

RAMP General Meeting
September 22, 2015

Budget:

- differences from last year's budget were reviewed. Changes were made based on Lorraine's experience from last year
- a motion was made by Ray Zaman, seconded by John Buxbaum to approve the budget. A vote was taken by show of hands, and approved unanimously
- Owen reviewed my money was not all spent – shelving not bought, some parts not available
- Owen will identify whether parts being bought are from this year's or last year's budget

Concessions:

- a small concession stand will be run at the November 21 FLL event
- at the Oct 3 rookie event, there will just be drinks and snacks, and the Advisor will handle

Grants:

- \$8000 received from J&J Healthcare Systems
- didn't apply for NASA grant because we don't qualify
- applied for BAE grant of \$2500
- applied for Picatinny grant which is due Oct 1, money goes directly to FIRST
- got National Instrument grant information from Jeff Steele. Will mention Labview software
- agreed at Board Meeting not to apply for Microsoft grant

Clean up:

- October 17, 9-11am, added to calendar

Digital Media:

- the RAMP website has been updated with the exception of the minutes
- kids are working on the team site

Meals:

- Magesh Kumar will handle again this year

Event Calendar:

- Thursday (Sept 24), mandatory student/parent meeting
- Girl Power, Oct 10
- Brunswick Eruption, Nov 7
- FLL event, Nov 21
- Spaghetti Dinner, hopefully Nov 14/15, got contact name at VFW

Captains Report:

- 71 kids at new member meeting (61 last year)
- making video for meeting on Thursday
- California Pizza Kitchen fundraiser
- chocolate sales

Volunteer Coordinator:

- Nagesh will need information on committees from registration forms

Event Planning:

- Maggie McCarthy tentatively agreed to be the Committee chair

Open Position:

- FIRST scholarships

Old Business:

- Somerset Patriots, Herb will talk with them for sponsorship
- Corporate matching gifts
- Create RAMP alumni list
- NJ charity license plate – Fred
- how to handle concessions at Bridgewater District event
- Adopt a Highway – John Buxbaum

New Member Meeting:

- 3 slides for presentation
- board members at tables to answer questions

Performance Bond:

- proposed \$100 check dated April 1, 2016. Need to volunteer 8 hours OR check will be cashed. If hours are worked, check will be returned.
- Nagesh will track how many hours get worked this year
- Phone calls to new parents to recruit help
- various obstacles to implementing work bond were discussed, and issue tabled till next meeting