Twin Cities Maker Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2011 at Hack Factory, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Attendees

Attendees: Karin, Riley, Michael, Brandon, Bob, Dave by Skype

Scribe

Bob Poate

Agenda

Old Business

- Reading of previous month's minutes
- Cheryl as potential PR minion - Michael and Riley
- 501 (c) 3 update
- School Factory and Springboard for the Arts
- Potential TCM rebranding to Hack Factory
- Shop signage

New Business

- Upcoming events

Old Business

- Skimmed previous month's minutes. Amend October notes to show that Wayne was sick and could not attend. Voted to accept last months minutes. Approved. Karin will be sending out School Factory info after meeting today.
- Cheryl as potential PR minion. No contact from her yet, so she may not actually be interested. Riley will post on the blog and mass email a new request for PR assistant.
- 501 (c) 3 update - Bob E. (attorney) wants to talk to Michael, Brandon and Dave; Tony and Becca will be working on the narrative for the application. Springboard will also be advising Michael with the application process. Also need to discuss a budget for the application and for TCM operational planning purposes. Shop managers need to have

budgets done by Monday, November 21 for the Budget meeting on the November 22.

- Budget Meeting will be Tuesday November, 22 at 7PM, because Dave will be in town. Shop managers will have annual and quarterly budgets done by then. State and IRS need to have budgets broken down differently (yearly vs. quarterly). Everyone who shows up (board & shop mgrs) may participate.

- School Factory and Springboard for the Arts. Karin will be emailing information to board. Michael talked with Cally from Springboard only briefly and will schedule a meeting with her. Becca is working on narrative with Tony. Karin offered to print out the entire blog to document our activities for the 501 (c) 3 application. Dave believes we don't need to print out entire blog; Michael believes we do. Bob E. indicated that the entire blog should be printed out.

- Potential Twin Cities Maker rebranding to Hack Factory. Discussion on forum tends to indicate that people don't want to rebrand, but Board feels we should do something. Dave started the blog posting but work travel interfered. There are 4 branding options:

    - Leave branding as is.

    - Change name legally to Twin Cities Maker.

    - Change name and all branding to Hack Factory.

    - Some combination of above

  - Will do the blog posting, discussion and voting by December meeting.

- Signage for shop. Riley had the signs printed at Kinko's. Shop rules were printed on 11" x 17" paper, but are too small. Riley will again use Wayne's images, but will have them printed to .pdf and printed larger.

- Chris' policy. Should the policy be approved as posted or not? Discussed, approved. Policy is a living document, and can be edited or updated by Board if necessary.

New Business

- Shameless Ink TC Maker T-shirts. Some of the shirts that they printed for us had some problems with the printing and the ink and didn't last very long. They were appalled when they found out what happened. If we bring in the T-shirts that didn't print well, they'll replace them for free. Riley will post the T-shirt replacement offer on the blog.

- Upcoming events. U of M event tomorrow (Wednesday) will be covered by Riley, John S. and Adam. Karin - December 3 - Seward Art Crawl is the same date as the TIG orientation class. Can we move the class to Sunday? Asked Steffin. TIG class is now moved to Sunday, December 4. Potential scheduling conflict with DC612, but meeting has been moved to Elsie's so that is not a problem. Arduino for English majors is November 10 and 17 (2 parts). Another Arduino class may be offered in January. Do we want to table at Roller Derby? Discussed. Yes, if we can get volunteers. Having a table there is not so much for member recruitment, but people at the Roller Derby like

the fact that we have classes so it's a good source of students. Idea - have a white board at Roller Derby to show upcoming classes. They haven't asked us yet if they want to use the sound board again.

- Seward Art Crawl - 2 hours on Friday and from 2 PM - 5 PM on Saturday. Dave can do a brewing demonstration. One of the members from DC612 will be making alcoholic ice cream and regular ice cream with liquid nitrogen. Jen and Karin will be doing candle making (ice cubes with hot wax poured over them). George and Tony are planning on a fire breathing snowman. Talk of a Thanksgiving potluck party; discussed, will discuss further by email. May be doing something in December.

- Need more TC Maker flyers printed, and need more green stickers printed.

- Discussed new standard Board meeting night (Tuesday). Nice to have board meeting without interruptions, but there were no general members attending.

Next Meeting

- December 8

Next Meeting Agenda Items

- To be determined.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned.