

Red Alert Robotics

August 28, 2014

Officers Present: Rick Ramirez- President, Julie Ramirez- Vice President, Karla Tugan- Treasurer, Donna Vaught – Secretary

Parents Present: Valerie Schmoll, Scott Roeder, Tina Crews, Joanna Conrad, Tammy Rose, Amy Franco, Norma Scifres, Christy Varney, Bill & Chris Turner, Lisa Thielmeyer, Jana Schneider, Paula Kovett, Lauren Bromme, Mindy Ziegler, Stacy Osborne, Stephanie Terrell, Lynn Ripberger, Srini Isanaka, Amy Snyder, Jay Miller, Michelle Weilhamer, Holly James, Kim Montgomery, Pat Putman, Elisa Horne, Patty Day, Joanne Lovrinic, Nareen Kekre, Mark Ogle, Lori Kogut, Mike Zook, Bert Bentson, Angela Carpenter, Brad Miller and Jon Cardwell

Team Captain Presentation: Team captain Tommy Ramirez informed parents how team will be running this year. The plans for this year are to include multiple large projects so students have more opportunities to be involved in something and so veteran team members have the opportunity to lead students. Team will still be participating in multiple outreach programs (Gears, Vision Walk, Library Demos, and Cage Match canned food drive). Team is student lead not mentor run. Mentors are there to support, answer questions, and encourage but students actually do the work.

Important Dates:

Sept 6	FTC Game Reveal	Sept 16	FTC Kick off
Sept 26	Homecoming Float	Sept 27	Vision Walk
Sept 27	Library Demo	Oct 17-18	Cage Match
Nov 1	First Forums Training	Nov 14-15	FLL Tournament
Nov-Dec	FTC Tournaments	Jan 3	FRC kick off
Feb 21	FTC State Championship	March	FRC District
tournaments			
April	FRC State Championship	April 22-25	Worlds
May	Banquet	July	IRI

Team Mentor Presentation: Sharon Baxter Rarpo Team Liaison talked to parents about how Indiana First has gone to District competitions. District competitions have several benefits 2 events cost same as what we paid for 1 last year, State competition will happen before Worlds and this will increase team chances of being able to qualify for Worlds.

Students need to sign up in Stims to be able to participate if they are participating in FTC and FRC they must choose both when signing up. Parents then need to complete application for student to be on team. Parents will need to review Student handbook along with their child then sign the back paper in book confirming they have read handbook. Please pay attention to time commitment along with money commitment involved. Travel fees will be separate this year from the \$400.00 student fee. FTC fees do not cover 9th graders participating in FRC if they wish to participate in FRC also when FTC is done they can do so but there is an additional fee to do so. Handbook was only passed out to Rookies at team meeting all Veterans must go online to www.redalert1741.org to review handbook and print out the handbook acknowledgement page.

Students need to be participating in all fundraising events since team is student run. Mrs.

Baxter has a form for parent coordinator to fill out so a student can be put in contact with correct parent to report to.

Parent Positions: Julie Ramirez (Vice President) went over parent involvement requirements. Parents need to take part in at least one event (fundraising, committees, chaperoning, etc...). Parents can look online for available open positions that we are needing help with, right now biggest help needed with (FTC administrator, Assistant Treasurer, Friends and Family fundraising officer, candy sales coordinator, summer Lego camp fundraiser, social media specialist, photographers, hotel planner, and Center Grove Fair Organizer). Mr. Coulombe is in need of parent chaperones during season to help keep eye on students especially since this year team will be divided between 2 buildings if interested let Julie know by email or at meeting.

Communication Director: Rick Ramirez introduced new Communication Director Joanne Lovrinic.

Joanne is currently putting together a plan of action to simplify communication process. She is in need of social media specialists to help out. Committee is working on finding out what is working and what is not working. Email listed for Joanne listed on paper work and website currently is wrong will be updated shortly.

Travel Report: Christy Varney is Travel chair. Christy is working on identifying the process it takes to get trips approved and what it takes to get buses reserved for all the trips we have. Competitions require bus but demos, vision walk, outreach type items do not fall under bus requirements however these type of events also are not covered under school insurance so when students go to these type of functions they fall under their parents insurance. Currently cage match and first forums have been submitted for approval and FTC kick off and FRC kick off needs to be submitted.

All FRC events that team participates have been ok'd by school in regards to limit per semester for field trips team will still have to submit paper work for every function to get transportation and approval in writing from school.

Fundraising Report: The fundraising committee is Valerie Schmoll and Lori Kogut. Opportunities students will have this year to help offset some of the student fee cost is Friends & Family letters (now), Candy Sales (Sept), Dine to Donate, Mike Carwash (Nov), Poinsettia Sales (Dec), Scrips Sales (monthly). Scrip sales will have order going in on 9/1 and special order 9/15 from website deals. You have to create account with code sent to you. Scrip does have some cards that are reloadable you have to check when ordering. Plan is to do monthly with checks being collected at parent meeting and cards coming home with students next week.

Corporate Fundraising: Bert Bentson is Corporate Fundraising chair he explained that we currently have about 10 corporate sponsors and we need at least 10 more. He is looking for at least 10 people to help out on this committee with goal of each person getting at least 1 sponsor each.

Financial Report: Karla Tugan presented budget to parent group some concerns from parents about why travel fees are separated from main budget. Karla explained to parents that right now

these fees are undetermined for travel so that is why it is separated. Main budget is based off of 75 students and \$400.00 student fee. Travel fees are estimates and students will pay actual fees for transportation and hotel cost. Motion made by Donna Vaught to approve budget has presented to Parent group. Stacy Osborne seconded motion. Board voted 4 yes 0 no.

Special Election: Norma Scifres from election committee has coordinated special election for position of Fundraising Chair. Norma sent out special election notice month ago asking for anyone interested in running for position. Valerie Schmoll volunteered for this position. Parent group is voting tonight to elect Valerie (unopposed) for this position that includes voting rights. Parent group and mentors voted and elected Valerie to position of Fundraising Chair unanimously 37 yes 0 no.