

Board Meeting Agenda (and Notes)

Aug 18, 2016

Attendance: Timm, James, John, Dawn, Scott, Kate, Tony

Absent Board Members: Grant, Andrea

Treasurer's Report

3. Finances and membership (John)

a. Current members: 60, including 1 desk rental, 1 Google, 2 scholarships.
Plus 1 (non-paying) alumni.

- i. Members gained: 5 since last board mtg
- ii. Members lost: 1
- iii.

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

b. New Membership Fees

- i. Email out Aug 16 on \$3 handling fee, starting Jan 1st, plus PayPal discount
- ii. Suggested: waive handling fee for lump sum payments of 6/12 months? (Already approved 5%/10% discount)
 1. Board approved this.
- iii. [Wiki page](#) for reference. Also, should we post a sign?

Old Business

1. Tabled from last meeting, and after lengthy discussion, tabled again:
 - a. Spending policy
 - i. How large expenditures are prioritized
 - ii. Ensuring that all areas get equity in spending
 - b. Proposed: Wishlist is created and ranked by membership, reviewed every 6 months, Bodgery purchases are guided by the list, but board makes the final call; board should explain itself if it chooses a purchase counter to the list. Also, any purchase still follows normal policy, so anything over \$300 must be voted upon by the membership.

- i. Board approved.
2. TIG Welder update
 - a. Is this happening?
 - b. Is it worth buying the one from Milwaukee with all the extra parts and work involved, or should we just buy a complete unit for a little more money? John has a link to one.
 - i. Tabled to the next meeting.
3. Torrenting/Internet Infrastructure
 - a. Switch purchased?
 - b. Tabled, as Grant unable to make the meeting.

New Business

1. Start planning for moving
 - a. Decide on target membership that would allow us to move (70-80? That's \$3500 - \$4000/month in revenue.)
 - b. Increase in insurance? Utilities?
 - c. Grew a lot in the last 3 months, could hit that target and move next spring/early summer
 - d. Landlord will allow us to break current lease if we move into another building of hers
 - e. Ask for tour of place across the street, get a quote for full space, and section.
 - i. Take notes on what we would need to improve in the building, especially electrical drops, networking, and ventilation
 - ii. What's the monthly cost? Estimated utility bill?
 - f. Start moving fund (\$3,000 - \$5,000?)
 - i. **Board approves \$400/mo to be set aside for a 2017 move.**
 - g. If we do move, get refund on A/C electrical work. Or, since we would likely have to use the same electrician, roll the cost over.
2. Start fund from the members for larger laser cutter
 - a. Contributions via rally.org? Monthly payments. 20 people * \$20/month * 6 months = \$2400 (minus site's take)
 - b. Ideally 3x5 ft, 150W
 - i. The fundraisers might come back to the board to see if the Bodgery is willing to contribute.

- ii. Also, external fundraising might contribute to this
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- 3. Geek Kon
 - a. Aug 26-28, Bodgery has a panel with Timm and Luke speaking, probably John, James willing.
 - b. Girl? Karen very busy, Summer? KATE? Caroline? Sam?
 - c. At Marriot in Middleton
 - d. Saturday at 12-1pm is our panel (Salon G)
 - e. Topic is "Makerspaces and The Bodgery"
 - 4. WORT Spot?
 - a. Can we get on again? John will call.
 - 5. CNC Died Again
 - a. Weight of table is more than TinyG can really handle, plus table is bowing. Might be a black hole for money/time.
 - b. Tony has built a small one at home: scaling it up he estimates would cost ~\$300
 - c. Suggestion that we could try this at a large size (4x8), and if it isn't rigid enough, scale back to medium size and use that.
 - 6. Student membership discount?
 - a. Tabled to next month.

Minutes

7:07 - Begin. Financial update.

7:11 - Move to waive handling fee on lump sum payments of 6 to 12 months (by Timm, John seconds). Motion passes.

7:14 - Spending policy.

7:29 - Motion of spending policy by Tony, seconded by James:
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Motion passed

7:30 - TIG welder - Move to table discussion (Tony, Timm seconds). Motion passes.

7:34 - Torrenting/Internet infrastructure - waiting on Grant

7:34 - Future moving plans. Discussing membership targets.

7:45 - Motion to find cost of full place of current landlord's other place (by Tony, James seconded). Discussion continues.

7:49 - Motion to save \$400/month for a moving fund (by James, Tony seconded). Motion passes.

7:52 - Larger laser cutter. Will send message to membership about monthly funding.

8:03 - Geek Kon panel. Sat, aug27, at noon.

8:23 - DIY CNC update. Died again. May not be worth fixing. Tony has plan for alternative, already built example at home.

8:34 - Student membership discount. Motion to table discussion (Timm, James seconds). Motion passes.

8:42 - Motion to adjourn. Motion passes.