OSTA Board Meeting Minutes, June 7, 2014. Howell Hall, UCO

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Present: Joyce Cheatham, Tina Rogers, Bob Melton, Bethany Lorenz, Tim Laubach, Suzanne Spradling, Deborah Hill, Travis Hurst, Tiffany Neill, Annette Huett.

Minutes of last meeting read, but not approved. (no quorum)

CAAGS attendance discussed. Info put on basecamp to see who would like to go.

Elementary- no report. HS – no report. College - Tim says no students yet for board member consideration.

Tiffany Neill says science standards sitting on Governor Fallen desk waiting to be signed by July 17th. Also the state textbook committee meets June 13th with publishers. OKSci not owned by state dept. Working on a parent branch soon. Businesses will be joining them. July 21-24 workshop for those that lead PD for science teachers. July 15th Big science day at Vision 2020. OKSci Leadership first class graduated and second class is up and coming. Lots of discussion on helping elementary level teachers teach more science. Science standards and sub committees will help be models for math and language. (Bob thinks we need more actresses in science who can produce timely tears.) We need to make personal connections in government to help when it comes to implementing standards and passing them.

Suzanne: NCSE July 16-19th. Encourages teachers to use NSTA Learning Center. Science Matters could pay for some professional development.

Travis – 241 active members, 214 inactive. He encourages science bowl.

Bob – OESE has helped get info out to public. Several of their board members are OSTA members. Fall conference Proposals have been posted.

Suzanne: Awards: No nominees to look at right now. Deadline moved up so we know earlier. Now Oct. 1st.

Tina; Safety: wants an OKSci leadership person to present her vision for science safety. She knows a Chem teacher that safety was her OKSci keystone project. Bob wants to know her credentials. Tina says she wants to share her vision and bring professional peeps in to solve the problems. She will do a video for us to see. Tiffany says there is a need for safety training. Also explained what this OKSci person’s vision is. Joyce wants to know if our web page has a link for safety. Bob said no. Discussed if we would have a safety summit this year. Tiffany said OKSci person wants to start a safety task force. Also thought we could have a link to NSTA safety info.

Bethany – Awards Banquet. Places to host are expensive. OERB will help pay $1000, but can’t host. Heritage Hall may host for free. She is checking on it. Pearson will do $1500, but isn’t set in stone yet. Bethany wanted to make sure she has permission to get things booked. No vote needed for her to take care of things. Total cost of catering needs to be double checked. Bethany will put details on basecamp as soon as she get them done. CASMEO will help with the $100 per teacher awards again this year. Make sure invitations are sent out to OERB, CASMEO, Pearson, awardees, principals Heritage Hall, STEM state person (Jeff Downs) , Tiffany, district peeps of awardees, Dena Thomas and Goldie from Higher Regents.

Joyce – Conference- predicts more venders/exhibitors. See attached agenda for proposed schedule. Theme is “OSTA Flips for Science”. Strands are Flip science stereotypes, Flip into new practices, Flip technology into Science. Forensics workshop requested again.

Discussed joint OSTA/OCTM membership for elementary teachers. Math dues are $20/year. (1st,2nd & 3rd year teachers free) , $10 for retired and half time teachers, $10 for elementary teachers, math conference is $30.

Gizmo Explore Science will pay for lunch if they can have a spot to talk. (interactive science). Need to know how much time they want….Tina found out only 15 minutes. They will be at the beginning since they are paying for lunch.

Conference price could be lowered if more sponsors found. Cost is now $30 per member for a total of $45. Tina will let us know via basecamp when things are set in stone.. If not set in stone then cost will be $40 + 15 membership.

Theme:OSTA Flips for Science

Keynote: Dr. Donna Nelson, $1000.

Panera Bread Breakfast; Deborah

Tina Discussed bundleing vendors/exhibitors for table, banner,session,ad…. Programs last year cost $150. Discussion about going “greener”. Make an app.

Plans are to make preservice teachers more visible, possibly give them a room to present posters.

OSTA Board positions/Officers openings = Pres.Elect, Secretary/Historian, 2 Directors at Large, College rep, Middle School Rep.

t-shirts: see if last year’s person wants the challenge. No cost to OSTA. Beth has contact info

New Business: Legislative committee. Bob suggested board members of OESE, Bob, Bethany, Debra be the start of this committee. Add Julie Angle and others that are already active. Possibly put in member clicks/basecamp. Committee will come up with a plan to give political voice to science.

Tiffany would like OSTA help on picking top science senior students for a science camp.

Next meeting August 9th.