

Date: 11/14/2014 Meeting Minutes DRAFT
Location: Trinity College, Mather Hall
Taken By: Laurie Grover

Attended by: Chinma Uche, Betsy Dillard, Laurie Grover, Dana Kinel, Norm Sondheimer, Jackie Corricelli, Patrice Gans, Michael Wilkosz, Aline Nichols, Cindy Erickson, Debbie Miller, Christopher Kerr, Amy Blank, Pauline Lake, Seth Freeman. Visitor/Presenter: Darcy Ronan Sacred Heart University.

This meeting was the first meeting after our 2018 fall election.

Role	Newly Elected	Prior Office Holders
President	Betsy Dillard	Chinma Uche
Vice President	Jackie Corricelli	Pauline Lake
Secretary	Cindy Erickson	Cindy Erickson
Treasurer	Chris Blassezynski	Betsy Dillard
Librarian	Bradley Kjell	Bradley Kjell

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Chinma welcomed the new board and gave a thank you to the new officers and a transition speech. All new officers were introduced and gave a brief introduction.

Betsy Dillard introduced herself and gave an Update on our use of the Google Grant Money. The monies were used in 2 ways.

- 1) Sept Training Session for Middle School Teachers
 - NICERC gave a training session for Middle School Cyber Literacy
 - Chinma provided a “Swag Bag” for each teacher with materials from sponsors.
 - All teachers attending were given a MicorBit kit, these were purchased under the Google Grant.
 - All teachers received breakfast, lunch, beverages and snacks during the 8-hour training session.
 - 35 teachers attended the training session. Most of them were from Connecticut. We had teachers from Massachusetts and one from Rhode Island.
- 2) Work on the CT-CSTA Website
 - \$200 dollars was spent on updating the CT-CSTA website for the Spring Summit.

Seth Freeman 2018 Summit Chair

- Discussed the 2018 spring conference.
- Agreed to explore if doing another summit this year is feasible. Suggested the topic of working to bring Computer Science To this State.

Chinma Uche – Reminded teachers about the NCWIT Aspirations award

- NCWIT is a project whose goal is to bring the workforce up to a 50% male to Female ratio.
- It supports you girls in tech fields.
- They offer scholarships, they have Facebook groups.
- They follow girls from high school into college and with their careers offering support.

CS Ed Week Ideas (Brainstorming across the group)

- Jackie held a CS Fair last year- featuring guest speakers and talking about courses offered.
- Hour of Code with Code.org was mentioned.
- Google is sponsoring an hour of code using Scratch. Funding Available.
- Girls Who Code was started at Trinity Magnate and they are spearheading a CS Ed week activity.
- Marketing the activity is a big thing – Raffles, Prizes, Food
- Members are encouraged to share the results at the February meeting.

Norm Sondheimer – State Advocacy update

- The New Governor, Ned Lamont wishes to prioritize Computer Science education.
- He wants to follow Rhode Island's method of implementing it.
- He is connecting with other states.
- Norm has a scheduled meeting with him.
- What legislation is appropriate.
 - Point to the Code.org initiative
 - Progress on standards to graduate.
 - Currently each town dictates education requirements for their Computer Science Teachers.
- Trying to produce a plan for legislators to act on.
- Trying to free up funds to support K-12 education.
- Trying to get support from a variety of industries to advocate locally. Currently have Google and Microsoft.

Plan for this years Congressional App Challenge Awards at the State Capital

- Date – May 16th 2018 at 2:30
- Call your State Rep. if you have a winner.

Presenter: Darcy Ronan Sacred Heart University. Regional Partner in Code.org

Darcy talked about the resources that Sacred Heart has to offer for the CT-CSTA

Resources:

- Sacred Heart has the space and the resources to host workshops and summits.
- They are willing to spearhead initiatives.
- They have a satellite campus in Griswold Connecticut

Plans

- They are working on programs for Computer Science Certification
- The Dean is talking to the State. They want to make an announcement during CS Week on this.
- They want to support the CT-CSTA more.

The CT-CSTA Board is very excited about this partnership.

Summit Plans (Norm and Seth)

- Looking at two dates May 3 or 17th
- Will focus on Senior Leadership.
- Need industry supporters
- Need to bring in officials from other states to talk about their success.
- Need to define our goals
- Need to form a committee to start planning.
- Need a minimum of 6-8 people as chairs.
- Need administrator to be part of the meeting.
- Contact Seth, Norm or Betsy if your want to be part of the meeting.

Chinma – Cyber Robotics Coding Competition – Is anyone doing it. No.

The next meeting is on February 11th at Quinnipiac
A board meeting will be held to discuss the agenda.

End of minutes