

## Red Alert Robotics Parents Organization

RARPO Meeting Minutes – January 16, 2014

**Officers Present:** Rick Ramirez – President, Julie Ramirez – Vice President, Mike Kobierski – Treasurer, Donna Vaught – Secretary, Susan Davis – Travel Chair, Chris Roeder – Fundraising Chair

**Parents Present:** Bibbi Eid, Mark Ogle, Christy Varney, David Crider, Meg Reeves, Jill Newport, Marvin Ziegler, Tammy and Ron Rose, Pallavee Kekre, Jon Cardwell, Chris and Bill Turner, Kim Montgomery, Holly James, Norma Scifres, Valerie Schmoll, Karla Tugan, Stephanie Terrell, Gene Kogut, Stacy Osborne, Schuyler Culver, and Julie King

**Introduction:**

Rick Ramirez introduced board and handed out agendas for parent meeting.

**Mentor Presentation:**

Sharon Baxter team liaison informed parents that study tables have started. Students can stay after on Tuesdays and Thursdays and work only on homework til 6pm then practice will start shortly after that. Build season goes thru Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> and students must meet at least 70% of all hours to be able to travel.

Project linus will be Feb 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> if you interested in helping make blankets or donate material. If donating fleece they need at least 1 ½ yards of material.

Sharon would like to convey big thanks to all volunteers for Kick off she received word back that was best breakfast ever for a kick off function.

Nenga members Hailey, Amber, Mariah, and Sharon Baxter went to “Just Popcorn” and asked for donations of 2oz. popcorn to take with team to Chesapeake regional to represent Indiana. “Just Popcorn” agreed to donate samples and will make them red velvet and cream cheese flavored in honor of team.

Team has received a check from Strange brew of \$309.00 this is team’s first check.

Mr Snodgrass would like for parents to know just how much this team has grown. When team started it had 5 mentors and 15 students now team has 10+ mentors and 60 students plus 9 8<sup>th</sup> graders this year. Last year we only had 35-40 students. Mr. Snodgrass is in charge of politics and paperwork (lead coach), Mr. Coloumbe is in charge of math and robot, and Mrs. Baxter is in charge of nenga team and everything else.

Mr. Snodgrass gave parents a sneak peak of team meeting conversation. He discussed lollipop moments (moments which make a difference in students lives) and had kids write down moments that they have had already. He also handed students a card that they should always be mindful of. The card has 3 questions on it for students to ask themselves.

1. Can I Trust you?
2. Are you committed to excellence?
3. Do you care about me?

Mr. Snodgrass presented to parent organization issues that are starting to arise with transportation and regional qualifiers. He turned In paperwork for Purdue regional to receive transportation but paperwork was lost so he is having to resubmit thankfully he has electronic copies. All regional qualifiers will fall under the umbrella of field trips so School Board has to approve all trips which should have been turned in prior to end of December. School board is making exception to timeline as long as forms turned in quickly. Once trips approved then approval can be granted for use of school bus (Purdue only) all others out of state and require motor coaches. Sharon has obtained alternate bus drivers for Purdue trip. Mr. Snodgrass concerned with why this is considered field trip not competition will have to review policies of School to determine if any further action needs to be taken.

Ftc currently has 28 students made up of 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Students have been divided into 2 teams of 14. Ftc 8<sup>th</sup> grade students need to pay \$40.00 to cover parts and tshirt for competition. 9<sup>th</sup> grade will come out of \$400.00 already paid into RARPO and education grant received of \$900.00.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Mike Kobierski gave update on the status of the team's financial situation. The balance in the RARPO PNC bank account is \$45,466.79, of which \$1,847.06 is put aside into new building account. The team also has \$421.12 in the Center Grove school account. The balance reflects purchased made for Hotbox pizza for kickoff lunch, breakfast items for kick off, robot parts, shop supplies, and field construction materials. Upcoming expenses include entry fee for Chesapeake Regional \$4000.00. Deposits made this month include \$5000.00 sponsorship check from Transformation Trust, \$5000.00 sponsorship check from Endress + Hauser, \$1398.00 in candy sales, \$813.00 from light bulb sales, \$161.01 Monical's dine to donate, \$236.02 Avon fundraiser, \$2362.13 friends and family donations and \$9858.25 student fees for 2014 season. Currently 50 of 61 students on the current roster have either paid \$400 fee or provided at least that amount in fundraising. Waiting to hear on 2 grants Rolls Royce (? Since layoffs if we will still receive grant or not) and Tech Point.

### **Travel:**

March 20-22 Boilermaker Regional @ Purdue	Comfort Inn Suites 31 Frontage rd, Lafayette In.
Room rate \$87 per night Team will travel on school bus	
April 3-5 Chesapeake Regional @ Baltimore, MD	Fairfield Inn Laurel, Md
Room rate \$84 per night Team will travel by tour bus Contract for hotel still in works	
April 23-26 World Championships, St Louis, MO	Still working on hotel
Team will travel by tour bus	
May 2014 State Championships, Elkhart, IN	
One day event no overnight required Team will travel on school bus	

RARPO working on tailgating party for one of the close events (Purdue likely)

### **Build Season Food:**

Tammy Rose and Holly James are coordinating meals for build season. They ask that you check emails frequently to find out about your week that you will be providing food for. Please be patient Tammy has had issues with Google doc not working so she is in process of switching over to sign up genius to make things easier. **Reminder not nut products peanut of tree nut due to multiple students with food allergies.**

### **Misc. items:**

Future items team and RARPO will be looking into jersey's instead of cotton tshirts. Order Pre made buttons instead of students making them (cost effective). Fundraiser at Beefcake Burgers 20% kick back with card or have students there for demos and get 10% of all business that night (usually kick back equal between two options). Adopt army unit (helps with Chairman's award).

Team is made up of 33% young women making us unique in First. Looks good for future awards.