



Date: March 12, 2023

Location: Zoom

Time: 7:00 pm



Meeting Attendees: Michelle Oxrider, Harry Oxrider, Laura Torres, Jose Torres, Dee Gordon, Barbara Proehl, Deb Nelson, John Sparks, Rebecca Gruenberg, Anita Pennington, Morgan Lehman

Unable to attend: Meghan Birt, Asfeeya Khan

PSG PRESIDENT REPORT (Jose Torres):

No updates. 2/1/23 minutes approved.

DISTRICT COORDINATOR/S REPORT (Michelle & Harry Oxrider) - contact at centervilledistrict@gmail.com

- **CCS Central Office:** P2P payment was dropped off on Tuesday, 3/07/23. We're all set with Central Office now.
- **Region 12 Updates:** IT'S OVER! Region will pay the team registration fees for State; registration due Tuesday, 3/14/23.
 - 34 teams - 8 Rising Stars. So 14 of 26 competitive teams are advancing.
 - # advancing to State: 14
 - EL 6, ML 3, SL 4, SS 1
 - 6 were 1st place finishers.
 - 5 were 2nd place finishers.
 - 4 were 3rd place finishers.
 - 2 Golden Tickets; they were elementary engineering teams.
- **Ohio/OKC Affiliate Updates:** State Tournament will be held at Barberton High School on April 1st. Information can be found on the CDI website under the OHDI '23 tab. Links to CDI Block hotels still active (availability is no longer guaranteed).
- **DI HQ Updates:** Globals Hotel listing is available on website along with 2023-2024 challenge previews.

SECRETARY REPORT - Sheila Camillus - contact at psg4cdi@gmail.com:

The next meeting will be on Sunday, 4/2/23. We will be discussing information related to Globals. This meeting will be held via Zoom.

TREASURER REPORT - Anita Pennington - contact at cdipsg.treasurer@gmail.com:

- Previous DAYAIR BALANCE = [REDACTED]
- Deposits: \$63.35
- Cash Out:
 - 2/18: \$88.04 Snapfish expense for team pictures.
 - 2/19: \$17.25 envelopes for team pictures.
 - 2/27: \$6.22 Credit card. twine -- supply for managers of engineering teams for dress rehearsals.
 - 2/27: \$50.00 check to NHICC (New Hampshire DI) for DI Box & Ball charms for senior graduation cords.
 - \$10.74 6 pack of masking tape from Amazon for Dress Rehearsal
 - \$100 to Harry for picture fees
 - \$ 4,455.95. Pay to play fee to CCS. Includes \$16 fee for background check.
- Upcoming Expenses:
- Current DAYAIR BALANCE as of 3/12/23= [REDACTED]

PayPal Account (District Coordinators) \$1,502.10:

INCOME	DEBITS
Registration payment*: \$15	PSG "Happy Gram" for R12 Booklet: \$51.52
3 shirts (Walusimbi): \$45	Tassel Depot / 25 cords + s/h: \$154.53



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TAXES:

- Harry has put together the tax returns. He found a \$169 (+ tax) software package for e-filing, which allows all the board members to view it and approve it remotely.
- PNC account has been closed.
- *Important note for the future:* PayPal needs to be transferred to the bank by the end of the year.
- All board members have approved the filing, and it was e-filed (a/o 3/13).
- Big Expense: \$22,705 for Globals. Membership income: \$20,352.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Social Media (Michelle Oxrider & Dee Gordon): No updates.

Alumni Ambassadors - Rebecca Gruenberg & Preeti Balachandran - contact @ CDIalumni12@gmail.com:

There are a few graduating seniors. Rebecca will look for their contact information for future contact.

Spirit Wear: Embellished Threadz, (Michelle Oxrider). Closed.

Fundraising (Anita Pennington) - contact at PSGfundraisingforDI@gmail.com:

- MARCH event: Raising Cane's fundraiser -- Nothing back yet from Raising Canes
- No more PSG fundraising after March.
- FlipGive: \$25.62
- Kroger Community Rewards: \$63.35
- Anita has the Laser Web check, but hasn't deposited it yet.

