

Red Alert Robotics Parents Organization

RARPO Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2014

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

Officers Not Present: Susan Davis stepped down as Travel chair

Parents Present: Bibbi Eid, Jeff Morrow, Pat Rasche, David Crider, Valerie Schmoll, Chris and Bill Turner, Meg Reeves, Lorraine Butcher, Stacy Osborne, Stephanie Terrell, Scott Roeder, Ron Rose, Bruce Varney, Karla Tugan, Mark Ogle, Bert Bentson, Ron Smith, Norma Scifres, Holly James, Brenda Culbertson, Julie King, Steve and Tracy Gardner, Chris Mock Sr, Stephan Watson and Paul Engleman

Mentor Presentation:

Mr. Snodgrass presented to RARPO Ftc is going well kids received jersey's today (with great response) black with red sides. Frc jerseys will be opposite red with black sides. He feels that the 9th graders are stepping up as leaders for 8th graders in regards to Ftc robots. Mecca Hamsters have been a huge help with both Ftc teams. Ftc has competition in Vincennes Feb. 22nd.

Mr. Snodgrass informed parents that the NENGA side of team has already submitted Chairman's essay (10,000 characters and 17 short essays) and paperwork ahead of deadline. Chairman's Award is huge honor one of the top award equal to winning Regional. 1741 Red Alert has won this last 3 years which is how they have qualified for World's in St. Louis.

Mr. Snodgrass explained STEM – science, technology, engineering, mathematics he has now changed it to define our team better. STEAM – science, technology, engineering, *art*, mathematics which represents the NENGA side. NENGA's have set a goal this year to beautify robot in hopes to win award.

Mr. Snodgrass explained how the team did not have a good perception among the school in previous years but now we are currently building a good reputation among teachers and administrative staff. We have found out deadlines for paperwork to be submitted and will maintain gracious professionalism but submitting these documents on time or ahead of schedule. He would like to remind all parents and board members that all contact with administrative staff of Center Grove should go through Mr. Snodgrass only.

Mr. Snodgrass is looking for help with scheduling and paperwork for all events. He has paperwork on a word document so all that will need to be done is change dates and locations then print and send. 1741 is currently waiting on final approval from school board in regards to regional qualifiers transportation has been approved. Suggestion of using a P6 scheduling program made not sure if will work for 1741 but will look into. Calendar needs to be more detailed will try and work on this.

Mrs. Baxter would like to invite parents and students to come help make blankets this upcoming weekend for Project Linus. 1 ½ yards of fleece needing to make blankets. Team could use donations of material. Team will be making blankets Saturday from 9 am – 9 pm and Sunday 1 pm – 7 pm.

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 \$38,966.32, 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 purchases made on robot parts, shop supplies, and field construction. Balance also reflects \$4,000.00 entry fee for Chesapeake Regional. Deposits made this month include \$309 from Strange Brew coffee sales, \$1,383.72 student fees, \$203 candy sales, sponsorship check \$1000 from Southside Pediatrics, popcorn profit \$174.00 and \$400 employee sponsorship check from Honda(Mr. Baxter). We are currently still waiting on sponsorship checks from Rolls Royce and Tech Point Foundation. Rolls Royce did confirm that they still will be sponsoring 1741 this year in form of \$5000.00 and will also provide additional funding for teams that qualify for Worlds (last year 1741 received \$4000 for qualifying).

Travel Report:

Susan Davis stepped down as Travel Chair Julie Ramirez to give report. Board is looking for volunteers for Travel Chair and Transportation Coordinator. Tammy Rose stepped up to be Transportation Coordinator.

Boilermaker Regional at Purdue will be held on March 20-22 team will be staying at Comfort Inn Suites in Lafayette, Indiana. Julie working on setting up a tailgating party for Purdue regional, details to follow. Mr. Snodgrass will lend his expertise by contacting Purdue First to see what he may be able to arrange (permission and location). Team will be using school bus to get to destination.

Chesapeake Regional will be held on April 3-5 team will be staying at Fairfield Inn in Laurel, Maryland. If your child rides the bus then they need to ride bus both ways. Parents can't drive students there then leave students parents must drive them home. Students who do arrive with parents must stay in student rooms. Students will be coming home very early Sunday morning. Team will be using charter bus to get to destination.

World Championships will be held on April 23-26 team is still working on hotel, Board to review options and finalize details tonight. Team will be using a charter bus to get to destination.

Fundraising Report:

Chris Roeder Fundraising Chair gave a rundown of current methods team is using and were we could use some help or suggestions.

Current Fundraisers:

Grants/ Major Donations*

Student Fees

Friends and Family Letters*

Retail Card Fundraiser*

Light bulb sales (Ron Rose)

Community Tech Fair (Mr. Snodgrass)

Restaurant Dine to Donate (Rasche Family)

Product Sales* (popcorn, candy, avon, etc.)

Fll concession (Turners and Osbornes)

Strange Brew Coffee (Osbornes)

Highlighted items needing volunteer to coordinate.

Future endeavors:

- Robotics summer camp
- Crowd sourcing
- Hold FTC regional
- Hold FRC off season event

First fundraising suggested items:

- Murder mystery dinner (\$3000 profit +/-)
- Build your own robot (\$30 per robot +/-)
- Open house event
- Center Grove Kitchen or Garden tour (\$9000 +/-)

Social Events aimed @ Adults:

- Golf Scramble
- Poker Night
- Bingo Night

Board is looking for volunteers to with some fundraiser we already do (highlighted above) and suggestions for future fundraising ideals.

Misc. Items:

Incredible Pizza Dine to Donate fundraiser has been moved to February 27th due to National Honor Society Event.

Spirit wear orders are now being taking. Orders are due by February 27th you can turn them into Mrs. Coffey at Incredible Pizza Company.

Current Bylaws are being reviewed to bring them to conformity with State Requirements and laws.

Next Rarpo meeting is March 13th @ 7pm

