

2024-25 CRYSTAL LAKE FRIENDS OF GIFTED EDUCATION ALL MEMBER MEETING – JUNE

June 16, 2025 / 7:00pm

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I. 2024-2025 Year in Review

- Powerpoint presentation shown of what has been accomplished during the year, and what to expect next year. This will be posted on CLFOGE's FB page.

- https://www.canva.com/design/DAGqFBdXWhc/mBsqiW9sqsnd0xznHtkQDg/view?utm_content=DAGqFBdXWhc&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=uniqueLinks&utlId=h036e2fe9c6

II. Elections

- The following were voted in their respective positions for 2025-2026 school year:
 - President: Erin Philpot
 - Vice-President: Daniel Leach
 - Secretary: Christian Larson
 - Treasurer: Pam Fernandez
 - Ways/Means Chair: Colleen Bailey
 - Tech/Website Chair: Daniel Leach
 - D47 Board Meeting rep: Val Cuchna
 - Advocacy Chair: Dr. Andrew Buckler
 - Programs Chair: Sarah Taylor
- The following position can be filled, and will need to be voted on in the next meeting when in attendance
 - Middle School Rep: Niki LaPointe
- The following positions are open
 - Elementary School Rep
 - Communications Chair
 - Social Media Chair

III. New Business

- Membership survey giveaway, \$100 each to:
 - Erika Liuzzi
 - Niki Zeppo
 - Annette Parrent
- Annual meeting giveaway for EC teacher, \$100 each to:
 - Mrs. Sanchez (Coventry)
 - Tatman (South)
 - Vedder (Hussman)

- Any parties interested in FLL (First Lego League) robotics can stay after the general meeting to learn more information and connect with other parents.

2024-25 CRYSTAL LAKE FRIENDS OF GIFTED EDUCATION BOARD MEETING – JUNE

June 16, 2025 / 6:30pm

Attendance:

Twinkle Parikh
Pam Fernandez
Colleen Bailey
Dan Leach
Erin Philpot

I. President's Report

- Information presented to possibly change Challenger date to a weeknight. Will request additional information regarding cost and change in structure for a 2.5 hr event vs. 4 hour weekend event

II. Secretary Report

- Motion to approve May Meeting Minutes. May Minutes are approved.

III. Treasurer Report

 **Treasurer Report 6-5-25.pdf**

X. New Business

- **2025-2026 Budget**  **PROPOSED 2025-2026 budget.pdf**

- One change to increase the expenditure budget from \$750 to \$1000 for STEAM on the Farm to increase signage. Approved.
- Proposed Budget Approved.  APPROVED 2025-2026 budget.pdf

2024-25 CRYSTAL LAKE FRIENDS OF GIFTED EDUCATION BOARD MEETING – MAY

May 19, 2025 / 8:00pm

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Attendance:

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Pam Fernandez
Jessica Spengler
Carly Droste
Colleen Bailey
Dan Leach

I. President's Report

- For the 2025-2026 school year, we have parties interested in the following board seats: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Social Media Manager, Middle School Rep, Advocacy Chair, and Ways and Means Chair.
- We are in need of interested parties for the following 3 seats: Secretary, Elementary Rep, and Communications Chair.

II. Secretary Report

- Motion to approve April Meeting Minutes. April Minutes are approved.

III. Treasurer Report

- Link to Treasurer Report is below.
- Books and chair pockets were purchased per middle school EC teacher request. Cost was \$117 for books and \$208 for chair pockets.
- Action Item- reach out to EC teachers to determine if they need funding related to Sphero updates or other items.
- Motion to approve Treasurer Report. Report is approved.

 **Treasurer Report 5-12-25.pdf**

IV. Technology Chair

- Dan will work on setup/implementation of Google Workspace over the summer.

V. School Reps

- No report for today's meeting.

VI. Communications, Social Media, Newsletter Chairs

- Newsletter will go out later this month and will include reminder for June Meeting of the Friends and open board positions.

VII. D47 Board Meeting Update

- No report for today's meeting.

VIII. Programs Chair

- Erin had proposed end of year wrap-up event (possibly park event). Based on survey results and feedback, this would be beneficial for our organization.
- Determined that we will combine proposed park event with All Members meeting on June 16th.
- Determined that we will encourage All Members meeting attendance by organizing a raffle for attendees. Winner(s) will win \$100 to the EC teacher of their choice.

