSS Clearinghouse

CW -looking to locate resources and then organize for ease of access

* Is resource page supposed to be just for NGSS or good science resources – consensus is good resources
* Page is a work in progress and will need tweaking
* Email valuable teacher resources to committee
* Great work so far

LM National Youth Science Award

* At least one candidate has applied

DH While creating Logo for conference determined that we need a

Transparent background

* Need the CSTA logo with a transparent logo

For the Good of the Order

MPC Elected Middle Level Director for NSTA