

# Board Meeting Agenda

August 17, 2022

Meeting called to order at:	7:01pm
Board members present:	Timm M, Puja B, Mark P, Tona W, Brian B, Shauna D, Eli W
Others present:	James P, Cassie B, Johnny Y, David D, Barret E, Karen C, Eric K, Bob M

## Treasurer's Report – July 2022

### Financial Notes:

- Professional Fees: \$2991 electrical (woodshop expansion, air compressor, automation controls), \$523 fire extinguishers, \$380 cleaning, remainder teachers
- The Insurance Reserve Fund's balance was effectively reset to zero and its monthly budget increased from \$450 to \$580 to cover the current year's \$5722+\$670 insurance amount plus a little more.
- \$3815 was received April-July as Memorial Donations in memory of Ken Bice
  - (details in Shared Drive > ... > Finances > Fundraising... > Ken Bice...)
- Next month the Savings Account will be zero'd and the Money Market will be moved to a higher interest rate account.

### Member Levels

- Current membership is: **467 (+15)** – Jul:452 Jun:442 May:435 Apr:435 Mar:410 Feb:402
  - Membership and Add-On subscriptions changes over the last 30 days:
    - 51 new, 31 canceled, **+20** net

### Discussion Notes:

- Question: When we bought the vacuum former, what budget did that come from?
  - It did have a specific fund when the vacuum former was purchased
  - There is no area budget fund - got zeroed out because there was no area captain or plans for income

### Studio Report

- 2 new studio renters began on 7/1
- 3 new studio renters to begin on 8/1
- 1 new studio renter to begin 9/1 (TBD)
- 8 people on the waitlist

Notes:

- No discussion

## Member Input and Discussion (15 minutes)

- Karen Corbeill Plastics Area Proposal
- [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1s\\_ttgTOos-vhyxMzGMW0pWbCJwk\\_4GDo27cdjGkDx8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1s_ttgTOos-vhyxMzGMW0pWbCJwk_4GDo27cdjGkDx8/edit?usp=sharing)
  - 3 goals:
    - Repurposing plastics that are left over from 3D printing and laser cutting (HDPE, PLA, acrylic)
    - Bend plastics
    - Have the vacuum former be more easily accessible
  - Separate heater and bender to heat plastic in a specific line and then bend the plastic
  - Small scroll saw for cutting plastic
  - Would not have a big budget
  - What could be done with the space
    - Making acrylic sign holders
    - May be able to get PLA grinder/hopper recycler on loan to cast plastics
- Discussion:
  - Johnny requesting a small budget for demo materials on the vacuum former
    - Cassie says midland plastics may just give him the materials if he says it's for teaching purposes
  - How much space?
    - Karen needs more time to figure that out

## Priority Business

Willy St Fair (September 17-18)

- <https://willystreetfair.org/>
- We need:
  - A volunteer to coordinate the event and the display
    - Tona expressed some interest in July Meeting
  - Ask Sylvia for tents
  - Mock up in Annex Flex Space (Craft night activity; Cassie; Aug 15th)
- So far we have a "take and make" block printing activity, maybe buttons (Eli)
- Volunteers: Linda K, David Dex., Jay L,

Discussion

- 10'x10' space
- Cassie will help set the mockup up on Friday
- Tona says we have one volunteer for transportation and volunteers on slack

## Library cataloging updates

- Report on the status of the library [from Sylvia via email]
- 387 books have been cataloged. About 50 books and a run of Make magazine need to be added. Other magazines and booklets will need to be sorted by title and subject and given call numbers if there is a large enough run.
- All of the currently cataloged books are in call number order with index cards inside with the call numbers. Fine Woodworking has a call number, but needs to be put in volume/issue order. Permanent labels will be attached once all items are cataloged as I have had to correct tags or call numbers as more items in those subjects have been found.
- I requested a label printer and labels to print the call number labels. I also requested magazine storage boxes to hold thin booklets and magazine issues in an upright position on the shelves. The requested items are on order and will arrive in a few days. The boxes holding booklets will be given section call numbers and put with the appropriate subjects.
- As part of September's work day, I will be requesting a few helpers for sorting magazines and booklets, labeling, and marking shelves. There is a shelf on the dark shelving unit that will be designated as the place to put items for re-shelving.

## Project Parking expansion

- Current space next to CNC storage is full
- Spilling over into Vacuum former

### Discussion:

- The area next to Leather that currently has the fume hood will be partially used for leather. If not totally used up, possible location for expansion
- Next to the bike area may be a possible candidate for expansion.

## Ceramics area expansion

- [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1gZl4ouwOrmmqdB3r\\_R2k6vGCa2231w8-Di7G76RbC7w/edit#gid=1332520733](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1gZl4ouwOrmmqdB3r_R2k6vGCa2231w8-Di7G76RbC7w/edit#gid=1332520733)
- Pushing the limits of the area 18-19 members using the space
- Having the expansion close to the area and the sink would help keep it contained
- A member has equipment they would like to loan to the Bodgery (slab roller, wheel)
  - Would give more breathing room and not throwing facing the wall.
- Planning for more usage and tools.