IX. Ways and Means Chair

- Link to survey:
[📄 2025 CLFOGE MEMBERSHIP SURVEY \(Responses\)](#)
- Feedback received from survey shows that members appreciate the organization's advocacy on behalf of EC teachers and students.
- Survey included feedback that it would be nice to create more community around the group and around students' specific schools. Idea proposed to create Discord channel for each school's EC parents as a means to assist with building community and relationships.
- Determined that we should send another survey to EC parents at beginning of next school year.
- Results of Robotics Interest Survey- 8 responses, 4 "maybe" parent volunteers. Action Item for CLFOGE will be to reach out to interested families around the same time as the June All Members meeting. Will also promote First Lego League during June meeting.

X. New Business

- Motion to approve proposed budget. Proposed budget is approved.

 **CLFOGE Budget - 2025-2026 PROPOSED.pdf**

- Meeting schedule for next school year to be set by incoming Board President.

Twinkle- Motion to adjourn.

2024-25 CRYSTAL LAKE FRIENDS OF GIFTED EDUCATION BOARD MEETING – APRIL

April 14, 2025 / 8:00pm

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Attendance:

(Need to fill-in)

I. President's Report

- For the 2025-2026 school year, we have parties interested in the following board seats: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Social Media Manager, and Ways and Means Chair.
- We are in need of interested parties for the following seats: Secretary, Elementary Rep, Advocacy Chair, Communications Chair, and Middle School Rep.
- For the 2025-2026 school year, we will plan to continue with the Challenger event, Barn Fundraiser, and a couple of game nights.
- Date for Barn Fundraiser- discussed avoiding holiday weekends. Discussed an early afternoon timeframe is ideal. Tentatively reserving October 19th.
- For the 2025-2025 school year, the Barn Fundraiser should be a STEAM event (we will add an art activity).
- Learnings from Puzzlepalooza attempt- this time of year is too busy. April and May are very busy with school and sporting events. Consider wintertime for this event next year.

II. Secretary Report

- Motion to approve March Meeting Minutes. March Minutes are approved.

III. Treasurer Report

- Link to Treasurer Report is below.

- The report shows income from 3 Puzzlepaloozaregistrations-we had to issue refunds due to event cancellation.
- We refunded one family for the Challenger event- the child was sick, but parent still attended event as volunteer chaperone.
- Dan confirmed that when we issue a refund via Stripe, we do not incur a payment processing fee.
- Motion to approve Treasurer Report. Report is approved.

 Copy of Treasurer Report 4-14-25.pdf

IV. Technology Chair

- Dan is working on setup/implementation of Google Workspace.

V. School Reps

- 2 requests from Lundahl EC teachers- requesting books. (\$100)
- Request from Hannah Beardsley EC teacher- requesting book holders for chairs. (\$175)
- Motion to approve teacher wishlist items. Wishlist items have been approved.
- Pam will purchase these items.

VI. Communications, Social Media, Newsletter Chairs

- Newsletter- will be ready for review by Board members soon.
- Newsletter will mention that we will need the following seats filled for the 2025-2026 school year: Secretary, Elementary Rep, Advocacy Chair, Communications Chair, and Middle School Rep.

VII. D47 Board Meeting Update

- No major updates to note- nothing that directly impacts EC program or CLFOGE.

VIII. Programs Chair

- Barrington Council for Gifted and Talented will be hosting a free STEAM fair on April 26th. This will be in upcoming newsletter.
- A local STEM teacher is hosting a summer STEM enrichment program for 8-10 year olds. Monthly sessions held on Tuesdays at local church for 1 hour. This will also go out in upcoming newsletter.

IX. Ways and Means Chair

- Will send out a survey to current membership. Types of questions will potentially include: What types of events are you likely to attend? What timing do you prefer for the events? How valuable is CLFOGE for your family? What are you gaining from CLFOGE efforts? What do families need from us?
- Colleen will draft questions.
- We can incentive completion of survey with summer enrichment scholarship raffle.
- Goal will be to send out survey by April 23rd.

X. New Business

- Nothing to note

Twinkle- Motion to adjourn.

2024-25 CRYSTAL LAKE FRIENDS OF GIFTED EDUCATION ALL MEMBER MEETING – MARCH

March 10, 2025 / 8:00pm

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I. President's Report

. Challenger Recap

- Feedback from participants and families was overwhelmingly positive.