District Pins (Jose & Laura Torres): Laura gave \$85 of change to Michelle. She has \$85 of change that she'll hold on to. Anita sent Laura her address to bring Anita pin money. Sold 25 sets of pins.

Publicity:

There were some issues with distribution of the vinyl decals and kids not realizing that they were special, so suggestion to distribute with a note explaining what they are and how they can be used (e.g., water bottle or laptop) in the future.

Building coordinators have been asked to give the team lists to schools for announcement on Monday. Kids are allowed to take medals to school if they'd like, with the caveat that if they're lost or destroyed they won't be replaced.

Round Robin - aka IC/Picture Day (Barb Proehl): CHS (East/West/Central), Saturday, Feb 4, 2023. Michelle is building the "Next Year Remember" document.

Dress Rehearsal - Rebecca Gruenberg & Preeti Balachandran - contact @ CDIalumni12@gmail.com:

- Fabulous job by Rebecca & Preeti!
- Michelle has some take aways that she's putting into the "Next Year, Remember..." document.



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Dissert Banquet (Deb Nelson): March 16, 2023.

- Deb has serving supplies, including silverware, serving utensils, plates, and napkins. Oxriders may have plates in their garage. If so, they'll bring those to the banquet, and Deb will hold onto any leftovers for the future.
- Oxrider teams will provide bottles of water instead of goodies (leftovers can be used for State bus trip)
- Michelle requested some donations from local businesses before Deb noted that this could interfere with solicitations for Globals. We will raffle them off during banquet in celebration of CDI's 40th anniversary. Gifts include 2 \$40 gift cards/bbq sauce from City BBQ; an Old Scratch Pizza gift card; a "Meal" coupon from Marion's; a \$40 gift card from Lorelai's Boutique; 4 tix to an April Dayton Dragons game + hats.
- Sheila and Dee will be greeters at the door to (a) explain to folks where to put food; (b) hand out a raffle ticket to each person; and (c) tell them to check the tables for a program.
- Laura/Jose and Anita will be there too and are willing to help out as needed.
- PVS has Voyager until 6. People who want to help can arrive around 6.
- Deb requested 5 long tables, not round. She has signage for gluten free reservation stickers. That can go in a separate section or table. She has requested a projector.
- Deb will consider putting together a program - maybe just half sheets on the tables. The hope is that having a program and structure will help keep people from rushing to the tables.
- Michelle's teams collect money and put it towards water instead of desserts.
- Anita has balloon backdrop leftover from Cline festival to use.
- Deb sent a remember to TMs to send pictures to Morgan. Michelle is considering sending one to all the parents. She could add a note telling them that Laura will be selling pins.

Dissert Banquet Agenda:

- 6:50-7:05 pm, food set-up, raffle tickets handed out, folks get chance to deposit raffle tickets
- 7:05 Welcome, explain process of getting food, where allergen friendly foods are, etc..., start to have groups get food, remind those waiting to put in raffle tickets
- 7:15/7:20 (assuming everyone has food now) Thanks, Recognition of Teams, Recognition of TMs/BCs/PSG, etc... (Harry/Michelle)
- 7:25/7:30 Senior Recognition & presentation of honor cords
 - Michelle emailed TMs to ask them to highly encourage seniors to attend.
 - Harry will come up with presentation comments.
 - Seniors can say how long they've been in the program, interesting about what they've done, how DI has benefited their education, etc.
 - Scholarship winners to be recognized.
 - TMs will have an opportunity to give brief comments about what they appreciate about each senior.
 - Cords here now. Total cost for 25 plus s/h - \$154.53.
 - Box/Ball & "DI" charms here now. Paid NHDI \$1/each, total of \$50 (check).
 - Michelle has jump rings to attach & some boxes.
 - We have enough cords to easily cover all current CHS students, plus probably another year - so through 2027.
- We can allow seniors to draw winners of the raffle prizes.



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Tournament Travel Coordinator (Dee Gordon):

NEW ITEMS/QUESTIONS:

STATE TOURNAMENT:

14 teams were sent invitations to advance to the State Tournament. Special Stars are highly unlikely to accept due to distance, so it will most likely be 13 teams.

