Florida Association of Science Teachers (FAST)

December 15, 2018

Orlando Technological School

Board Meeting Notes

The president, Donna Barton, called the meeting to order and welcomed FAST members intending including Amy Trujillo, Zoellen Warren, Katie Schlotterbeck, Nancy Besley, Barbara J. Rapoza, Gary Yoham, Erick Hueck, Mary Tweedy, Suzette Gagnon, Debi Bowen, Yvette Greenspan, and Janice Novello.

Elected and Appointed Officers Reports:

The minutes were accepted.

Nancy Besley gave a treasurer report. The accounting year for FAST is October first

 through Sept. 30th.

President Donna Barton summited her budget for the year. She also proposed having two additional FAST meetings during the year in addition to today’s meeting. The March 23 meeting will possibly be held at the Plantation on Crystal River and the August 3, 2019 in St. Augustine at the conference hotel.

The following board positions were appointed and approved:

Gary Yoham – Executive Director

Mary Tweedy – Secretary

Elected Administrative Officers Reports: Area Directors:

The following Area Directors emailed or gave reports:

Areas 4, 7, 9, 10, and 11.

Area Directors and other board members who attended last summer’s training for Area Director gave positive feedback on how helpful it was.

Appointed Administrative Officers Reports: Division Representatives:

There will no longer be Elementary, Middle and High School Division Representatives.

Yvette Greenspan will continue as Post Secondary. She gave a report

Brad Tanner will continue as Informal Science.

Appointed Administrative Officers Reports: Committee Chairpersons

Convention Chairperson, Barbara Rapoza reported that the 2018 FAST Conference was profitable. She shared information on the 2019 FAST Conference that will be held in St. Augustine from October 24 – 26, 2019. The meet and greet will be on Thursday evening. Field trip suggestions and ideas to boost attendance were discussed.

Debi Bowen will take over Membership.

A nomination committee was formed including Erick Hueck, Gary Yoham, and Nancy Besley. They will send out a call for nomination for odd numbered Area Directors.

Appointed Administrative Officers Reports: Ad Hoc Committee Chairpersons

Advisors: It was noted that all past presidents are FAST advisors.

Awards: Leslie Pohley

Leslie reported that 12 out of 19 classroom grants and 4 out of 6 travel grants were funded. There will be 10 classroom grants and 8 travel grants this year.

History: Jane Hart

Newsletter/Journal: Zoellen Warren

Professional Development: Linda Petuch

Website: Gary Yoham

Appointed Administrative Reports: Associates and Affiliations:

FFFS – Nancy Besley

Science Matters – Jane Hart and Marsha Winegarner

Old Business:

Barbara Rapoza identified By Laws that needed to be updated. Secretary is to maintain updated copy of By Laws.

New Business:

Take into consideration the rewriting of Area Directors responsibilities.

President Barton discussed ways to increase FAST memberships by strengthening our relationship with NSTA and its resources. The inclusion of AIMS and NSTA articles in the journals and newsletters was discussed.