

10-04-2017 Member Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order 7:35 PM

Introductions of new members and Announcements

- First Friday
 - Squirrel has contact Solla regarding Leesburg First Fridays
 - Someone can go to the Very Virginia Shop on First Friday to direct traffic to Makersmiths
- Very Virginia Shop Display
 - Squirrel has arranged to have several shelves with signage and items made at Makersmiths on display
 - All communication regarding these items should go through Squirrel; not directly through Solla
- Scout Merit Badge Counselors Needed
 - Allon has requested folks who are willing to act as counselors for Merit Badges
 - Requirements for badges are not rigorous so commitment is minimal
 - For info: see new group on Slack #scouting
- Non-profit Leadership Symposium
 - Dave Painter offered flyers for Symposium to be held at Shenandoah University
 - October 10, 8-3
- Ann Margret requested the following
 - Volunteers to assist with cleaning the future sewing room
 - Replacement to be available for Tuesday night open houses

Membership Update:

- 57 members
- 23 memberships
- 50 active
- 5 new members

Treasurer Update

- Pursuing tax exemption for personal property tax from Loudoun County
- Goal to Increase of memberships to 97 by Dec 2018
- Currently 24K in the bank
- Credit Card payments and donations can now be accepted on site
- Reimbursement requests must be approved by owners of individual spaces

Brad's Update:

- Bylaws and policies have been updated (i.e. instructor pay and storage for members)
- Updated proposed items are on the Wiki (wiki.makersmiths.org)
 - Will be available for comment for 30 days (IF you don't want to make public comment, send to Brad)
 - After 30 days, board will vote
 - Goal is to have new docs approved by January 1
 - Mike Fistler reported that over \$600 was raised at the Bluemont Fair with the Cow Train

Mark's Update:

- There was a great turnout at last month's First Friday (for future info, see Slack channel #FirstFriday)
- Jesse is contact for Purcellville Tag Sale happening Saturday, October 7th.
- Items for sale include warehouse items and any items folks wish to donate
- Booth location is still in question, but it is thought to be at Southern States
- Fall Farm Tour
 - Slack channel #FallFarmTour
 - Plan to make fidget spinners
 - Social Media
- Interactions have increased
- Jesse will take over site; options are being considered
 - Possibility of Wordpress site with Wild Apricot embedded
- Social Outreach
- K2M, a corporate sponsor of over 10K/year has requested a presentation to be given to their engineers about the availability in the space
- October 30 or 1st week of November

Purcellville Update-Dave Painter

- Good progress
- Mike Fistler brokered a deal with Beckstrom to do electric and give a full year to pay; they are ready to go
- Waiting for Dominion Power (leveraging political power to force progress)
- Workdays have been successful
- Demo is almost complete, supplies purchased, reframing ready
- Local concrete [co.to](#) pave floor
- Workdays will be scheduled for every Saturday in October and November
- All big distribution equipment has been donated

Leesburg Update

- Pat has been cleaning the back classroom
 - Cisco TV will be relocated back there
 - Tables and Chairs
- Ted's Office will soon be available
- Wood Shop-Dust collection is up but still needs power
- If you are using the tables in the main room, cover them with paper

Berryville Storage Update

- Storage unit has been sorted and organized (over 3 weekends)
- There are 3 more tables worth of stuff
- Brad is proposing a MakerCycling event in the Leesburg lot to make excess items available for repurposing
- Any scrap metal or wood will be recycled; if anyone wants something, contact Brad to determine availability
- May have a buyer for the dust collector

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm