**Executive Director Report – October 16, 2019**

**Financial:**

* Revenue is slightly under budget for the month of September by $1,246. We have filled all of the open preschool spots and will have a full class by the end of the month.
* Expenses are a little under budget by $520.
* I will be attending a free workshop put on by Tango on October 16th entitled Managing Nonprofit Endowments and Investment Portfolios. I am hoping to gain some additional information on different investment options for CASTLE. Jen and I will be meeting after this to discuss and see what would be some good options for CASTLE.

**Grants and Fundraising:**

* TechSoup (which is a company that offers nonprofits tech needs at a discounted rate) was offering a special on a year subscription to GrantStation. It has a vast amount of tools to help find, build, write and win grants. I am hoping that this will help in the grant process.

**Events Committee:**

The Events Committee held its first meeting on Tuesday October 8th. This year the committee is planning on doing three events.

The first event will be on Thursday December 5th from 5-7 (5-6 in-house families, 6-7 community). It is called CASTLE’s Winter Wonderland! There will be photos with Santa and his elves (currently looking for a Santa if you know anyone), pizza, hot cocoa, a firetruck, sundaes, raffles and ornaments. The event will offer an all-inclusive price (TBD) and a la carte pricing for those who want to pick the activities they participate in.

We hope to have a larger event in February/March such as a comedy show or possibly Bingo at Foxwoods. The event would be a night out for parents and free childcare will be provided at CASTLE.

For the summer we would like to hold a Night Out for parents at Inishmore. We have teamed with them in the past and they have contributed 10% of the food sales from the evening towards CASTLE. This event will also have childcare for families.

We are also looking to hold another Five Below fundraiser before the end of the year and continue to promote Scrip and Amazon Smile!

Sue Doutre also applied for a $2,000 Pollinator Garden Grant. I believe that they were very interested in CASTLE and that we will be receiving this. She is going to follow-up with them.