

RAMP Board Minutes
July 22, 2015

Attendees: Ray Zaman, Nagesh Rajanala, Ed Schueler, Herb Katz, Stacy Benson, Lyn Perkins, John Buxbaum, Michele Bilia, Herb Katz

MAR Event:

- MAR Event will be last weekend in March
- The whole MAR calendar is shifted one week later because of when New Years falls this year

Concessions:

- For the MAR Event, we need to figure out how many people we need. In the past, parents help with concessions, and students help with the event. Last year, the event was short on volunteers, and perhaps more parents could help
- Team 102 from Somerville has offered to help us with concessions, and potentially share in the revenue (maybe 25%?)

Budget:

- Need to resolve who is the main Treasurer and who is the Assistant Treasurer. Nagesh and Jeanne to resolve and potentially meet with Ray.
- Jeanne's budget spreadsheet was reviewed, and it was agreed that yes, we should decrease the expected revenue from the MAR event. Reduce by 3K if we do 25% revenue sharing with Somerville.
- We will still have the spaghetti dinner and VFW has agreed to host again.
- 5K is a good carry over for startup from previous year, per Lorraine's experience. 2K was not enough in the past.
- Budget from school has also increased from 16K to 24K. A certain portion is only to be used for entrance fees.

Grants:

- Michele, Lyn and Ray will set up a conference call
- Herb is working with kids on getting grants from foundations – companies not previously targeted.
- close to getting Sales Force software so kids can manage contacts
- Nagesh has experience with Sales Force
- Sales Force is limited to 10 users and need to figure out how to share
- Not sure if money got spent on acquisitions requested by Team Captain
- Lyn and Michele to brainstorm where to apply for grants and categorize
- Also, need to solicit parents, especially new to team, for grants from their employers

Cleanup:

- will discuss next time

Digital Media:

- Christine will update RAMP website soon. Julie needs to get meeting dates to Christine (RAMP) and Lauren (Team 303 site)

Calendar:

- Ray will send dates to Julie
- Next Board meeting is August 19, at Y2

Team Captain:

- Owen will report inventory monthly

Open Volunteer Positions:

- Develop promotional program for fundraising: Herb will coordinate with kids. How to define non-monetary contributions? Also want to try non-traditional companies.

- Event Planning: Doesn't need to be filled right away, but need for end of year party.

- Help Lauren manage FIRST scholarship submissions (maybe John Buxbaum?)

Old Business:

- Creation of RAMP alumni list and students

- NJ license plate – put together presentation for Trenton for STEM (would be good for chairman's award)