

RAMP Board Meeting  
September 16, 2015

Attendees: Nagesh Rajanala, Ray Zaman, John Buxbaum, Jeanne Kulesa, Lyn Perkins, Stacy Benson, Lauren Dahl, Julie Tatum, Ed Schueler, Herb Katz, Christine Cai, Fred Busler

Treasurer:

- The draft budget was submitted last month
- reduced fundraising and carryover reserve
- budget for competitions relatively similar year-to-year regardless of which ones they pick
- potentially put leftover money from last year toward demo bot and laptop
- not spending on Wifi for STS, using Wade Bldg for programming training
- need to present budget at General Meeting for approval
- FTC is looking to add expenses – will use school money

Concessions:

- Myles looked at vendoring out entire Bridgewater district event
- most profits from last year were drinks and snacks
- proposal from Bagelicious includes order, supply, prepare, sell, cleanup, and they will give us 25% of profits
- their estimate will be put on the Google drive and a folder for Concessions shared with Myles and Paula
- how do we get more parents involved???

Grants:

- J&J Healthcare Systems, \$8000 approved, not received yet
- applied for \$2500 from BAE
- investigated NASA grant – they are supporting rookie teams or veteran teams in distress
- Picatinny handled by Mike Scott
- no response yet to request for help to grant committee
- Huawei needs PowerPoint presentation
- Herb has revitalized RAMP donation levels
- Silver , \$50-499
- Gold , \$500-999
- Platinum, \$1000-499
- Partnership, over \$5000
- would like to use robot names for the levels
- Bound Brook team requires team members to make 3 cold calls for donations

Cleanup:

- October 17, 9am-noon at high school
- send email reminder

Digital Media:

- updated by Ed and Chris
- all information is there, except recent minutes
- Bradley is helping, and kids are doing rewrite
- Blog will be written and sent to sponsors by kids

#### Travel:

- Still deciding on which trips

#### Event Calendar:

- Mandatory meeting with parent, Sept 24
- Rookie Day for FTC, Oct 3
- Girl Power, Oct 10
- Brunswick Eruption, Nov 7
- FLL competition at Middle School, Nov 21
- FTC events, late Nov

#### Captain's Report:

- had introductory meeting today, over 50 new students
- spaghetti dinner, still figuring out contact at VFW (or maybe could use Temple Sholom instead)
- would like Nov 15 as date
- SLC meeting for Team Development
- one restaurant/month fundraiser starting with California Pizza Kitchen
- Chocolate sale
- Turn the town teal – article will be on blog
- Trunk or Treat
- will show robot at Habitat for Humanity carnival
- send "Turkey Hands" as cards to troops
- workshops at elementary schools aftercare to promote STEM
- spirit bumper magnets

#### Advisor:

- new team list
- mandatory meeting next week (24<sup>th</sup>)
- revisiting point system to have more FRC and outreach
- looking at Mount Olive, week 1
- week 2, WPI
- week3, NY Tech Valley
- week 4, off
- week 5, Bridgewater District event, 303 will not compete
- week 6, Montgomery
- new mentor, Sarah Nasson, was on Tem 303, got teaching degree, was assistant for Bound Brook Robotics, running TD meetings, will hopefully be assistant advisor

#### Team Development

- Herb working on presentation

#### Open Positions:

- Event Planning
- FIRST scholarships

#### Old Business:

- sponsorship from Somerset Patriots – Herb will have Team Development handle
- remind membership about matching hours

- creation of RAMP alumni list
- NJ charity license plate, having trouble finding contact, Fred will help
- revenue sharing at Bridgewater District event
- adopt a Highway, John Buxbaum will research
- Myles purchased coffee urns and has been reimbursed
- STS is no longer available Saturday mornings, but is available other times for the entire season

New Business:

- we will have tables set up at Parent meeting to answer questions from new parents
- it was proposed that all families give a \$100 check for a "work bond" that is refundable after 8 hours of service
- Nagesh will chair the Volunteer Committee, Ed will help
- Lauren would like to refer to Bridgewater District event (instead of MAR event) to be more technically correct