

Spark Member Council



Meeting Agenda/Minutes
January 28th, 2020

Member Council

Committee Chair: Casey Moran, Maritza Vargas, Mike Molinari

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.

Chairs:

Casey Moran
Maritza Vargas
Mike Molinari
Max Amuse

Attendees:

X Ashby Carlisle - Program
X Vic Filepp - A/V
X Maritza Vargas - Chair
X John Scimone - Electronics
Drew Gates - Electronics
X Max Amuse - Chair
X Mike Molinari - Electronics /Chair
X Valerie Gilson - Stained glass
Robert Hatcher - Small metals
X Dan Flavin, - Woodshop
Jake Kaeser- Woodshop
X Jonathan Roussin- Woodshop
Aly Maderson-Quinlog - Printmaking
X Nike Desis - Printmaking
Melinda Quinn - Fiber arts
X Winifred Bellefleur - Fiber arts
Sherri Condon - Fiber arts

George Ryan - Coworking
Brad Sheridan - Drawing / Art space

X = present

1. Call to Order - 6:00

2. Roll Call

3. Role of this meeting

- a. **Station turnout is really needed for this meeting.**
- b. **Please talk with other station leads from your area if you can't attend.**
- c. **Please also read the minutes.**

4. Reading and approval of the minutes

MOTION:Dan SECONDED: Vic VOTE: all yes

5. Action Items

- a. Casey
 - i. Focus on small metals. **Extended.**
 - ii. Donation boxes will probably work better if they are located in the stations.
Example. When the boxes get made. **Extended.**
- b. Michael Molinari
 - i. Gift certificates. Make sure this topic is discussed at the membership recruiting committee. Email traffic on this over the next few days. Closed

6. Reports - 5 minutes

- a. Executive Director Report
 - i. Members: 122
 - 1. 56 General
 - 2. 22 Working Members
 - 3. 19 Scholarships
 - 4. 15 Leads
 - 5. 10 honorary/staff
 - ii. New Members: 11
 - 1. Scholarships- Aaliyah Staten, Franca Parra-Polimeni, Jean Jordan, Noah Todd,
 - 2. Walkins- John Michael Callahan (canceled) , Emily Cahill (canceled),
 - 3. Holiday Discount Prepaid Memberships- Monica Henry-Seifert, Nicholas Hartman, Richard Steel, Rykley Cooper, Thena Cranfill
 - iii. Membership Revenue: \$3,766.00
 - iv. Holiday Membership Campaign-
 - 1. 11 Purchased
 - 2. 39 months sold at \$30 a month
 - 3. \$1,170.00 made
 - v. Gross Class revenue since the last meeting(Dec 2019 & Jan 2020): \$1073.39
 - 1. SG- 6-week \$358.66
 - 2. Intro SP \$141.18
 - 3. SG Feathers \$246.78
 - 4. WS- Cutting Board \$115.00
 - 5. SG- Stars \$211.77

- b. Treasurer Report
- c. Programing Report
 - i. 2019 Totals
 - 1. Yearly Total
 - a. \$8,712.50
 - 2. Monthly Average
 - a. \$726.04

Board update:

Anyone who can't Attend the member Council Meeting that Chairs a committee needs to send in a report before the meeting.

- d. Station report out
 - i. Electronics
 - 1. Continued meetups.
 - a. Very popular
 - 2. Large 3D Printer back online
 - 3. Will increase class offerings
 - 4. Organizing a CT hackathon <http://hackct.io>
 - ii. Woodshop
 - 1. 2 Classes coming up (Feb)
 - 2. Review of Policies
 - a. Keep it clean
 - b. Wear the safety glasses
 - 3. New Handout for Woodshop Access
 - 4. New handout for class information
 - 5. New-to-Spark lathe
 - a. Will be painting with oil based paint. See email.
 - 6. Will eventually have bowl classes
 - iii. Fiber Arts
 - 1. Want to reschedule intro to sewing machines
 - 2. Combine open knit and open sew nights
 - iv. Stained glass
 - 1. 6-week class ongoing
 - 2. Just ran feathers workshop
 - 3. Classes scheduled through June
 - v. Printmaking / Drawing & Painting
 - 1. Big remodel, reorganizing
 - 2. Community Print Night 'Old Favorite' Print this month
 - 3. Call for art for March's Print Night

- vi. Small metals
 - 1. Need replacement bench with storage
 - 2. Robert and Maritza will be meeting up soon to organize the area
- vii. AV
 - 1. All computers are now using the default Spark admin password
 - 2. Adobe credentials for Co-Working computers
 - 3. Rethink of Lr Class structure
 - a. Intro & Advanced?
 - i. One day/Two day? 2 or 3 hours each?
 - ii. Putting password on the desktop of computers
- viii. Coworking
 - 1. George says keep it clean, you filthy animals!
 - 2. Casey says keep it clean, you filthy animals!
- e. Program Committee:
 - i. Nothing new. (see above)
- f. Spaceforce
 - i. Update from Kristin read aloud
- g. Membership Committee -
 - i. next meeting? TBD
- h. Fundraising Committee-
 - i.
- i. New London Art Council
 - i. Briefed by Ashby
 - ii. Public meetings on the third Tuesday of the month

New Business

- j. Raising Member Rates
- k. Parking Pass Payment - NO
- l. Member Directory
 - i. Committee - Casey, Maritza, Vic, John S.

Unfinished Business

7. Announcements

- a.

8. Adjournment

- a. Meeting finished at : **MOTION:Dan F. SECONDED: John R. VOTE: all yes**

ACTION ITEMS / Closed, Extended, Tabled

- 1. Valerie and Casy to put up new parking signs.
- 2. Maritza to make digital catalog of makers social media, and contact informaiton.
- 3. John Scimone to lead Fix It Cafe March 7th, Noon to 3pm. Ashby will be there from fiber arts.
- 4. Members to fill out survey.