



Board Meeting Minutes

<i>Minutes Approval: April 23rd</i>	<i>Yea: Laura Miller, Jared Reynolds, Sandra May, Chelsea Bailey</i>	<i>Nay: none Abstaining: none Missing: Gary Miller, Jessica Livingston Nancy Paul,</i>
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Date: March 21st, 2019

Attendees: Laura Miller, Gary Miller, Jared Reynolds, Sandra May, Jessica Livingston, Chelsea Bailey, Nancy Paul

Apologies:

Our March 2019 meeting took place on Thursday the 21st to accommodate schedule conflicts. The meeting formally began at 3:37 pm

We opened by welcoming Nancy Paul. While her addition to the board had been discussed via Slack on February 25th, Sandra May requested a confirmation vote given the lack of a second and informality of language and intent in the discussion. At 3:40 pm Laura Miller moved to add Nancy to the board and Jared Reynolds seconded. Sandra, Chelsea Bailey, and Jessica Livingston all voted yes. (note Gary Miller was not present for this particular vote but had registered his approval via the Slack discussion.)

At 3:42 pm a vote was taken to approve the minutes from February. Chelsea seconded. Nancy abstained as she had not been a board member at the time of said meeting. Jared, Sandra and Jessica all added their yes votes.

Discussion turned to 1MillionCups. The new Hotel Concord is interested in working with partners to make a coworking space available in their building and it would be possible to hold future Cups sessions there off the lobby. 1MillionCups continues to lack a coffee sponsor but we may be able to get a grant from the Women's Foundation for this. Jared reports he has asked the Kaufman Foundation for a grant. Our inaugural session of 1MillionPints, the evening networking focused offshoot of cups, will be the day after 1MillionCups, on May 2nd. A different audience mix is expected for each event.

Laura reported on another meeting she and Jared had held with the Concord Chamber about the prospect of a makerspace. Feasibility reviews to date indicate a sizeable grant would be needed to move the project forward.

Laura and Chelsea have been teaming with Heidi Solomon-Orlick on the educational workshop series partnership first discussed at last month's board meeting. This will involve the Center for Women and Enterprise as well; MakingMattersNH will serve as the fiscal agent. A \$5,000.00 grant has been requested from the Women's Foundation to fund a series of 5 workshops and up to 15 scholarships for applicants. Potential topics include web development, social media resources, and how to start a small business. We should know whether or not the grant has been awarded in June.

Gary Miller arrived as Jared began discussing the USDA grant application status. Nancy offered numerous examples of documentation that could strengthen our application within our available resources. Board members were asked to supply their resumes, work with known potential partners on letters of support and documentation of in-kind donations. Sandra will reach out to frequent volunteer from Manchester's makerspace Jason Martin for his resume as well, given his work with us doing demos and teaching our first upcoming software class. She will also obtain volunteer John Cassel's resume given he is expected to run the electronics and prototyping shops.

We learned that a partnership with a charter school located at the Steeplegate Mall might offer a way to achieve a physical space.

Sandra and Jared discussed the master equipment "wish list" with Gary, who requested a copy via email.

The meeting ended at 5:08 pm by general consensus.