CSTA Board Meeting

January 24, 2018

Meeting called to order LM

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

Everyone Eat and Social

LM Call to Order, Norms

LM Welcome, Introductions, Minutes

* Move KF – second RD

Pat D Financial Review and update

* Pat D absent
* Move review to the February meeting
* Pat D is moving ahead with an audit
* Pat D met with insurance people
  + Malfeasance insurance canceled, she reinstated and is checking on coverage

TW Membership

* Up a bit due to NGSS workshops

RY, RD Awards Committee Update

* Deposit for venue has been paid
* New Haven Lawn Club again

RM, CC NGSS Workshops

* Saturday Wkshp was postponed due to Peter McClaren illness
* Registration issue
  + Person registered sat even though it was canceled
  + Group registered by their schools but did not get cancellation
  + Two separate registrations groups one for single day workshop and one for all four workshops
  + One/two people in charge of monitoring registration
  + Andrew said yeah….cool!
  + Rachel concerned that the numbers are not that high, should we change date to weekday
  + Recommendation is to maintain location
  + Feb 3 next meeting, should we cancel due to low numbers
  + Send out another email blast
  + Clarification – do we need to stay within the $10 pp budget for snacks - Yes

LM Election Committee

* nominations:
* looking for an election committee
  + Louise, Ray
* Vice President, President
* Directors – Litchfield, Tolland, Elementary, High School, Charter/Magnets, Higher Ed, Vo-Tech

Membership Dues

* Renewal is September
* Renewal notices over the summer July 1 renewal due by Aug 1
* Recommendation is to make membership renewal a Sept 1 date

DH Conference Committee

* Conference Committee is a standing Committee
* Create a Conference Chair Person Position who will co-chair with the Vice- President – needs to be a by-laws change
* Next Meeting Feb 11
* Looking for members to join the conference sub-committees
* Cost structure will increase

CW NGSS Clearinghouse

* Committee members – Cindy Wilbur, Terry Wilson, Amy O’Neal
* Designed for teachers who are boots on the ground, trying to transition to NGSS
  + Entry Level – initial users
  + Use it tomorrow
  + Leaders
* Provide background, resources, help in creating units
* Criteria – free, sustainable, reliable, searchable, understandable
* Next steps
  + Collect first resources
  + Design new pages
  + Feedback then publish
* Any ideas send to Cindy Wilbur

BH Directors meeting

* 6 directors attended a zoom call meeting
* Distributed to directors - contact info for schools across CT
* County directors need to be creating list of science leaders and science teachers within their county
* spreadsheet is a shared google document with the directors
* RM – suggests that LM contact county directors to get at least 5 teachers onto the list

LM Strategic Plan update

TC National Youth Science Camp

* Sent out info to share brochure
* Finding it difficult to get RESC contacts to help with dispersal of information
* Please pass out info – designed for high school seniors
* Looking for committee members to review application – KF, LM

DH Publicity and notices

* all go to Betty first and she will give it off to whoever needs it

All Present For the Good of the Order

* LM – Teacher of the Year Conference do we want to set up a table? -
* RD – for our purposes not really worth the effort
* CEA new teacher conference – March 24
  + Yes, probably worth it
* Computer Science Teachers Association – March 16
* Marjo Foundation – Fund high school independent research projects
* RD - Newsletter is out
* BH commends everyone …all of us who are working hard to benefit CSTA
* Journal is underway
* CW – awards, getting hard to pick one individual, could we look into group award for collaborative activity
* Move Elem/Middle level Science Extravaganza to after conference
* Developing and working on an NGSS implementation plan for districts in conjunction with the state
* We need to talk to the CT Science Center, they have a large list serv
* We need to be careful of what we promote
* Remain vigilant to make sure we are getting kick back from our stake holders – an equal give and take

Meeting Adjourned at 7:42