

Spark Member Council



Member Council Agenda/Minutes
June 18th, 2024
Expected time: 6-8pm

Member Council

Committee Chair: Chris Cooper and Casey Moran

Vice Chair: Ebbe Dahlor

Formed 3/21/2018, Updated 5/2/2018

- This committee is formed to continue to strategize with the community on matters directly related to membership, including membership levels and responsibilities, member participation in the organization, ideas for income generation, volunteer management, and programming.
- The committee chair(s) may propose any policy changes directly to the Board of Directors, Executive Director, or other appropriate parties with the authority to implement such a change.
- No additional funding is authorized for this committee. Related costs within the existing budget must be approved by the Executive Director. Related costs not in the existing budget must be approved by the board.
- This committee shall be co-chaired by the Executive Director and the senior member representative on the Board of Directors. The junior member representative shall serve as Vice-Chair. Additional members may be added to or removed from the committee in a manner determined by the committee.
- Quorum of representation from at least 65% stations is required for proposals that go to the Board

Chairs:

- ~~Casey Moran~~
- ~~Ebbe Dahlor~~
- ~~Chris Cooper~~

Attendees:

Need 4 stations for quorum

	<input type="checkbox"/> Check if present. <input type="checkbox"/> Don't if not.
Staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Casey Moran <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ebbe Dahlor
A/V and Coworking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vic Filepp
Electronics	<input type="checkbox"/> Drew Gates <input type="checkbox"/> John Scimone <input type="checkbox"/> Mike Molinari <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salem Sturm
Glass Arts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Valerie Gilson
Woodshop	<input type="checkbox"/> Dan Flavin <input type="checkbox"/> Jake Kaeser <input type="checkbox"/> Kate Berrigan <input type="checkbox"/> Jonathan Roussin
Fiber Arts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sherri Gordon <input type="checkbox"/> Melinda Quinn <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teresa Grosse
Print Shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Nike Desis <input type="checkbox"/> Julie Garay <input type="checkbox"/> Michaela Abate <input type="checkbox"/> Natalie Grayson

Others Present:

- **Call to Order - Roll Call -**
- **Role of this meeting**
 - **Please talk with other station leads from your area if you can't attend.**
 - **Please also read the minutes.**
 - **In the interest of time, segments will be limited**
- **Reading and approval of the minutes:** **4/16/2024 Member Advisory Council Agenda**
MOTION: Ebbe Dahlor
SECONDED: Chris Cooper
VOTE: unanimous
- **Treasurer Update.** Spark financials are doing great at the moment. We have received several grants within the last 2 months that has put Spark in a great position for this year and years to come.
Cash on hand:
 - Union Street Account: \$100.02
 - Checking Account: \$129,272.60
 - Savings Account: \$67,579.73
 - PayPal Account: \$99.48
- **Updates/Questions for Maple:**
- If you have any questions about financials, email maple@sparkmakerspace.org.

1. Staff report - Casey Moran Ebbe Dahlor

Members:

- a. New members this month:
 - i. Gained: 4
 - ii. Lost: 2
- a. By Amount: **Members: 124**
 - i. 33 pay \$0
 - ii. 6 pay \$10
 - iii. 15 pay \$30
 - iv. 1 pays \$35
 - v. 4 pay \$50
 - vi. 40 pay \$55
 - vii. 23 pay \$65

- viii. 1 pays \$85
- ix. 1 pays \$100

- Station Balance / Executive Projects Funds

Electronics	Fiber Arts	AV	Stained Glass	Woodshop	Printmaking	Coworking
\$706.01	\$430.80	\$1,398.50	\$0.00	\$1,746.34	\$448.38	375

Totals are current as of :

- **Grants-**

- Betts Family Foundation \$6,000.00
- Bright Horizons Foundation For Children \$500.00
- Chamber Foundation \$1,500.00
- Charles B Allyn Foundation \$5,000.00
- Community Foundation of ECT \$10,000.00
- Dominion Energy Foundation \$3,000.00
- Frank Loomis Palmer Fund \$75,000.00
- Ridgeway Foundation \$1,000.00
- Veolia \$500.00
- Yerkes Foundation \$10,000.00

Pending Response

- Adobe \$20,000.00

Denied

- TD Charitable \$10,000.00
- Mystic Rotary Club \$5,000.00

Working on

- Charter Oak FCU

Marketing Committee (Casey, Vic, ...) -

- Please send pics you take around the space to Casey@sparkmakerspace.org or vic@sparkmakerspace.org or Marketing@sparkmakerspace.org or [Dropbox](#)