- Event made over \$1K (net) and 13 new membership sign-ups.
- 77.5% of participants were D47 EC students.
- 66% of participants were 4th and 5th graders.
- Twinkle will compile photos from 2nd Challenger date to be shared.
- Feedback for next year- Send out informational emails to participants earlier next year.
- Puzzlepalooza (April 8th)
 - Subcommittee- Twinkle, Colleen, Amy, Pam
 - Will meet regarding marketing for event.
- Summer Enrichment Scholarships
 - Made profit with Challenger events.
 - Hold a raffle for \$100 summer enrichment scholarships for families who complete a survey. Family would need to show proof of receipt upon purchase of enrichment activity.
 - We can announce scholarship winners at next All Member Meeting
 - Board members' children will not be eligible for scholarships
 - Vote to approve 5 \$100 summer enrichment scholarships for members who complete survey between Puzzlepalooza and All Member Meetings.

II. Secretary Report

- Memberships- Twinkle will send list of new member sign-ups from Challenger event to secretaries so the new members can be added to distribution list.
- February 2025 meeting minutes approved by the board.

III. Treasurer Report

- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/11FhCIEZ3nPLjFIAC6iD8OOYOCgyFTYgo/view?usp=drivesdk>
- Need to confirm payments to distinguish between annual membership fees and Challenger payments.
- Idea- set aside \$100 per elementary EC teacher for supplies. To be voted upon at May budget discussion.

- Need to check with teachers on current needs- are they interested in updated Spheros, or are there other needs this year? Is there field trip potential for this year or next year? Cardboard Cup Regatta or other summer enrichment activities?
- Pam is working on next year's budget and will add a line item for elementary teacher budget.

IV. Technology Chair

- Google Workplace transition is underway- migrate away from ClubExpress for some or all functions.
- Puzzlepalooza form is set up.
- Dan is looking into various forums for Board to use going forward.

V. School Reps

- Requested Items- medals were paid for and delivered, posters paid for (not delivered yet).
- Amy will check with EC Teachers to determine if there are any new needs.
- Should we (Executive CLFOGE Board) email Core Center- there are concerns regarding new middle school math curriculum- can they share what the plan for curriculum is next year?
- Val will try to obtain Lundahl teacher profile by end of this week.

VI. Communications, Social Media, Newsletter Chairs

- Newsletter items needed; will go out next week.
- Social Media feedback- heavy engagement around teachers and kids; low engagement for events.

VII. D47 Board Meeting Update

- Next Board Meeting is March 17th.
- Last Board Meeting- went over long term capital improvement budget- every building will have AC (maybe portable), upgraded doors, etc.

VIII. Programs Chair

- . Coffee Chat Update
 - Good conversation
 - Created interest form for Lego League- in need of coaches.
 - First Lego League starts in August. Competition season begins October.

IX. Ways and Means Chair

- . T-Shirt Design contest- consider for beginning of next school year and sell at Barn Fundraiser.
- . Current logo is too busy- redesign to something that's more suited for t-shirts, hats, and printing in general.
- . Create logo committee to create new logo over summer to be ready to go by next school year. Volunteers for committee- Colleen, Val, and Dan.
- . Find best pricing for merchandise.

X. New Business

- . Summer Enrichment Scholarships
- . Vacancies: Programming Chair, Nominating Committee, Forums Facilitator, Newsletter Editor, Social Media manager.
- . If anybody no longer wants to serve in their current position, or if anyone is interested in new position.
- . Board members should reach out to Twinkle privately- would you like to continue as CLFOGE board member and, if so, in what capacity? Information is needed for next year's nomination process.

Twinkle- motion to adjourn.

February 10, 2025 / 7:00pm

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I. President's Report

- Challenger Registration Update
- Puzzlepalooza (April 8th)
- EC District changes

II. Vice President Report

- No report

III. Treasurer Report

- [Treasurer Report 2-7-25.pdf](#)
- 2/7 Treasurer Report was approved by Board.

IV. Technology Chair

- Challenger sign-ups are going smoothly.
- 28 kids have registered for the first date.
- 40 kids have registered for the second date-we would like for 20 more kids to register for this date.
- As of today, we have broken even financially.

V. Secretary Report

- 1/20 Meeting Minutes were approved by the Board.

VI. School Reps

- Item Requests from an elementary EC teacher:
 - Depth and Complexity Posters: 9 sets @ \$28 each.
 - EC Medals for Math Olympics and Word Master: approx \$200 total.
 - Medal purchase was approved by the Board. Pam will purchase medals after confirming with Amy that medals are still needed.