TM info/CDI paperwork meeting Wednesday night at Cline IMC at 6:30.

- 3 CCS buses are currently reserved. Harry has directions and mapped route.
 - Should only need 2 buses ("regular bus holds 48, 2 per seat; transit buses hold 56")
 - **Need to have Transportation reduce our request to 2 buses.**
- We will pay for bus driver lodging @ \$153 per single room; cost will be \$306 for 2 drivers, and the expense will be paid on the DI credit card.
- CCS protocol is that payments for bus driver meals are up to the organization. Motion was approved and supported by all to pay \$20 per/driver for food. We presume that we will not need to retain a bus driver to drive any kids home, but the amount could change if there are kids whose families don't attend States.
- Dee confirmed every hotel has ample parking space for the buses.
- Registration fee covered by R12 (14 x \$50 = \$700 savings)
- RE: Meal stipends for Mansfield dinner stop where restaurants are McDonalds, Subway, Arbys, Taco Bell.
 - Last time was \$10/student & \$10/TM. Vote to increase the amount to \$15/student was approved 5 votes to 2 votes. If all attend, cost summary for meal stipends:
 - 73 students total (does not include Special Stars, who indicated they would not attend)
 - 21 TMs
 - 94 x \$15 = \$1410
 - TMs should not pass the money out until they know who is going. They will receive team stipends on Thursday, 3/23 when they drop off forms at the Oxriders' house.
 - Bus drivers 2 x \$ 20 = \$40 expense (hotels have breakfast).
- Departure will be 3/31 at 2 p.m. People will be asked to arrive at 1:45.

School Board Meeting:

April 10th is the Board of Education recognition meeting where teams that made it to States will be recognized. Deb and Barb have arranged to have Deb Barnette (who started DI in Centerville) be present and honored by Barb and Deb. A shirt + a set of pins have been set aside for her and were paid for by PSG.

Post-Tournament Feedback & Insights:

Harry was approached by multiple parents who wanted to air their grievances about their children receiving a zero score on the engineering challenge (for the ball falling off the track). They saw it as unfair. Harry met them with empathy and wondered if there could be more feedback at dress rehearsal. It was noted that we would need to be careful about interference here.

This is happening at all OHDI competitions, not just R12, and teams had the opportunity to ask for clarifications.

Important take-aways:

- TMs need to understand how important it is to read everything over with the team and have an understanding of where the points are - especially where they can be lost.
- There were lots of interference violations. Training needs to emphasize no interference and TMs need to talk more with parents about what constitutes interference.

State shirts:

- \$15/state shirt, which are green.
- Orders are due by 3/15 and should be paid via RYT. (Register your team). TMs can handle their own orders.



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FOLLOW-UP / "PARKED" ITEMS:

REVISIT IN JUNE 2023: Keren Chowdhury asked for the Building Coordinators to receive signage/placards for school entrances, so that Workshop dates can be put on them. It was agreed that this is a great idea, but PSG felt it was too late to try to accomplish for 2022. Need to find out CCS policy - do they allow signage in their yards?

REVISIT IN MAY 2023: Publicity via Americana Festival/HOCWT:

- Information now up; deadline is May 15, 2023 to apply for a booth.
- Booth is \$85 but there is mention of a certificate for a free space; committee replied to Michelle's request for information and told her that rarely are certificates handed out. They only do that to fix a "mistake".
- This would be a good way to advertise the program but need to determine if it has lasting effects due to it being six weeks from start of school. Also, there may be a challenge to find volunteers.

OR:

- We can investigate networking opportunities through Heart of Centerville/Washington Township. Membership for nonprofits is \$100; one benefit is free booth/tent space at events - and there is a July 14th & August 11th "Party In The Park" at Stubbs Park which might have better marketing potential.
 - <https://www.hocwt.org/plans-pricing> - we would join as a n/p and any person involved with PSG would be welcome to attend any meetings.

30-60-90:

30 Days -

Reduce # of buses to States from 3 to 2.

Anita to get \$1450 cash from the bank and put \$15/attendee + \$20/bus driver into envelopes.

State shirt orders due 3/15 through RYT.

60 Days -

90 Days -