

PTPF Annual Meeting

10/2/2024, 8:00 P.M. CST

Attendance: Sabriyah Taher, Nancy Koshy, Heeral Narkhede, Rose Lam, Amy Helgeson, Krispen Lam, Norton Lam, Amelie Elmquist

Updates:

FLL Challenge

- We have 2 FLL Challenge teams this year. Each team has 6 students, with students representing all schools except Pinewood. Their tournaments are in December.
- There is interest in starting a team at Chippewa, but we were unable to get it together in time. Community Ed is going to revisit that next season.
- The cost to register is \$200 per student, but scholarships are provided by Community Ed if needed.
- Teams are supported by Coach mentors (Norton L & Steve W.), and a team mentor (Potential Energy). We also have an MV FLL website to host information as the coaches need it. bit.ly/mvlegoleague
- **I have ordered 2 competition tables from Andymark. The total for the tables is \$638.00. With shipping it's \$766.45. I would like to request that it be paid for out of the Posse Foundation Acct.**

FLL Explore

- The explore season runs Jan-April, with the festival taking place at Chippewa on May 3. HTK is running the event.
- Registration has started, but we won't know how many teams until it closes in Dec. The cost to register is \$80 per student, but scholarships are provided by Community Ed if needed.
- We are hoping for more enrollment this year. Last season we had 8 teams, representing all schools except Pinewood.
- **I would like to ask for approval to order more SPIKE Essential Kits if needed (\$319.95 per kit). We only have 8 right now, and will need more if we have more teams.**

PTPF Available Funds: \$15,346.69

Next Steps:

- See if we can get a yearly breakdown from the Women's Foundation (do we just have a huge interest rate???)
- Are there other barriers/hardships that we can help with? Scholarships, etc? (Where is the money for scholarships currently coming from?) We would rather do this at the younger levels. Invest in tablets for Explore teams?

- In future: scholarships for FTC teams directly? How can we continue supporting the teams that we supported at the younger levels
 - **Schedule another call to make a plan going forward: Tues 10/8 at 8pm**
-

PTPF Annual Meeting (Follow-Up)

10/7/2024, 8:00 P.M. CST

Attendance: Heeral Narkhede, Meghan Froehle, Rose Lam, Amy Helgeson, Krispen Lam, Norton Lam, Amelie Elmquist

Updates:

Women's Foundation account update

- No set interest rate – everything is invested. Anything from 5% to 40%
- PTPF Available Funds: \$15,346.69
- We've donated ~\$4800 so far
- Fee is 1–2% for administration
- Plan changed because of COVID. Very few donations since COVID because of fewer teams.

Teams updates

- Last year (2023–2024)
 - Sold WeDo kits to pay for SPIKE kits. The kits that we bought are now being used at St. Paul schools
 - WeDo is no longer used, replace w/ SPIKE Essential
 - All schools had teams except for Pinewood – smallest school, very high % of students whose families don't have reliable transportation, parents doing swing shifts. Likely more of a time barrier than a money barrier
- This year (2024–2025)
 - Hoping to get back up to 12 teams. Won't know until mid-December (people are already signing up!)
 - Will need funds for SPIKE Essential if more than 8 teams
 - Teams are hesitant to use their personal devices for coding.
 - 2 FLLC teams in the district (came up from FLLE last year). Tournaments in December, currently in 4th week of meeting. Using SPIKE Prime
 - *Just* breaking even
 - Needed to buy 2 competition tables
 - Intense interest from one Chippewa mom but couldn't get it together this year
- How are programs promoted to families?
 - Printed in Community Ed catalogs, on website, on PeachJar (online targeted signup; Community Ed promotes programs to parents)

- Mrs. Lam sends emails to families who have been in FLLE
- Community Ed is promoting this more than other classes. They want this to succeed, but also sort of limited
- How do scholarships work?
 - Community Ed pays for it. If you get free/reduced lunch, you can automatically get 50% off. Or if not, you can just ask
 - (This is a benefit of having Community Ed run the program)
- Overall: lot of kids cross school boundaries because they sign up based on the day they're available, not which school they go to. e.g. if you're free on Wednesdays you meet at X school. Allows kids to make friends outside their school
- Will learning how to find sponsors, etc. be part of the FLLC curriculum?
 - Not part of the plan right now; the teams are just starting out, would be several years down the line
 - Valuable skill to learn (way for us to work with the students in the future?)

Requests from MV Community Ed

- FLL Challenge competition tables (~\$800 total, with shipping) **APPROVED**
- Up to 4 more SPIKE Essential kits if needed (\$319.95 per kit) **APPROVED**
- Personal tablet for each team (~\$100 per team) plus a protective case (~\$30 per tablet)
 - Adjustment: Up to \$700 for tablets & cases **APPROVED**

Our general goal going forward: Help Community Ed recognize that this is worth investing in

Request from Coding the Cosmics:

CoLa mentioned that you are interested in learning about our foundation. The goal is to support girls in robotics through financial and non-financial support. We are creating a mentor page, advice page, and giving out two \$500 scholarships per year. Our business plan with more information is attached, and more information on donations is below.

[Cosmics Foundation Business Plan](#)

Paypal: https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=XQXFYGUEE3SW4

GoFundMe (Cosmics Foundation): <https://www.gofundme.com/f/cosmics-foundation>

- Revisiting at a later point to discuss with all team members

Next Steps:

- Write down our general goals for the next few years
- Schedule another time to discuss Cosmics Foundation contribution

Meeting adjourned: 9:37 P.M. CST

Notes submitted by: Rose Lam

PTPF Annual Meeting (Follow-Up)

10/21/2024, 8:00 P.M. CST

Attendance: Sabriyah Taher, Heeral Narkhede, Rose Lam, Nancy Koshy, Meghan Froehle

Updates:

- We will make a one-time grant of \$250 to Coding the Cosmics Foundation
- Started [plan for 2025 onwards](#)

Meeting adjourned: 10:15 P.M. CST

Notes submitted by: Rose Lam

Next meeting will take place in July 2025