

March 5, 2013

Attending: Nancy Wentz, Mike Singletary, Mark Littleton, Russell Barber, Julia Craze , Gary Palmer, Valerie Millsaps

Guest: Joe Carson

Press: Suzanne Neal, Alan Sloan

Mark Littleton called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the February meeting. The minutes were approved.

Mr. Carson was introduced by Mark Littleton. Mr. Carson wants to assist in getting scientists and engineers involved in community STEM. The involvement will be in the area of educational support. The feeling is that local engineers and scientists do not get involved in integrating their profession and volunteerism with STEM outreach. The professional organizations do not always receive information regarding needs of the educational community. He hears from the organizations that they want to connect their volunteerism to their faith community. Mr. Carson suggests that we bring the faith communities to the table to solicit their support. The area has 10,000 engineers and scientists . The STEM program is not restricted to public schools but also could include private schools and scouts. He also suggested that we tap the educational community and match them with the available volunteers.

Mike Singletary suggested that a summer STEM program would likely be attended and supported . He also suggested that the committee might survey the teachers and see what types of things they would need in their classrooms.

Mrs. Wellons and her Assistant Principal joined the meeting briefly and were asked how volunteers could be used in relation to STEM. She reported that FIS received a grant of \$3000.00 to focus on science and they have chosen to focus on creating roller coaster. They have a volunteer based Science Lab that is coordinated with the prescribed curriculum. The volunteers were created via the PTA. They are also competing for a technology grant and received a letter of support from Mayor McGill.

Mark called for adjournment of the meeting and moved the remaining agenda items to the April meeting.