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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 30, 2018

Meeting held via Zoom

Present: Diana Allen, Sarah Sparks, Lucas Benner, Shari Templeton, Doug Hodum, Bob Kuech, and Jonothan Doughty

Item	Notes	Next Steps/Outcome
New Board Members	Lucas motioned to move Tonya Prentice has an official MSTTA Board member. Shari seconded. Unanimous vote. Sarah motioned to nominate Kate Cook Whitt as an official MSTTA Board member. Lucas seconded. Unanimous vote.	
Secretary Report	Shari motioned to accept the February Secretary's report. Bob seconded Secretary's report passed. Doug abstained from voting.	
Treasurer Report	Lucas motioned to accept the February Treasurer's report. Bob seconded. February Treasurer report passed unanimously.	
Physics Camp Funds	Shari motioned was made to make a \$250 donation, from the Physics Camp funds, in Robin Kennedy's honor to the Challenger Learning Center, from the Physics Account. Bob seconded. Funds could be used for Challenger Learning Center discretion with their programs. Shari suggested to move the remaining Physics Camp funds to the main account and table the discussion for what to do with funds at a later meeting. Suggestions include scholarships to attend MSTTA	

	<p>conference or other science learning for educators.</p>	
<p>Spring Conference Update</p>	<p>Current registration at 130 participants. Some presenters and exhibitors have not registered. Diana will send another email to curriculum coordinators, principals and listserv.</p> <p>MMSA and NSTA exhibitor table costs will be covered by MSTA.</p> <p>Lucas motioned to approve the cost of conference food, Bell the Cat at \$1995 and Oceans Edge at \$342. Bob seconded. Conference food costs approved.</p> <p>Bob motioned to cover the cost of Fireside Inn hotel for board members stay the night before the conference, approximately \$400. Lucas seconded. Unanimous decision.</p>	
<p>Board Member Roles at Conference</p>	<p>MSTA board member roles at the conference are posted in conference google doc. Members are encouraged to attend workshop sessions when they are able. If anyone has questions, connect with Sarah.</p>	<p>Board members should make sure they know their role at the upcoming conference.</p>
<p>New Hire MMSA</p>	<p>Doug motioned to accept contract with MMSA. Shari seconded. The contract with MMSA will have Natalie Reis work on MSTA website, after the conference, to shift Wild Apricot site to rebuild MSTA website. Concern about costs of trying to have website maintained, but recognize that current board members are not able to keep up with the website. Concerns about the financial sustainability of this long term, and should be evaluated regularly during board meetings. The goal is to make MSTA website more professional and more user friendly. The board will re-evaluate at the next meeting. Vote passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>Past Board member gifts</p>	<p>Doug motioned to allocate such funds (\$300) as to purchase appreciation gifts for</p>	

	Maria, Pamela and Andrea. Lucas seconded. Motion passed through electronic voting (3/25/18).	
Adjourn	Shari motioned to adjourn, Doug seconded.	

Upcoming meetings:

MSTA Conference, April 6th & 7th

Thursday, May 3rd, 4:30-6:30

Thursday, June 7th, 4:30-6:30