June 26, 2022 SD DI Board Meeting

\* Dean Fenenga
\* Merrie Atherton
\* Amanda Witt
\* Paul Kosel
\* Kristi Erickson
\* Maria Kendle
Barb Schuler

\*Arlinda Gyfle

\*Ashley Gylfe

Michelle Walth

\*Betsy Sage (Rapid City)

Meeting called to order at 7:32 p.m. CT

Moved by Paul Kosel, seconded by Kristi Erickson to accept Betsy Sage from Rapid City as a new board member. Motion carried.

Election of Officers - two year terms.

Arlinda Gyfle will move into president.

Vice President: Moved by Paul Kosel, seconded by Kristi Erickson to cast unanimous ballot for Merrie Atherton as Vice President. Motion carried.

Moved by DeanFenenga, seconded by Merrie Atherton to nominate and cast unanimous ballot for Paul Kosel as secretary. Motion carried.

We hope Michelle Walth will continue as treasurer. This is a non voting position.

The financial report was given. This past year was very good. The profit this past year was $5,940.72.

Ashley will work on the website and also work on the Facebook page.  Should also post about Amazon Smiles - SD Destination Imagination.

Try to get with Bible Camps to promote SDDI.

License Agreement was discussed. It was agreed to approve the agreement.

No changes in Global Fees this year. Background checks reduced from $50 to $25 with school exemptions.  We will keep our local affiliate fees the same as last year.

Looking for George Morse Middle School in Pierre for the state affiliate in 2023. Best dates for March 25 and April 1st (looking at April 1st as the best date). Parking could be an issue. It’s across the street from the Capital.

Need 7 performance areas - 2 gym size or better, 5-7 instant challenge areas, 5 challenge rooms, area for pin trading, commons area, office area and cooling down area. Price is a huge consideration. At Tri-Valley, Maria had access to the Chrome Books for scoring which worked great.

Dean is working on a Busch Foundation Grant - anywhere from $250 to $125,000. We can continue to build on on it. They have a specific STEM growth grant carved out for the Dakotas and Minnesota. We need a specific idea for the grant.

Dean has a meeting set up with the librarian in Gregory and Winner. Hope to get a team or two out of there. The 2022-23 season flyers will be available soon.

Globals 2023 - Nothing is finalized for location. They are looking for somewhere in the central United States and the town needs an airport. Budget needs to be wrapped up by June 30th. Saturday to Tuesday before Memorial Day.

In the Globals, we had three teams that placed. Watertown placed 10th in the middle level. Elk Point-Jefferson placed sixth in science and St. Elizabeth Seton placed first in elementary technicals challenge.

There were a lot of good reports from this year’s Globals. Everyone that went had something positive to say about it.

Ashley suggested having donation levels, which everyone liked it.

Need about 25 teams to have a regional tournament.

Dean is going to check on the size of the board - Maria thought it was reduced to a nine-member board.

Next board meeting is set for July 17th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul I. Kosel