

NCSTA Full Board Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2021
Meeting Format Web Ex Virtual Platform

Members Present: Amanda Clapp, Mary Ellen Durham, Adrienne Evans, Gavin Fradel, Tim Guilfoyle, MaryKate Holden, Cliff Hudson, Carrie Jones, Laura Lowder, Carol Maidon, Ann McClung, Joette Midgett, Manley Midgett, Brad Rhew, Kristina Rogers, Tom Savage, Lindsay Smith, Mike Tally, Lisa Tolley, Sandra Weitzel, Brian Whitson and Brad Woodard

Meeting Called to order by President Sandra Weitzel at 6:33 p.m.

Quorum was established.

- I. **Meeting Agenda** The agenda was adopted by acclamation.
- II. **Meeting Minutes** Motion to accept the January 28th meeting minutes was made by Carol Maid and seconded by Manley Midgett. The minutes were accepted by acclamation.
- III. **Treasurer's Report** The Treasurer's report was presented by Mary Ellen Durham.

NCSTA Treasurer Report

March 26, 2021

NCSTA received an income of \$3,568.13 from dues, interest, contributions and fees during the first quarter. This income was offset by expenses exceeding \$6,400.00. With all outstanding bills paid in full, the North Carolina Science Teacher Association closed the first three months of the year operating at a loss. As of March 9, 2021, the total assets in checking and savings equaled \$151,588.84. This amount includes \$41,346.18 in checking and \$110,242.66 in savings. Detailed financial information will be provided by the Business Manager in the March financial statements and report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ellen Durham,

NCSTA Treasurer

- IV. **Business Manager's Report** Joette reviewed the Profit & Loss spreadsheet.

Discussion - Awards

Ann McClung stated concerns about districts being able to fill persons for the Elementary, Middle and High School awards given at the PDI. Ann gave an example from which she was District Director about trying to spread out into other counties in her district, not just her own county where she knew teachers. Please use contact persons at the County Office. Each

District Director should have received a contact list with contacts in each county. If there is a bounce back with individual contacts, let Joette know. These contacts should be updated each year.

Discussion - Nominations

Adrienne Evans, Amanda Clapp, Ann McClung, Mary Ellen Durham, Laura Lowder, Lindsay Smith and Brad Woodard offered to help with the Nominations committee. There was a question asked by Kristina Rogers about how nominations are processed. The answer was that nominations go to Joette and then to Alissa. Manley mentioned that there is never a real flood of nominees.

We are at a disadvantage compared to other years with not having face-to-face Science Fairs and other competitions to where we can advertise awards and board positions. Most of our awards and nominees come from the Charlotte, Winston-Salem and Raleigh area. Sandra Weitzel mentioned that the pod listings she sent out before the last meeting could help with getting more candidates for awards and board positions. Lisa Tolley stated that she would check her Environmental Education contacts.

V. **Grants** Carrie Jones stated that there was one eligible Curriculum Grant turned in entitled Water Watchers. This grant will be one to test water quality with Vernier probes. Mary Ellen Durham mentioned that she knows this individual and would represent the grant well. Carrie Jones announced Sept. 1st as the deadline for the next round of grants. Manley made a motion to approve the grant and the motion carried after a roll call vote was taken.

VI. **Outreach Reports** (Manley Midgett-Elementary) Manley reported that three sessions were being held this spring for Grades K-5 regarding meeting the science standards at each grade level. The next will be April 15th on Summative Assessments, Brad Rhew mentioned that through word of mouth the participation for these has increased. People are telling others about the good things with regards to Professional Development NCSTA is offering.

Ann McClung-(Middle/High School) Next session is April 29th at 5 p.m.

VII. PDI/Conference Coordinator Report

- Joette shared that we currently have six booths for the Exhibit Hall compared to three booths at this time in 2019 which was the date of our last PDI. We have two promises of participation as well.
- At this time, we have 16 presenters as compared to 9 at this time in 2019. There is reason to be excited with this data. If the presenters are committing to attending, then attendees will also. This is a good sign.
- Manley shared that the NC State NASA grant will give a session as well and will share information at a booth.
- Share-A-Thons will be led this year by Kristina Rogers. There will be 3-4 total Share-A-Thon Categories.
- 1,000 bags will be given out as well as badge holders.
- Social distancing and safety/sanitation measures will be in place for PDI and we will have to account for that.

- We will have door prizes again this year.
- Tom Savage asked about Burroughs-Wellcome sponsorships. Manley stated that he had a meeting with the group yesterday afternoon. This grant totals \$25,00. Manley will provide a written report as he does each year.

VII. **Board Member Jobs at PDI** (Carol Maidon)

- Everyone should have received an email from Joette based on your job preference as it relates to duties at PDI.
- She has heard from most all the board.
- Joette thanked those for accepting their duties. There will be follow up regarding the tasks that you will be asked to do.
- Carol reminded everyone that we are the host of this PDI, and we need to be visible throughout. The tasks will include Registration Booth slots, parking, signs, etc..
- When Joette contacts you, please respond to her email. She appreciated the positive responses. If you have questions about your tasks, please do not hesitate to ask.

VIII. **PDI Planning** (Carol Maidon)

- Cliff mentioned he would follow up with the Space group.
- As noted in the earlier meeting the theme is Space. We will be working to get space artifacts for the concourse at Benton similar to when we had the 2019 Apollo 11 cutouts for our 50-year birthday celebration.
- Carol mentioned that she cannot submit an application for speakers until 6 months prior to PDI.

Discussion About Board Positions--Nominations for 2022

- This will begin in May, Mary Ellen will help with recruitment.
- 1st Nominations call May-August timeframe, Joette will tally them.
- District Directors from Districts 2, 4, 6 and 8 are up for election/re-election.
- Winners will be announced at PDI.

Share Fare---Reports from District Directors and Committee Chairs

- District 5: Brad Rhew shared that the district has a Facebook page which has been active with likes and comments.
- DPI Liaison, Gavin Fradel, shared information about Science Standard Revisions. scheduled for June. Process rollout could be explained at PDI.
- District 1: Cliff Hudson shared the "Get Outside NC" program with the Northeast Natural Science Foundation Grant. Sarah Yelton is the contact person for this. This would be mainly for Grades 6-12 Environmental Science teachers.
- Manley (Goals & Membership) Try to contact everyone we can. The member outreach has helped a great deal during this pandemic year. If someone registered for an outreach session, they also received a membership to NCSTA. The networking and connections made in the Pod groups will help also.

Businesses and sponsorships can go a long way as well to sponsor a teacher to go to PDI.

- Ann McCung (Robotics) reminded the board of April 29th as the last Middle/High School outreach PD
- Brian Whitson shared his email whitsonbas@gmail.com for us to include any information that can be posted to any of our social media sites.
- Manley mentioned the Trust Fund and that there is always an invitation for donations; he reaches out to Past Presidents at PDI, the Fred Beyer memorial contribution is given towards this fund.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Thursday, May 27th is the next meeting at 6:30 p.m.

July 22nd

September 25th (in person if possible)

November 3rd @ PDI

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. with a motion from Manley Midgett

Respectfully submitted by Brad Woodard, NCSTA Secretary