VII. Communications, Social Media, Newsletter Chairs

- Recent communication has been focused on events of the past week.
- Newsletter will go out after today's All Member Meeting. Newsletter will touch on current events and how to support teachers, Challenger event, and Puzzlepalooza event.

VIII. Programs Chair

- Programs Chair recently resigned (child no longer at D47 school).

IX. Ways and Means Chair

- Puzzlepalooza: To be held April 8th (2 hr event).
 - Location: Hannah Beardsley (we can have the room for up to 4 hours).
- Challenger Scholarship: Scholarships were previously approved by the board. Scholarship recipient has registered for Challenger event.

X. New Business

- EC District changes

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Twinkle- Motion to Adjourn and begin All Member Meeting.

All Member Meeting:

- Reviewed Treasurer Report
 - Current Income- Challenger event registrations and incoming members.
 - Current Expense- website monthly expense.
- Intro to Mike Mueller (D47 School Board Candidate)
 - Mike was in attendance to introduce himself to the organization.
 - To learn more about Mike, please visit his campaign page “Mike Mueller for D47 Board of Education” on Facebook.
 - In terms of how to best advocate for our kids and teachers as an organization, Mike suggests that we contact individuals who are running for School Board, contact Dr. Hinz (Superintendent) and Aimee Kasper (Asst. Superintendent of Curriculum), and contact school principals.

**2024-25 CRYSTAL LAKE FRIENDS OF GIFTED EDUCATION
BOARD MEETING – JANUARY**

January 20, 2025 / 8:00pm

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- a. Game Night- Committee members will arrive half an hour early for set up. Families will bring games to share.
 - i. Game night flyer went out for game night and was distributed to teachers.
 - ii. Will re-send game night flyers to EC teachers on Wednesday 1/22 to distribute to students/parents.
 - iii. We will have Challenger flyers at game night and a laptop so families can register there.
 - iv. Should we reach out to NHS students to facilitate game night? Preference for prior EC kids so they can talk to kids about Challenger event. Twinkle will make sign up genius for this, and we will send to contacts at high schools.
- b. Challenger
 - i. For the 22nd- only one mission will be available.
 - ii. Registration so far- 11 for Operation Comet, 14 for Lunar Quest.

- iii. Received question regarding age for missions- there are recommended ages, but kids of any age can do either mission. Dan has added recommended ages to website.
- iv. We will add flyer to D47 facebook page to encourage registration.
- v. We need at least 2 committee members present per day.
- vi. We should have name tags completed ahead of time to include each child's job.

II. Vice President Report

- a. No report

III. Treasurer Report

- a. Update from Dan- we should be getting Stripe payments now.

 **Treasurer Report 1-8-25.pdf**

IV. Technology Chair

- a. No report

V. Secretary Report

- a. Movement to approve prior month's meeting minutes. Minutes approved.

VI. School Reps

- a. Will send another reminder this week to EC teachers to share Challenger flyer/information with students and families.

VII. Communications, Social Media, Newsletter Chairs

- a. Challenger and social media- post photos from last year, try to generate a little excitement. Talk about 2 new missions- they are not the same as last year's missions. Committee members can share/like/comment to encourage engagement. Committee members will have their kids encourage friends to register.
- b. Half of registrations are 4th graders, and a good mix of schools. Only 4 middle schoolers have registered thus far.

VIII. Programs Chair

- a. Sam wants to evaluate best way to get engagement. In-person has not worked well yet. Zoom initially worked well but participation has since dropped off.
 - i. Ideas- coffee after Challenger dropoff, piggyback off of Game Night.
 - ii. Can we partner with a coffee shop in Woodstock to offer discount to parents of Challenger kids.

- iii. Coffee chat cards- hand out at game night. And also have card on table at coffee shop so people can find us.

IX. Ways and Means Chair

- a. Web Store with CLFOGE merchandise has been placed back on CLFOGE website.
- b. Idea- t-shirt design contest? Have EC kids enter their designs?
- c. Idea- provide incoming EC members with free CLFOGE t-shirt?
- d. Initiative- CLFOGE officers will work to create a fun logo/design for newtshirt design, and revamp existing tshirt.

X. D47 Board Meeting Attendant Update

- a. District is looking for ways to save money. Have ears on this as it relates to EC program.

XI. New Business

- a. None

Twinkle- motion to adjourn.

