

MSTA Notes

Jan. 25th, 2014

Good news shared



MMSA update: Tom Keller gave Lynn information to share with board members. Recently, MMSA hasn't been doing many conferences (not profitable). Our major focus is on projects. We are involved with schools across the state. Ongoing professional development is part of MMSA's mission, not just "one shot" deals. Event: Next weekend, we will train teachers to teach engineering lessons. Engineers will be on hand to help. Should be exciting!

Boston Conference – NSTA

Laurette said that in the past, we have paid for board members' subs. We also did "save the date" cards. Every time we visited an exhibitor, we would give out these cards.

Mary made a motion to pay for subs for any board members that attend the conference if they make a presentation at the fall MSTTA conference. Diana seconded the motion. Laurette clarified that this could be one or two days. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Save the date cards: These cards would promote our annual October conference (to teachers, vendors and potential presenters) and be given out by board members. Laurette will look into creating the post cards.

Doug shared that the Assistant Executive Director of the NSTA contacted him and asked if they can find ways to promote their conference. NSTA is a non-profit organization. We could send information out through Anita? This rep also asked other questions and Doug got board input to give feedback.

Next meeting: Doug suggested that we could do a more casual meeting and break for dinner. This doesn't mean we would meet longer. Since we had such a long meeting today, it is just a way to "hang" and socialize – plus get something done.

Diana made a motion to end the meeting. Mary seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

Attendees: Doug Hodum, Maria Palopoli, Laurette Darling, Mary Whitten, , Diana Allen, Pamela Thompson, Lynn Farrin & Jon Swan.

Minutes submitted by Maria Palopoli