

TUMMA full board meeting - October 13, 2016

In attendance: Taylor Mathy, John Belmonte, Alexis Baldwin on behalf of Jim Hill, Pat Rezin, Dave Scidmore, Ed Johnson, John Funke, Kurt Bear, Jerry Arndt, Ann Snow (The Children's Museum), Beth Sullivan (WDB)

Meeting called to Order by Kurt Bear at 3:00pm.

Introductions made

Past meeting minutes approved by Ed, second by John Funke.

Treasurer's report by John Funke. Balance in account was \$15,151.77. Eventually looking to establish scholarship funds and need to discuss what we need to keep on reserve. Dave approved, Pat Second.

Introduction of Ann Snow from The Children's Museum. She is discussing an opportunity of TUMMA having a manufacturing display. No other museums have a display with manufacturers. Some suggestions are a before and after box, up-close examples of products like a truss from Mid City steel or part of a bow from Mathews Bow. There were no decisions made.

New Business

Review of bylaws clarifying membership. Confirming that nonprofit and educators join at no cost but would still require a membership form completed. Lizz will cross reference the forms we have and get missing forms to members for file.

Renewal process also discussed. Bylaws state renewal start to go out the 2nd week of November and on Calendar year. No motions ended up being made but clarified that existing members will be billed out in November and any new members will be prorated for the year when they join. A new member in 2017 starting in June would only be charged ½ the membership cost. Beth reiterated that Lizz cannot handle the funds but can facilitate due to WIOA regulations. Letters will go out the 1st week in November and signed by John Funke.

Discussion on what value TUMMA will/did bring this year. Dave from Badger Corrugating had the La Crosse Builder's association sponsor kids to tour his business. The group agreed we need to start being able to show value for the membership costs we are collecting. We need a clear vision and be able to tell the story of the organization.

John Belmonte gave a K-12 update. Group is getting involved in the INSPIRE platform and there is an additional learning session on Friday that Taylor and Lizz are attending. Gave update on FabLab grant and ways TUMMA can participate in the future. John gave up date on action item that we are exploring hosting a WORKKEYS workshop for manufacturers to educate them on what it is and how it could be implemented into their hiring process.

Discussed other task forces. Ed said we need to look at our current employees to see who would be a good fit on the task forces, it should not just be board members. Marketing is the next task force we

should explore. Lizz is currently managing the Facebook page and waiting on the log on information from the past intern. She encouraged everyone to “like” the page and spread the news.

Beth shared information on the apprenticeship grant. A focus will be to bridge the gap between youth apprenticeship and adult apprenticeship. Working on establishing program to build skills in a pre-apprenticeship program. Julie Mitchell at WDB will be leading this charge and part of Lizz’s role will be to assist in this also.

John Belmonte moved for the meeting to go to closed session and Pat second.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm

Next meeting is November 10th at Western Technical College

Annual meeting will be held on December 8th