

Board Meeting Agenda (and Notes)

September 21, 2017

Attendance: John, Myranda, Grant, James, Sean, Dawn, Karen, Roger, Brenda

Absent Board Members: none

Treasurer's Report (*Consent Agenda*)

Finances and membership (John/Sean)

- **Current members: 72 Active + 2 Pending**, the total of which includes 1 Googler, 3 Seniors, 3 Students, 6 Starving Hackers, 1 family/spouse. Doesn't include 1 (non-paying) alumni.
 - We've added 6 new members in the last 30 days, and lost 6
 - "Pending" means they signed up online, have been emailed to come in for orientation and keyfob, but haven't yet done so.
- **Finances: Redacted. For full details, please ask any board member, or attend the next board meeting. Members are welcome to know about the organization's finances.**

Board reviewed Consent Agenda above (Treasurer's Report)

Discussion? None

Consent Agenda approved

New Business

"Don't Make Us Make a Rule"

- Individual rules ok? (vs Global policy) Guidelines vs rules? (Should vs must)
 - Discussion: the concept of a "net negative" vs net positive in contributions to the space from a member or guest.
 - Circumstantial rules are a possibility on an as-needed basis. This is to avoid "No goats in the space" type of rules, which would be created to address one circumstance or person, but now apply to everyone forever.
 - **Motion passes to allow rules that are for an individual or circumstance only.** (And don't have to apply globally)
 - CEO is responsible to enforce them.

- Related: How to handle a series of small infractions of “Don’t be a jerk” rule:
 - Inform the board when you’ve seen something or communicated about that, via the Slack board channel, or email.
 - If instances repeat, the issues should be documented in google drive folder: Internal Communications.
 - Repeat offenders may be asked to leave if behavior doesn’t improve.
 - If multiple infractions from multiple members occur, a rule could be created at that point.
 - Perhaps it is worth creating a new rule for for large projects outside (eg, larger than one parking space)

Inferno Club Option and Future of the Shop

- Several board members visited an almost-purchased building for new Inferno Club. Owners want to rent to us, ~9000 sqft, quoted “under \$5/sqft”. Some excitement, some concerns. The situation was discussed at length.
- One point for the situation was that it would be a way we could be part of improving a blighted neighborhood.
- **The motion to contact building owners to set up a membership viewing was postponed to next month, as the building isn’t fully purchased yet.**
- Related point: we need to do some work around identifying/strengthening our focus on our overall vision for the Bodgery. What do we do that’s larger than our space, for the community?
 - **Motion passes to create a “Passion Fund” to help fund supplies for community events.**

Events

RECAP: Will St Faire (Myranda, James, John, Ken, Iris)

- What was good? Mostly attended by Eastside Madisonians, in a good mood, talking with us about our community resource and fun space!
- What was bad? Not enough help in the booth.
- **Board approves the plan to get a booth again next year.**

Milwaukee Maker Faire

- Truck/trailer rental? - no
- We need more volunteers for the booth, let’s reach out to people individually.

GeekCraft Expo Fall Mall October 14-15

Launch Party at Bodgery Friday October 13, 7-10pm.

- Raffle giveaway at party.

- John will help promote the launch party
- Grant cannot organize a shop improvement day, as he's busy organizing another event then.

Sat/Sun: Display Booth at Faire

- Volunteers? (Karen can't, is running the whole Expo)
 - Myranda, Grant, Sean, Timm, and we will ask for more from membership
- Make n take?
 - No bookbinding. Block printing?
- Demos (were requested by organizers, but not required)

Halloween

- Party? Yes.
- An informal gathering at Craft Night (what we did last year) on the 30th.
 - Informal party on Monday (10/30)

Old Business

Power update

- (James) Scheduled for Wednesday Sept 27
- James will ask Electrician if he can run conduit down the middle of the shop.
- If he can't, hopefully we can rally members around helping move the metal shop out of the way

Member Appreciation Day(s) update

- Feedback: Karen...
 - Free food != party. Plan for more next time? Activities, games, participation of some kind would make more successful.
 - It was proposed that creating an event with a concrete focus ("Let's watch Mr Robot together") vs a general "Let's have fun!" could be more compelling, and achieve better attendance.
- Future event ideas, from survey: (Most popular responses)
 - 79% Focused Hack Night - We pick one item and everyone can come and learn/play with it, i.e. Raspberry Pi, Arduino, El wire, leather, etc.
 - 74% Potluck - Everyone bring food and just hang out. Do you need more?
 - 74% Tool Demos: Not a class in tool use, come discover unknown resources in your makerspace. you may learn a new way of making!

- 68.5% Shop Project Day - work together to improve the space. Build a thing, design and make area signs, fun art for the shop, etc.
- All others less than 50% interest

- Best available days/times:
 - Saturday 6pm+, Thursday 6pm+, Monday 8pm+
 - 50%: Tuesday 6/8pm, Fri 8pm+

Adjourned at 9:15 pm