2024-25 CRYSTAL LAKE FRIENDS OF GIFTED EDUCATION BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER

December 9, 2024 / 8:00pm

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Twinkle- call to order.

I. President's Report

a. Challenger Subcommittee Meeting

b. Stripe- upcoming and this will be more seamless than Paypal

II. Vice President Report

a. No report

III. Treasurer Report

 Treasurer Report 1-8-25.pdf

IV. Technology Chair

a. No report

V. Secretary Report

a. Movement to approve November meeting minutes.

The minutes were approved.

VI. School Reps

a. Idea- going forward, we will request teacher profiles a bit earlier in the month to allow for more response time.

VII. Communications, Social Media, Newsletter Chairs

- a. Newsletter- it is almost ready to go. Would like to include Challenger information if possible after Twinkle and Dan meet.
- b. Newsletter to include a request for a volunteer to help create future newsletters starting in January.
- c. Parent Support Idea- Can Sam put together tips for balancing school, life, etc. around the holidays?

VII. Programs Chair

- a. No report

VIII. Ways and Means Chair

- a. Bylaw Updates: Most changes are regarding Board of Directors.
- b. Proxy Voting: Should we consider allowing proxy voting?
Consensus- there has been no issue that has warranted a change to current stance on proxy voting. We will not consider changing bylaws to consider proxy voting.
- c. Twinkle will investigate options for modifying operating procedures going forward. Right now- majority rules, parliamentary procedures. Other options are more consensus based to find common ground for all.
- d. The Ways and Means Committee will also investigate alternative operating procedures.
- e. Bylaws were updated to clarify that both elementary and middle schools are to be represented by the committee.
- f. Motion to approve updated bylaws. Updated bylaws were approved.
- g. Locations for Game Night (Bernotas) and Puzzle Palooza (Hannah) are approved.

IX. D47 Board Meeting Attendant Update

- a. Topics at board meeting included boundary changes, communication preferences (parents prefer email or text), 96% of families have access to internet, results of 5 essentials survey.

b. 8th Grade Algebra- as of 23/24, 95% of children are passing algebra 1, up from 54% the prior year.

X. New Business

a. None

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I. President's Report

Upcoming Events:

- Challenger, February 22, 2025 and March 1 booked, 9am-1pm
- 2nd game night, puzzle palooza, Tuesday, January 28th, 6:30pm
- Brochures for 2025 Challenger event uploaded. Planning committee meeting to review tasks
- Colleen to reach out to Rene at Core Center to secure a location for upcoming Puzzle Palooza and Game Night

II. Vice President Report

- Stripe payment is now active and once account connection is confirmed, communication should be shared with members alerting them that Stripe can be used for membership dues.

III. Treasurer Report

November Treasurer Report

IV. Technology Chair

- Stripe account set up and tested with \$1 donation. Suggest withholding Stripe communication to members until accounts are verified.

V. Secretary Report

- Motion to approve Oct 21st meeting minutes
 - Oct 21st meeting minutes were approved by the board.

VI. School Reps

- Val emailed teachers for pictures to add to CLFOGE Spotlight which did not get a response. She will reach out in person and take pictures at Lundahl for future issues.

Val suggested supporting Middle School EC students through extracurricular activities like Scholastic Bowl, Science Olympiad and Spelling Bees.

VII. Communications, Social Media, Newsletter Chairs

- Newsletter out by Wednesday, November 13th.

VII. Programs Chair Nothing to Report

VIII. Ways and Means Chair Bylaws to be submitted a week in advance of the December meeting once Colleen, David and Pam review and update.

IX. D47 Board Meeting Attendant Update

- No Report

X. New Business

Twinkle- motion to adjourn.

**2024-25 CRYSTAL LAKE FRIENDS OF GIFTED EDUCATION
ALL MEMBER MEETING – OCTOBER**

October 21, 2024 / 8:00pm

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AGENDA

Call to Order

I. President's Report

- Past Event: Barn STEM Fundraiser
 - Net Profit
 - Discussion and Feedback
- Upcoming Events:
 - Challenger, February 22, 2025 booked
 - Following week is booked as well, tentatively, in the event we have enough sign-ups for additional sessions.
 - New missions will be available this year.
 - Hoping to start sign-ups after winter break.
 - Twinkle has reached out to Challenger Team for information.
 - We will need to put a packet together for teachers that they can forward on to students. Will need a brochure for each mission.
 - How do we want to do sign-ups electronically this year?
 - We will need further discussion on sign-up method- want to minimize the manual work needed on our end to assign jobs out.
 - We will need to schedule sidebar meeting (with event committee) to discuss options. Need 4-5 people for committee. Carly, Samantha, Dan, Colleen, Twinkle, and Erin volunteered to service on committee.
 - Potential 2nd game night, puzzle palooza, dates?
 - Date: Tuesday, January 28th
 - Time: 6:30 pm
 - Location: TBD

II. Vice President Report

- Nothing to report.

