



Board Meeting Minutes: January 15th, 2019

<p><i>Minutes Approval: together with Jan 2019 minutes at meeting of BOD 2/12/19</i></p>	<p><i>Yea: Laura Miller, Jared Reynold, Sandra May, Chelsea Bailey</i></p>	<p><i>Nay: none Abstaining: none Missing: Gary Miller, Jessica Livingston</i></p>
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Attendees: Laura Miller, Gary Miller (departing early), Jared Reynolds, Sandra May, Chelsea Bailey

Apologies: Jessica Livingston

Jan 2019 came to order at 5:47, the meeting was held early by special request. No formal agenda was disseminated in advance. The group began with a discussion of an open planning meeting scheduled for January the 22nd. Sandra May voiced a concern that a lack of a preliminary plan for the development of the makerspace might be off-putting to potential new volunteers attending. Jared Reynolds, who had agreed to conduct the meeting indicated he would outline a proposed growth framework. Volunteers will be sought for equipment and space planning, outreach, and member development. A writer's group could support multiple initiatives. The meeting is also an opportunity to pitch 1MillionCups and enlist help in lining up speakers, both for the monthly morning meetings and perhaps a quarterly evening venue ("1MillionPints?").

We remain in need a a coffee sponsor for 1MillionCups.

Potential homes for the makerspace were intermittently discussed. The Lighting Place remains a possibility especially if the makerspace can share it with a business incubator. The Steeplegate Mall would be fairly costly per square foot and would require us to either keep mall hours or forgo an interior door; heating and cooling the space might also be more expensive than other locations. Other possibilities include the building that used to house the Amish Store, the "Smokestack" center by Area 23, and a site that previously housed Cleary Cleaners. Jared began putting together a spreadsheet to view costs, available square footage, and other considerations for each potential space side by side.

Jared updated us on his contacts with the CRDC in advance of an upcoming tax credit seminar. Making Matters will need to demonstrate we have partner organizations such as the Community Action Program of Belknap and Merrimack Counties, and will need a letter of support from the City of Concord. The CRDC has also suggested we seek out regional economic development initiatives they have provided already with funds to turn around and donate to the makerspace.

Chelsea Bailey reminded the group of our planned initiative to hold classes, which had been moved to the backburner. We will make a pitch for teachers at the general meeting. The group will need to discuss such items as minimum class size and how to split fees charged.

Sandra asked the status of the domain registration which had lapsed; Laura Miller reported it had been renewed. We briefly discussed having multiple URLs lead to the same site.

Having started early the meeting ended at 7:10 by general consensus.