CSTA Board Meeting

November 29, 2017

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

LM Call to Order, Norms

LM, DH Welcome, Introductions, Minutes

* Move to accept Pat R, second Pat D
* Minutes accepted

Pat D Financial Review – October

* Review of financial statement
* Oct income $5,385 for exhibitor fees
* Registration – $8,027.18
* Refund ck of $65
* Membership – $4,740
* Total income - $18,852.17
* Expenses total - $10,458.05
* YTD Net – 8,394.12
* Conference 2017 - Net profit $11,328.81

LM & RY Awards – Excellence in Science Teaching, Dr. Sigmund Abeles Science Advocate Award, Connecticut Science Educator Fellow (CSEF) update

* Awards committee met last night, still in need of individual teacher applications
* Nominations close 11/30 – Applications due January

LM Membership

* Is up due to conference registrations

RM & CC NGSS workshops

* Cindy Wilbur – Monday, Dec 4 currently 7 signed up
* Peter McClaren
  + Why are they not free – we need to cover cost of food and his fees
  + This was to be a service to members
  + A small fee would maybe ensure that the registrants would attend
  + RM – McClaren fee $1500
  + JC – One fee for all workshops $10, help cover expenses
  + PR - $10 is a reasonable cost
  + LM so move that the four Peter McClaren workshops cost $10 each, plus membership. The cost to cover light refreshments for the half days and light lunch for the whole day
  + Pat D second
  + Motion passed
  + Can we add an option to pay for all four workshops at the same time
* First Workshop is Dec 14

DH Conference Committee

* 324 attendees
* 70 presenters
* 254 attendees solely for purpose of attending
* Paul Anderson huge draw according to survey
* Majority want contact via email
* Site committee report
  + DH – recommend that the conference budget become one line item
  + DH – recommend that the conference committee become a standing committee
  + DH – new location The Heritage Conference Center

LM Strategic Plan update

* Focus next month on our strategic goals
* Focus on science advocacy
* Put a page up onto our website
* Bill Ross (NSTA Books) spoke with Pat R, running a workshop on Fri Jan 12 in MA, would like to bring a workshop to Cromwell on Thursday Jan 11, at about 4:00 PM - which promotes the use of NSTA books on STEM. Presenter is Karen Amesbury
* Board members need to make some movement toward accomplishing our goals
* Please send Louise info on SOP for committees etc.
* PD – Social at Discovery Museum – Spring sometime - Free

December Executive Meeting – Dec 20

For the Good of the Order

* SJ – emailed RY about extending awards nominations…RY says no
* RD – working on news letter
* LK – 125 green leaf schools
* LC – shirt/ for distinguishing board members – or a badge of some sort
* DH – Betty H. working on platform for online webinars – google appears to be the best fit
* Conference Committee Meeting – Dec 7

7:16 Meeting Adjourned