III. Treasurer Report

- Budget Approval
 - Motion to approve proposed budget.
 - Proposed budget was approved by the board.
- Review Website & Cost

IV. Technology Chair

- Website
 - Dan did deep dive with Colleen to learn navigation and receive admin access.
- Payment Replacement Options for Paypal
 - ClubExpress has discontinued support for Paypal.
 - Dan has been in touch with ClubExpress- they only want to support one payment partner, so they are migrating to Stripe.
 - ClubExpress has temporarily reenabled Paypal for one month, but we will need to move to Stripe.
 - We require a permanent or mailing address to be approved for Stripe. Per Colleen- the 301 E Congress address should work (we use it for articles of incorporation). Dan will determine if this address will work.

V. Secretary Report

- Minutes Approval
 - Motion to approve Sept 9th meeting minutes
 - Sept 9th meeting minutes were approved by the board.

- Secretaries will remove “Board Members” section from meeting minutes going forward.
- Jennifer LaPorte will be removed as Ways and Means chair. Motion to approve Colleen as Ways and Means chair was approved.
- Motion to approve Dan as Technology chair was approved.

VI. School Reps

- Wishlist Update
 - Reps will send newsletter spotlight form to all Bernotas EC teachers.
- Byrdseed app subscription for EC teachers (\$149)
 - CLFOGE received email from South Elementary EC teacher, who asked if we would cover a subscription to Byrdseed app. All EC elementary teachers would share it.
 - Motion to approve Byrdseed subscription. Motion passed.

VII. Communications, Social Media, Newsletter Chairs

- Newsletter
 - Newsletter will be distributed on November 11th.

VII. Programs Chair

- Update (Parent Education)
 - 2nd meeting will be held on October 24th.
 - The first meeting had good turnout.

VIII. Ways and Means Chair

- **STEM on the Farm**
 - We received positive feedback from guests.
 - Net income of event: \$3,035
 - We believe more families attended this year over last year.
 - 74 slips for free raffle were made available- all 74 were used by end of day.
 - Raffle Baskets:
 - The stem related baskets were more popular than others. Lower \$ amount baskets (around \$50) also received more bids/traction.
 - Next year- will need to delegate responsibility for baskets and bid sheets to another committee member.
 - Idea- Dan states that bidding for a recent Woods Creek event was done via Google Forms. This made bidding easier and therefore drove bidding up. Additionally, people who aren't present can bid. Dan will look into this option for next year.
 - We need to send thank you notes with tax id number to donors, and thank you notes to volunteers. Pam will take lead on this.
 - We need social media posts to thank our patrons, donors, and volunteers.

IX. D47 Board Meeting Attendant Update

- **Update**
 - A Bernotas student spoke about algebra curriculum (they are piloting new curriculum). Student is upset she is not receiving same opportunities/challenge as siblings.
 - Discussion around boundary changes.

- For further CLFOGE discussion- what changes were made to curriculum and how does this impact EC students?

X. New Business

Twinkle- motion to adjourn.

2024-25 CRYSTAL LAKE FRIENDS OF GIFTED EDUCATION ALL MEMBER MEETING – SEPTEMBER

September 9, 2024 / 8:00pm

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I. President's Report

- Introductions
 - Twinkle: Introduction and Welcome to Parents!
 - Purpose of CLFOGE: We are here to aid teachers in any way we can, including funding for wishlists such as books, technology, etc.
 - Board meets are held every month. There will be 3 all-member meetings throughout year (Sept 2024, Feb 2025, and June 2025). Meetings are held Monday Nights at 8 pm.
- Current Event
 - Kick off Event and Meeting (Game Night) – September 9
- Upcoming Events
 - Barn STEM Fundraiser
 - Challenger – Spring
 - February 22, 2025 booked

- Explanation of event: A space simulation program in Woodstock. Parents should be on the lookout for registration information around January 2025.

