

Sept 26, 2021, 5:30pm (July meeting)
Present: Carly, Dan, Pete, Spencer, Jon, Lia
Absent: Jered, Kendra, Bendy, Julia, Dennis
Guests:

Agenda:

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Topics to cover

Reply to Appeal Request

- Reviewed and sent (on 9/26)

Google Workspaces

"Free for 1 hour conversations" → do we need to migrate to a new solution?

Vice President Role

- Who wants it?
 - Pete
- "Vice President – This is a 1 year term followed by 1 year as president. The Vice President will:

- Support the president in fulfilling his or her duties.
- Understand the responsibilities of the president and be able to perform these duties in the president's absence.
- Work with the board of directors, event and core leads to plan, develop and enforce policies and objectives for the organization to ensure it maintains its values, and meets established goals.
- Be a co-signer for the bank account.”
- Approval of this plan: Carly, Dan, Jon, Lia, Kendra, Spencer (thus far)

Priorities for Fall 2021

- Energy seems low; what do we actually want to do if anything?
- Any tax filings, 501c3 filings, or Burning Man filings we need to hit this quarter?
- Meet w ConCom - how to support/ assist?
- Talk to community about what they are looking for?
- Look for ways to reinvigorate the community?
- Start looking for core leads
- Start thinking about metrics for go/no-go on 2022 event (and timeline)
- Email to Festival/ Planning (invite FestComm before sending to planning)
 - While we're planning to have a Firefly as we've known it, the Board is assessing the timeframe of the festival and if we need additional lead time.
 - Status check on cores and volunteers
 - Has core/ cluster leadership shifted? Do we need to recruit?
 - Of core leads who are still interested, what are their needs in terms of COVID safety in order for them to actually do the event?
 - What would you like to see WRT covid?
 - List of questions for the community

Burning Man “Hive”

- Pete suggested looking into it - anything we want to discuss here?

Permanent Steam-Bath? [copied from July, FYI for those who missed]

- Firefly has paid for some of it, but there are probably parts that weren't paid for by Firefly
 - Repairs, paint, and some other related costs were paid for through infrastructure
- Want to have a permanent steam-bath
- Who owns it?
 - John? Kirk? Firefly? The community?
- Can be treated the same as the well
 - Owned by Kirk (his land), paid for by crowdsourcing from the community

- If paid for by the community - it can't be funded/repaid with Firefly funds
 - Unless it's done through the art grants
- Can this be considered an investment by a non-profit (i.e. Firefly)?
- Let's figure out (wait for this initiative to get off the ground) - then we can figure out the rules around what Firefly as a non-profit can and cannot do

Decision:

- Do a kickstarter that has nothing to do with Firefly
- This will be community run and funded
- It will be owned by Kirk and be on his land
- Firefly can use it when we have the event there

Possible Events This Year? [copied from July]

- Community trash clean-up
- Greenway event in town?
- Symposia series
 - Different topics that there is a lot of debate about (e.g. what kind of community are we trying to have?)
 - Have it open to anyone who wants to show up
 - Facilitate healthy debate
 - Camping could be prohibitive because of cost/time
 - If Firefly is organizing this - it needs to be more accessible
 - Why?
 - More diversity on opinions is good
 - Board could be present
 - 2 different ideas:
 - Foster discussion in the community
 - Make the board more accessible
- Board Transparency event:
 - Picnic
 - Set date and let the community know where and when
 - On-line zoom event
 - Meet and greet essentially
 - Week-long window to allow people to email questions ahead of time
 - Could have more formal and other more in-formal events

Small Firefly Event in the Fall? [copied from July]

- Previous scale " only ~200 people @ Kirk's land" unfortunately unfeasible this year
- Do we want to do something much simpler and smaller in scale
- Spring Cleaning?

Cocoon

- Still exists!
- Looks good

July Trespass (?) Incident

- - A couple board members talk to the participant to get his side of the story
 - Lia & Pete to follow up, contact folks, make report to Board

Action Items

- Carly to send board email about Pete's nomination for VP
- Email planning et al about community survey for 2022
- Lia to start organizing Board AMA event
- Lia and Pete to take on the investigation and present plan at next meeting
 - Carly and Dan available to be a second person on calls if needed

Next Meeting

- Go over feedback from festival, planning, et al on Firefly 2022
- Kendra to give update on "Firefly Crisis Choose your own Adventure"