



Board Meeting Minutes 11/10/2020

<i>Minutes Approval:</i>	<i>Yea: Laura Miller, Jared Reynolds, Sandra May, Chelsea Bailey, Jen Cook, Andrew Heath</i>	<i>Nay: none Abstaining: none Missing: Ron Merrill, Diana Moore</i>
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Attendees: Laura Miller, Jared Reynolds, Sandra May, Chelsea Bailey, Ron Merrill (one way telephonic), Diana Moore

Apologies: Jen Cook, Andrew Heath

*** Note: Ron signed into the meeting audio-only at 1:20 pm and reported via email he had no ability to reply. He joined none of the votes.

Guests: Dede Russel, Ben Braggins, Bill Yacopucci

We began our meeting at 1:07 pm with the sad news of Adele Sanborn's resignation; she will be very much missed.

Laura moved to approve the minutes from October 2020's meeting: and Chelsea seconded: Laura, Jared, Sandra, Chelsea, and Diana voted aye.

Jared presented the Treasurer's report. We need to complete purchases from several time-sensitive awards before year's end. Also, several non-paying members have been removed from the WildApricot system. With one exception, all of our studio renting tenants are behind on their rent.

We still have 25K left in tax credits to sell. Ben Braggins, attending member guest, volunteered he has some leads on potential buyers.

Jared has also prepared a proposed 2021 budget; we will postpone the review given several board members have not had the chance to read it. The directors are asked to weigh in on the document in Slack.

Laura brought up our line of credit account. We have not used it previously, and a \$100.00 renewal fee is pending. Sandra moved that we pay the renewal fee so this resource remains available to us. Chelsea seconded. Laura, Jared, Sandra, Chelsea, and Diana voted aye. Chelsea moved that we accept the Treasurer's report. Diana seconded. Laura, Jared, Sandra, Chelsea and Diana voted aye. Laura discussed an opportunity to pursue a second grant through the Charitable Foundation. She and Jared suggest we

apply for funding to subsidize rents for our Artists in Residence program, underwrite fair teacher compensation for our low cost "101" level classes, and that the balance of any monies go to fund new equipment. A discussion ensued as to how much should go directly to equipment. While no formal vote was taken, the takeaway was that funding for the Artists in Residence ultimately goes into rental income... and can then be spent on equipment anyhow but provides flexibility.

Turning towards the Outreach Committee's work, we are at our target date to re-evaluate Making Mondays. Sandra raised a concern on rising Covid counts in Concord and would like to see us cut back on the number of people in the space. Ben and Laura suggested perhaps dropping to a monthly gathering? Bill would like to see a stronger reach out to non-members. If needed, we can ask people to make a reservation so we can avoid holding too large a gathering. We also briefly discussed whether demos are welcome during the event, given our prototyping manager had ideas for a series of brief topics. Sandra opined these do not have to be held in the pop-up lounge so no one need feel compelled to attend... and it might bring in additional interest. Laura asked her to find out what topic John might want to present in December.

We are seeing a lot of engagement in our current survey, but Sandra noted it is mostly coming from people outside the space. She asked board members who have not yet looked it over please weigh in... but to be guided by their own preferences and not their interpretation on what would be best for the space.

Shop status was briefly discussed. The motor for the table saw is being worked on at the Grizzly company. Andrew is prioritizing checkouts with his currently limited time. A metal shop manager is still needed.

Our sewing classes have recently debuted with a small but passionate following. Erika Rydberg has a trio of laser cutting classes coming up. Jared also suggests we pursue a partnership with Claremont on their virtual offerings. There is also an initiative to list all. The youth art program was suspended due to a recent Covid exposure.

Recent issues with heat in the building were discussed. We asked our guest and landlord Dede if she could attend a meeting during next week's management meeting slot and also, to let us know in advance when entries into our space were necessary.

We returned briefly to the topic of outreach/marketing. We will look into putting some content and notices on Patch, which is a free platform.

Laura moved to adjourn and Chelsea seconded; Laura, Jared, Diana, Chelsea, and Sandra voted aye.