II. Vice President Report

- Updates
 - David Murillo- Introduction
 - Purpose of CLFOGE: To be there for teachers. Funding in IL was cut for gifted programs, so our organization's goal is to support our district's gifted program via fundraisers and enrichment activities, such as the Challenger Event.
 - We encourage parents to be involved- join the committee, come to meetings, attend fundraisers, etc.

III. Treasurer Report

- Updates
 - Pam Fernandez- Introduction
 - Current treasury report was presented at meeting:
 - \$4,379 in bank
 - Received income from 3 membership dues
 - \$45 one-time expense for website
 - \$30 monthly expense for website maintenance
 - \$890 one-time expense for book purchase for EC teachers (teachers have already received their books)
 - Current cash balance- \$3,485
 - Upcoming Expense of \$250- the district sends 2 EC teachers to Illinois Association for Gifted conference every year. We sponsor and pay for 1 additional teacher to go. Marla Norgard has been selected as that teacher. We will obtain a report from Ms. Norgard regarding the conference.

- Treasury Report was approved by committee.

IV. Secretary Report

- Minute Approval
 - 8/12/24 Meeting Minutes were approved by committee.
- Updates
 - Carly Droste and Jessica Spengler- Introductions

V. School Reps

- Updates
 - Amy Patrickus and Valerie Cuchna- Introductions
 - Explanation of role: The school reps serve as liaisons between CLFOGE and teachers.
 - Handed out forms for classroom wishlist items to district EC Teachers (last year's wishlist included spheros and books).

VI. Communications, Social Media, Newsletter Chairs

- Calendar
- Newsletter
- Updates
 - The newsletter goes out monthly. If parents sign up for membership, they will receive the newsletter via email.
 - The first newsletter went out today 9/9.
 - The newsletter includes EC Teacher spotlights, events, classroom updates, etc.

VII. Programs Chair

- Updates
 - Samantha Diaz Weinstein- Introduction
 - Parent Support Group- The 1st meeting is Sept 17th viaZoom- 7:00-7:30 pm. The group will allow us to support each other as a community, addressing specific questions and challenges using other parents of gifted children as a resource. It will also be useful to see what may be coming ahead in our childrens' academic journeys and to tap into our community's experts in academics and childhood development.
 - If parents have a topic idea, they can send Samantha an email with the suggestion (find her email address on board of directors table on CLFOGE website).

VIII. Ways and Means Chair

- Updates
 - Last year we raised over \$5K, mainly from the barn fundraiser. We also held dining-for-dollars events, but decided not to do that this year as they are oversaturated among PTAs in general. We will be focused on the Barn Fundraiser as our primary fundraiser this year.
 - Passed out QR code sheet to parents for sign ups to volunteer for barn fundraiser. This is also a perfect opportunity for NHS students who need volunteer hours.
 - The event will be called Stem on the Farm, held on October 19th. Flyers are available tonight for parents to take home.
 - Purpose of the event: to have fun, raise funds, build our community.
 - Purple Me Green will be in attendance. We will also have egg drop event in the barn, silent auction baskets, hayrides, baby chicks, etc.

VIII. D47 Board Meeting Attendant Update

- Updates

- Sarah Taylor- introduction
- Role Explanation- ear for what is happening in community, supporting teachers and this program. Hopes to have opportunity to speak at board meeting soon.

IX. New Business

Twinkle- motion to adjourn.

2024-25 CRYSTAL LAKE FRIENDS OF GIFTED EDUCATION BOARD MEETING – AUGUST

August 12, 2024 / 8:00pm

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Meeting Name: CLFOGE Board Meeting

Date/Time: August 12, 2024

Location: The Barn

Attendees:

