**VIKotics Meeting**

Date: Nov 19th, 2024 - 3:30 – 4:30 PM Location: Robotics Lab, GPHS

**Attendees:** Gavin Anderson, Bradyn Arndt, Nathan Cloninger, Bryen Warren, Cora Link, Lane Brown, Bradley Banks

**Mentors:** Robert Lopez, Jr.

**Purpose:** To discuss upcoming events, fundraisers, financial updates, and other important items of discussion.

1. **Update on Team Tasks (11/08-15/2024):** 
   1. **Storage Bins** for polycarbonate plastic, aluminum and wood. All complete but did not build one for aluminum as it was stored next to wood bin due to the low amount. Mr. Lopez suggested painting them.
   2. **Battery Storage & Travel Case** – completed and painted. A few suggestions for improvement of safety during travel were discussed and recommended.
   3. **Robot Cart Completion** – largely completed but does need improvements to improve robustness. The team had a few suggestions and ideas. Gavin A. will be seeking ideas and input/feedback from professionals (father) to see what is the best approach to achieving the desired robustness.
   4. **Friday night concessions for 08 Nov HS football game** – I spoke with Mrs. Krause-Ayers regarding our help. She was pleased and grateful for our assistance given she did not have any students (other than Gavin) from the JR class to assist due to other school commitments. She will let me know what we earned for our efforts. Thank You Team!
2. **Fundraisers (commitments and possible new opportunities):**
3. **Christmas Swags:** Mr. Nelson got back to me and the farm will be able to provide two trees to the team for the fundraiser. The team discussed selling these on the day of the Palouse Christmas Party in December, as we did last year. We will also reach out to Palouse Family Foods to see if we can sell swags outside the store on our meeting days or weekends prior to the Christmas holiday.
4. **Garfield Community Christmas Party, Sunday, Dec. 8th:** Mr. Lopez attended the planning meeting on Sunday, Nov. 17th in Garfield, WA at the community center. We were the only school organization to respond to the request for help. The following details our commitment to Garfield Community Christmas Party (at this time):
   1. **Setup**: 12N to 2 PM
   2. **Staffing of the following activities from 2 – 5 PM at Garfield Middle School Cafeteria**:
      * 1. **Christmas Ornament Craft** – type to be determined; 2 person staff
        2. **Candy Craft** - type to be determined; 2 person staff
        3. **Kids Coloring table** – robot coloring prints to be provided by VIKoics and Christmas theme coloring prints to be provided by Community of Garfield Association. One to two person staff.
        4. **VIKotics Information Table and activity (mini-robots?)** – 1 to 2 person staff
5. **Desserts for 75 - 100 people**. Each team member (9 including Mrs. Link) will provide two dozen pieces of dessert (holiday type preferred).
6. **Clean Up:** 5 - 6 PM.
7. **Team Member List**: Bryen W., Bradyn A., Bradley B., Gavin A., Cora L., Nathan C., Alessandro F., & Spaulding V. Note, you do not necessarily have to be there for the entire time, but it would be appreciated.
8. **VIKotics Christmas Party** – discussion held but final plans will be made at a later date.
9. **8th Grade Presentations:**
   1. **Garfield MS:** Contact principle for possible dates
   2. **Oakesdale MS:** Contact principle for possible dates
10. **Financial Update**
    1. SEL contacted me and they will be sponsoring us with $7,500.
    2. We received the OSPI grant from FIRST earlier this week for $12,462.72.
    3. We have made major purchases which will affect the status of our ASB account. Once those are processed, we will provide an update to this account.
    4. FIRST Booster Acct. Current Balance: $17,621.54
11. **Adjourn:** 4:30 PM