### Discussion:

- Mark did an audit of member shelving
- Wouldn't want to have fewer member storage spots than we currently have.
  - The plan isn't to reduce storage but to move the storage
- What we decided last month?

- Last month we said to give it one more month and see if the area got busier, then address it again during this meeting.
- The area is already having issues, but anticipates more usage and more issues. Johnny wants to give people a heads up and have a plan in place as we are looking to get more equipment.
- What's happening with blacksmithing?
  - We had someone interested. The plan was to:
    - Talk to Milwaukee makerspace
    - Come up with a proposal and talk to the board
    - However, we have had many people interested in the past few months, and nobody has taken it up
- What about the way that woodshop expanded into multiple rooms that can be used by other areas?
  - Ceramics would be a bit too small to justify this, needs to be deliberate and planned
- Another benefit would be to have accessible member shelving next to the space
- Tona is a user of the space and does think that the area can benefit from an expansion
- Would the expanded area be a flex space for ceramics?
  - Other people are already using the ceramics sink for nonceramics
  - People could use the ceramics expansion area for nonceramics projects
- Lockers in the laser area would have to reach an agreement with James
- Do we need to purchase more member shelving?
  - Mark says we currently have enough for about 500 members, if we have 600 then we'd need more shelving
- Entrance of machining may have space but it is cluttered
- Whats in Blacksmithing that isn't blacksmithing?
  - Most of it
- Can we set a deadline for a Blacksmithing area proposal for 3 months to see if someone is actually serious about the space?
  - Unused space is an opportunity cost
  - Not going to make an official vote on it
- Budgeting for post growth ceramics area budget? Johnny remembers a dollar amount off of the general area fund (thinks it might be \$700?)
- Plan:
  - Puja to talk to the folks who volunteered to remove the junk in next to the leather area
  - Move the member shelves that are empty into that space
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## Other Business

### Flooding

- Last noted leak occurred on August 3rd
  - Assume fixed (will remove from next meeting agenda)

## **Parking Lot** *(held for later meetings)*

### Blacksmith Area

#### Security cameras and DVR

- **TODO (from July Board meeting) : Timm and James are going to schedule some time to work on that**

## **Board Slack Votes**

- 07/25/2022: Should the Board approve \$600 for the silkscreening area exposure unit (to come from general funds and to be used within a year from the day it's assigned)
  - Approved
- 07/26/2022: Switch our UW Credit Union's Money Market account balance from Advantage to Indexed
  - Approved
- 08/08/2022: Appoint Eli Wu as Craft area co-captain?
  - Approved
- 08/12/2022: Can we allot \$200 to Sylvia for equipment and supplies for setting up the Library?
  - Approved
- 08/16/2022: Use of Plastisol is banned at the Bodgery until a cleaning solution can be tested and proven effective.
  - Approved

## **Meeting adjourned at: 7:48 pm**

### **Next meeting: September 20, 2022**

#### **MINUTES/Zoom Chat:**

From pbasu to Everyone 07:35 PM

Who does that Shelves belong to? on the right

From Bob Meyer to Everyone 07:36 PM

I missed the earlier conversation, but I thought propane was a no no with the City.

From Cassie Brown (she/hers) to Everyone 07:36 PM

idk, but if they look like trays can be slid onto them, I wantto calaim them for glass

From Johnny Yan to Everyone 07:36 PM

The rack was a donation for ceramics but it is kept in the blacksmith area due to the lack of space and the need for boards to use it

From Cassie Brown (she/hers) to Everyone 07:37 PM

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From Mark P to Everyone 07:37 PM

No one has talked to the city people about propane tanks. When we did annex planning, there was discussion of putting propane outside and piping it in.

From James Pittman to Everyone 07:38 PM

That comes from the original move-in. We were told that we could not have larger tanks indoors. So we either need a tank outdoors, or we need to tap into the internal natural gas.

From pbasu to Everyone 07:39 PM

Thanks Johnny!

Those propane tanks outside the overhead door..who do they belong to?

From Bob Meyer to Everyone 07:47 PM

Its fixed until it rains again...

From pbasu to Everyone 07:47 PM

yup

From Karen Corbeill to Everyone 07:50 PM

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1s\\_ttgTOos-vhyxMzGMW0pWbCJwk\\_4GDo27cdjGkDx8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1s_ttgTOos-vhyxMzGMW0pWbCJwk_4GDo27cdjGkDx8/edit?usp=sharing)

From Tona to Everyone 07:53 PM

The plastics area possibilities sound really fun

And great for using formerly wasted materials

From eli to Everyone 07:58 PM

3D printing has PLA stored in bags to reduce moisture. Are we concerned about the quality of the recycled filament

As in if we recycle old prints to create new filament, bad quality filament could cause a lot of issues for the 3D printers

From Karen Corbeill to Everyone 08:00 PM

Recycled filament isn't very reliable. I wouldn't really recommend it. But the plastics can be cast into useful objects using molds rather than creating new filament

From eli to Everyone 08:01 PM

I see, I feel better about that

I think i'd need to see the process to really understand since i'm not familiar with how to heat the plastic without burning it, but I'll look into Precious Plastic

From Cassie Brown (she/hers) to Everyone 08:01 PM

them what it was for.