Pamela Fernandez

Jessica Spengler

Carly Droste

Erin Philpot

Twinkle Parikh

Stephanie Ciborosky

Colleen Bailey

Sarah Taylor

Val Cuchna

Samantha Weinstein

Amy Patrickus

Jennifer LaPorte

AGENDA

I. President's Report

- Introductions
- Upcoming Events

- Kick off Event and Meeting (Game Night) – September 9
 - ○ We have approval to host at Lundahl. Classroom with tables and projector will be reserved from 6:00-8:30 pm.
 - § Board will meet from 6-6:30 to set up.
 - § Game Night will run from 6:30-8:00.
 - § Board will hold wrap-up meeting from 8-8:30.
 - ○ Action Item: Create flyer to provide to EC teachers to send home with kids and/or email to parents. Flyer should be ready prior to first day of school.
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- Barn STEM Fundraiser – vote new date, October 19th
 - ○ Unanimous vote to change date to Oct 19th, 2-5 pm.
 - ○ If you know anybody who can help with stations, etc, let Colleen know.
 - ○ Colleen has Sign Up Genius for NHS students, volunteers. Colleen will send link out soon.
 - ○ Name: STEM at the Farm
 - ○ Cost \$20 per car for members, \$30 per car for non-members.
 - ○ Rain date will be next day (Oct 20th).
 - ○ Various STEM activities.
 - ○ Biggest money maker- silent auction
 - ○ Goal- 15 baskets.
 - ○ Each of us will put together 1 basket and will ask elementary EC teachers to put together one basket. Target value for basket- \$100
 - ○ Colleen will reach out to Robotics Teams at high school to see if they can do a showcase starting at 3pm.
 - ○ Idea- find somebody to run Pond Science.
 - ○ Need concessions- 2 people to run this. (Erin Philpot will work on this)

- ○ Send email to membership- with flyer, volunteer opportunities, silent auction donation requests, etc.
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- Challenger – TBD, Spring
 - ○ Event will be held in the Spring.
 - ○ Twinkle will reach out to Challenger to see what dates are available.
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II. Vice President Report

- Updates
 - VP not present.

III. Treasurer Report

- Updates
 - Pam shared Treasurer Report
 - Planned Book Orders- Pam will reach out to teachers to make sure books are still wanted, quantities are right, determine total amount, then get approval.
 - Treasurer Report was approved.

IV. Secretary Report

- Minute Approval

- Meeting minutes from 6/14 meeting were approved.

- Updates

V. School Reps

- Updates

VI. Communications, Social Media, Newsletter Chairs

- Calendar

- Updates

- First newsletter target send date is Sept 9th.
- Val and Amy have introduced themselves to teachers
- Action Item: For secretaries- notify Erin when new members are added so they can be added to mailing list.
- Presence on social media- highlight new EC teachers, posting excerpts from newsletters on social media.
- Creating slides for parents night- slide that goes out to all EC teachers that they can put in their presentations to give more info on CLFOGE, highlight fundraisers, what we did with fundraisers last year.
- Will meet on Thurs to discuss cohesive brand kit.
- Discussion Point: Pam- should we post on our page to encourage parents to attend board meeting to support teachers? General discussion- does this align with our organization's mission?

VII. Programs Chair

- Updates

VIII. D47 Board Meeting Attendant Update

- Updates

IX. New Business

JUNE 2024 MEETING MINUTES

2023-24 CRYSTAL LAKE FRIENDS OF GIFTED EDUCATION
ALL MEMBER MEETING AGENDA & MINUTES

September 12	October 10	November 14	December 12
January 15	February 13	March 12	April (no meeting)
May 14	June 14		

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		Fundraising Committee Chair
		Programming Committee Chair
		Nominating Committee Chair

June 14, 2025 CLFOGE All Member Meeting Agenda
Time 6pm-7pm

Location: [Zoom](#) & in person at Colleen's Barn: 2612 Oak Ridge Rd, Crystal Lake, IL 60012

I. Call to Order

- A. Bryan Kyroutac, the presiding officer, called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

II. Attendance

- A. Bryan Kyroutac, Colleen Bailey, Pam Fernandez, Erin Philpot, Twinkle Parikh, Valerie Cuchna, Erin Kraft (in person)
Amy Patrickus, Becky Shanks, David Murillo, Carly Droste, Jessica Spengler, Sarah Taylor (online)

III. Minute Approval

- A. Tabled until next meeting

IV. Voting on new Board of Directors - Bryan Kyroutac moved to approve the slate of candidates listed below. All approved and the 2024/25 CLFOGE Board was approved.

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- J. Webstore Organizer - Annette Parrent
- K. Social Media - Stephanie Ciborosky
- L. 224-772-7200 sktaylorry84@gmail.com D47 BOE Meeting Attendant - Sarah Taylor
- M. Technology/Website Chair - no candidate as of 6/1/24
- N. Ways and Means Chair - no candidate as of 6/1/24
- O. Forums Facilitator - no candidate as of 6/1/24

V. Others Erin Kraft addressed the need to set up a time to add Twinkle Parikh and Pam Fernandez to the bank account. Bryan Kyroutac will coordinate a time with everyone to do this in person.

VI. Adjourn Bryan Kyroutac concluded the meeting at 6:28 pm