

Board Meeting Agenda (and Notes)

December 14, 2017

Attendance: Karen, John, Myranda, James, Grant (and Radia), Sean

Absent: Dawn

Treasurer's Report (Consent Agenda)

- **Current members: 103**

---> All members are welcome to full details from the Treasurer's Report - join us for a monthly board meeting!

Board reviewed Consent Agenda above (Treasurer's Report)

Consent Agenda: Board approves after discussion on various items.

New Business

Programmable thermostat for Clean Room

https://www.amazon.com/Honeywell-TL8230A1003-Line-Thermostat-Programmable/dp/B0016J2CYQ/ref=sr_1_3

- **Board recommends this be purchased**
- **John ordered it on Dec 15th.**

Area captain budget?

Sean/Treasurer: Is it OK if I give blanket approval to captains to buy area supplies as they see fit? Especially wood - Jim has been keeping things running smoothly, so I told him to proceed with what he needs.

- **Sean will let the Woodshop Area Captains know that they have \$100 monthly budget for improvements and consumables. Doesn't roll over.**

PineApple Fund

Grant threw in an application to this for \$1m to buy a building! :)

Holiday hours - closed any open shops?

- **Open Fridays, Dec 22/29:** John & James can be there
- **Closed Mondays, Xmas/Jan 1st**
 - Facebook post (Myranda)
 - On bodgery.org (John)
 - Update Google holiday hours (John)

Notes from Member meeting

James talked about recent board decisions, like 16 year old memberships, new tools and procedures, desire for workshop teachers. Other misc.

Storage

If we don't move before we get the new machine shop tools, where will we put them? Board says we'll try the Auto Area first, if that doesn't work we'll rent storage space. James also suggested we think about buying an electric forklift, since the super expensive batteries can be replaced with a trolling battery. Others expressed some reservations.

Power problems

We are constantly throwing the breaker running tools in the woodshop and it is turning off the lights in the clean room. People pledged to look for tools that are drawing large amounts of power, in the hopes of alleviating problems.

Donated Step Van

*Dearest Bodgers,
I have decided to donate my GMC P3500 step van with a working tommy lift to the Bodgery, but not to the new year. I recall seeing this on your wishlist a while back. I have not been able to drive for a while now. As such the vehicle has not been driven since October of 2015. It has a clean title and keys. It used to be a USPS fleet vehicle in Texas until I purchased it in 2009. It's a diesel with less than 60,000 miles on it. I tried to start it up during the summer but the batteries were dead. Jake B*

This would carry with it several costs (insurance, registration, maintenance), and require new policies around who gets to drive it, for what, etc. Worth it?

Run the numbers:

- Title, Plates, Insurance
- Regular maintenance: oil change, etc.
- Grant will contact him, research the costs, and write up a cost-benefit analysis to get to the board.

Woot

We now have 921 people receiving MadCity Makers emails.

The board discussed ways to leverage the Instagram photos into a monthly newsletter on MailChimp.

Instagram Poster

John will work on creating a draft poster, Karen will collaborate on it, and Sean will get it printed through his “connections”.

Secretary duties

Archiving redacted meeting notes, sending summary to membership?

- Not discussed, as the Secretary was unable to attend.

Old Business

Review Wunderlist Tasks

- Done

Planer:

- \$10 per session fee (for guests) has been used once so far, seemed to go well.
- Still need a sign-off sheet for members/guests that have been trained on it.

Starving Hackers

We need to contact this group of members individually, find a way of keeping everything accountable to keep the work situation equitable.

Should we have members log their tasks in their own words, or use a checklist?

Use dues box-- work is part of dues.

Subcommittee should be formed.

- **John to email a check-in to current SH, ask what their suggestions are for making the system more transparent.**
- **CC James. James will oversee the SH process and possibly come up with a schedule to make it easier to fulfill.**
- **Myranda to print out “To Do Checklist”**

Class fees:

Non-members are currently charged 20% (not including materials fees) for the use of the Bodgery’s tools/space/etc while teaching a class there.

- Should we charge members 20%? Or make it optional?
- **Board approves it being optional for members to pay 20%.**
 - **But PayPal fees must be reimbursed if WA system is used for sign-up**

Adjourned at: 9:13 pm

Did Not Discuss (timed out)

Member Engagement

Getting members more involved will help strengthen our community and relieve stress and work off board. Should improve the way shop runs and morale/interaction amongst members. Options:

- Mentor program: Assign each new member a mentor, preferably in their preferred shop area.
- Board Member Outreach: Each board member pick another member or two to focus on and engage with. Try to recruit them to be more involved. Suggest specific tasks, jobs, power/responsibility that suit the individual.
- Create new positions:
 - Stock captain: use a checklist to do regular inventory of area needs, cleaning supplies
 - Vending Captain: regular inventory of fridge and snacks cabinet
 - Event Organizer: Plans classes and workshops with focus on tools/projects in particular zone, or across the whole shop.
- Recruit more members to teach classes (potential con: requires more work by event planner to keep everything organized, paid, and done by the book.
- Recruit more tool check-off instructors. Helps Area Captains, fills gaps for tool training

Consider new membership entry (via i3)

Check out this page and how they do things now. Would be interesting for member education.

https://www.i3detroit.org/wiki/New_Member_Orientation

Please review.

Members-only events

- Craft - Intro sewing project with help: bag, pillow, mending
- Electronics - Pi, Arduino Hacking- Project idea vs general tinkering?
- Poll results: Focused Hack Night, Tool Demo Day, Shop Project Day
- Find hosts for these. Invite non-core group members to host. Approach individually.

Follow-Up on Sponsored Memberships

- Local businesses or individuals would pay \$25/month to sponsor a “Starving Hacker” member - financially turning a SH payment into a full one, so we could afford more SH spots than our 10% limit.
- **Let's check into IRS rules** - is this a donation write off, or payment for services?