



## Board Meeting Minutes June 7<sup>th</sup> 2021

<i>Minutes Approval: July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021</i>	<i>Yea: Jared Reynolds, Sandra May, Ron Merrill, Bill Yacopucci, Ben Braggins, John Cassel, Erika Rydberg, Lydia West</i>	<i>Nay: none Abstaining: none Missing:</i>
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**Attendees:** Jared Reynolds, Sandra May, Andrew Heath, Bill Yacopucci, Ben Braggins, John Cassel, Ryan Shirilla, Lydia West

**Apologies:** Jen Cook, Ron Merrill, Erika Rydberg

The meeting came to order at 6:09 pm. Introductions were made for benefit of new members. We then celebrated victories: the paint booth has arrived and just needs assembly, the bike shop tools are hanging on a wall in an organized fashion, the new Wifi equipment is installed and the system is noticeably faster. The 2 month memberships from the Friends program have almost all been initiated.

Sandra requested a vote on the minutes from May. Ben moved to approve, Andrew seconded. The alumni from the 2020-21 board (Jared, Sandra, Andrew, Ben, Bill all voted to approve; this was a majority of the 7 alumni).

There are still funds to purchase bike equipment; Ben will ask new member Kary Ficarra for input on whether we missed anything.

A member brought it to our attention that there is a dip in the sidewalk that could be a hazard and also impedes bringing in materials.

Sandra presented the financial reports, going over the types of assets Making Matters holds and our liabilities for the benefit of the new members. She is looking into a more targeted presentation of the budget-to-actual report to exclude grants and focus on operating income and expenses.

The board turned to a review of the mask policy. We elected to follow current CDC guidelines. Masks are no longer required for the vaccinated. People who are not vaccinated are asked to continue to mask; this will be via honors system. Members are asked to bring in a mask in case they are unable to socially distance from people who would prefer they mask up (eg. in a classroom situation). We will continue to keep masks at the front door in case a member forgets to bring one. Much of the masking signage will be taken down. Changes can be made to our Skedda reservation channels in light of the fall in Covid 19 cases. We will now allow two people in the woodshop, and will drop booking requirements for the textiles and metal shop areas. Given the popularity of the lasers, we will continue to recommend members make a reservation.

Tomorrow night is the kickoff of the NHGives campaign. Emails are set to go out to both our membership and our mailing list at large. Board members were encouraged to speak with Jared if they wanted to assist with a matching fund.

We touched on marketing initiatives; new member Ryan would like to help. Lydia suggested we approach the Guild about running a dual membership drive and giving a discount to any makerspace members who join the Guild. We have also discussed changing our name; this would also be a good time to launch a more streamlined website. We also need to sell our second year's worth of tax credits; between the efforts of diverse board members and members there are some seven leads currently slated for follow up.

Jared is exploring a possible Community Development Block Grant, which we may be a good candidate for. It could be used for planning purposes and potentially, funding an employee. Sandra moved that we reach out to the city to see if they would be willing to locate a grant writer/ administrator for us and Ben seconded the motion. All present voted to support seeking a partnership.

At 7:37 the board entered executive session.