- **Action Items:**

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- **Facilities Committee (Vic)**

- FYI: [Master project list](#)
 - If there is something you think should be added, please [email](#)

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- **IT Committee (Drew G, John S, Vic, Salem)**

- **Stations check-in:**
 - **Fiber Arts Studio (Sherri, Melinda, Teresa)**
 - Sewing machine loan program - need to finalize details so we can promote
 - Embroidery machines - need to finalize permissions to add software to computers so we can begin using the machine and offering certifications and classes
 - Project Dress a Girl - first session went well (5 attendees), next session this coming Sunday
 - Commercial machine “shredding” again - will need to get it looked at
 - Open Sew (Monday nights) - going well, strong attendance. Tuesday midday - “on hold” as Melin continues to recover from surgery
 - A few upcoming classes but not many during summer months
 - Member “skill shares” upcoming - first is sweater mending
 - Certification attendance is light - working on trying to have Mo & Dana trained to conduct certifications
 - Americana Fabrics - produce a flier
 - Spark Quilt - coordinate each station’s creation
 - **Print Shop (Nike, Michaela, Julie, Natalie)**
 - Drawing Night/ crit night growing
 - New Press- Check off coming (to those with knowledge)to be certified in Relief class.
 - Cyanotype Class-
 - Lino Class-
 - Screen Printing Spanish Class Coming
 - Kids Classes in the works
 - **Woodshop (Dan, Jonathan, Kate, Jake)**
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 - **Electronics (Drew, John, Mike, Salem)**
 - Laser cutter coming Friday
 - Cleanup
 - Sectr kids hosted
 - Fundraiser on June 22nd
 - Attendance on Thurs. Elec. night, really good
 - **Stained Glass Studio**
 - Newest class (plant propagation station) was held on June 9 and went very well. Next one is scheduled for June 20.
 - Participating in Spark exhibit at Waterford Library in August and am encouraging other studio users to do so.

- **More studio users are using Discord with lots of positive feedback and support**

- **Old Business**

- **Ebbe is now Community manager, stepping down as Member representative.**
- **Chris Cooper's term is up in July**
- **We need to host an election for member reps**

- **New Business/ Board Report-out**

- Cleaning Day June 21st, 6-8pm. Let's tidy and eat pizza! We really just want to get the main areas tidied, swept and mopped and also use the day to catch up with one another (side quest: this day holds potential for Leads to sort upstairs and do some Big Dumping - even just making a small pile of things for Ebbe to donate/sell/throw out would be an amazing start)
- Should we do more socials besides member socials? Fun crafts, game nights, meetups, movie nights, etc. on Friday evenings? Last Friday of the MAC month - game night suggested
- Saturday markets! First Saturdays on Golden street run until September 7th. Should we do a Spark table? Members could pool a couple things/skillshares together
- Waterford Public Library wants YOUR art for their Spark member showcase! Please submit your original artwork to Drew. Questions: [email](#). The Art should be able to be hung. The showcase will open on August 1st. Submit by 7/27
- Mending Social! Fiber Arts is hosting a Make and Mend night for members to jazz up their clothes! June 25th 6:30 in Fiber Arts
- Spark Quilt—let's help Fiber Arts make something for our 2025 Gala! Sew a square or five, and Fiber Arts will add your pieces to the community quilt!
- SECTr (Southeastern CT Robotics Inc. youth) is doing a fundraiser with electronics on June 22nd at 2pm (the annual robotics festival on Masonic st) A carnival with robot games, a raffle and a Lego pit for kids to build from, plus exhibitions and Spark Electronics will have a soldering table where participants can make an LED
- Expressiones need help building a carousel art installation! We need your help getting some form of a moving carousel - this could be made from PVC or some other material. They are hoping to have a kinetic sculpture that can spin...If this sounds like something you could pull off, please let us know! End of August
- Conn College is asking about a project session with Spark for new Students on Aug. 25th. Last year, we printed tees and made light-up pins. Keychains, blinky things, etc.
- NLAC Art Stroll on August 3rd- Should we do an open house?

- **Sliding Scale Discussion:**
 - Seeking Mac approval on details/implementation

Motion to express positive feelings: Salem

Seconded: Chris

Passed: unanimously approved

Announcements

Adjournment

Motion: Ebbe

Second: Salem

End at 7:26pm