

Lansing Makers Network

Board of Directors

Regular Meeting Agenda

07/7/2026, 6:30 pm at 2730 Alpha Access

Board Members:

benny Vasquez, Chair

Lex Savoyat

Lysne Tait - sends regrets

James Etherton

Kelsey Earle

Kirk Taskila

Jody Applegate

Visitors:

Meeting Secretary: Kelsey Earle.

Meeting called to order: 6:45 by benny seconded by Kirk

1. Housekeeping (benny)

- **Approving Agenda**
 - Approved
- **Declaration of newly relevant conflicts of interest for board members**
 - None

Action items from last meeting

- Kelsey - website updates - look at people and connect with Ryan if errors
 - Looks okay - can look over entire website
- benny - correct the "how to apply" for board members page
 - Work on for next meeting
- Lysne - please make a tax document folder and share with grant team
- Lysne - comparison of what we have made on classes compared to this year
- Lysne/Lex - How much did we make from Astronomy on Tap?
- Lex - Need to get shirts ordered/printed
 - Waiting for funds
- Lex, Lysne, benny, and Jody to be on the committee to help write new Code of Conduct
 - Draft but meeting still needed to work on the draft
 - Need to schedule meeting
- Lex/benny- Figure out how many users have logged into Hello Club?
 - Work on for next meeting

2. Leadership Committee Report

A larger report was sent to the board early from Lex.

- Technology (Lex & benny)
 - Hello Club integration ongoing - fixing issues as they happen. Lots of editing power in new system. C
 - Canceled ninjaforms. Looking at Zapier and Cognito forms to see if there are cheaper options.
 - Rebuilt side door system. Reinstalled on Sunday and issues seem to be resolved.
- Volunteering(Lex)
 - In vol coordinator meeting - need better communication method than Discord or TalkSite. Nobody seems to know what is going on. Suggestion we keep coming back to is moving everything to one spot and making it more immediate but with some wiki permanence.
 - benny has feelings about and is happy to take this on. Have to go to places where people are.
 - Kirk - establishing rule of what we are using to communicate
 - James - Talk site has things that Discord cannot do.
 - Kirk - Discord is easier to things for soliciting help
 - The same people see things - if they see it on the Talk Site - they see it every time for example.
 - Discussed with board - and will work on in the next few months
 - Probably will put out a poll and see what people like - and this gives hints that change is coming
- Operations(Lex & Lysne) -
 - Artist gallery is up and running - ecoprinting workshop with leaves and flowers onto fabric scheduled. James Friend is running the gallery and has them scheduled. One time class by person who has art in the gallery. Hoping for 50/50 members and community artists.
 - Area manager changes - James Friend stepping down as textiles area manager and Kelly Smith taking over instead
 - Jo stepped down as education director - looking for opportunities to make the role have more success and support the person in the role - diversity of classes, especially intro level
 - Job description for this position - being worked on by Lex and Lysne
 - Consider formal interviews for this position - James interested
 - Enhanced membership was renewed for a year. He is pleased with space he was given and the benefits
 - Reports of increased activity outside the building - people hopping the fence and take things from the old hospital. Neighbors had things stolen. Someone tampered with the door reader on the side of our building. Going to be installing cameras and possibly have a controller for the cameras. They are infrared cameras.
 - No objections for cameras

- Post on talk site to know when they are active
- Requested extra patrols from police - was told they are understaffed and they won't be doing that. But call them if someone is breaking in.
- Talk to insurance people about what are our coverages needed in the event that someone gets attacked on our property?
- Tidy Spaces initiative - working to mitigate the amount of stuff just hanging out and not being picked up
 - New red tag for when parking passes expire or if they are in the wrong spot. Items are forfeit and go to salvage.
 - Surfaces have new labels for work surfaces
 - Yellow and blue - where things can and cannot stay or be worked on
- Membership onboarding and tours - currently an hour long, Lex condensing tour and putting rules into smaller membership handbook. Has main things that we need to talk about like membership, talksite, etc.

3. Treasurer's report

- 85 members this summer up from 50 from last year - probably will have a better number for which members are paid versus volunteer next meeting
- Will get more updates from Lysne later

4. Secretary's Report

Kelsey

- Suggestion box -
 - Virtual - invited to free booth, not interested at this time.
 - No physical

5. Committee Updates and Continued Business

Grants and Funding

- Interviewed 3 consultant groups
 - Chose Basebuilder Labs - trying to schedule for July 30th.
- Received grant for neighborhood advisory board for bike station - Evelyn is in charge. Have not broken ground yet because it is too hot.
- Contacted by closing clothing store - offered lots of materials and equipment. Can only take 2 of their machines as it's more than we can handle. Lex in contact with other makers spaces to get them some of the materials and equipment. Things that are leftover, we can sell.
- Muralmatics hosting their summer camp here - teaching at risk youths painting and murals. We are just funding lunches for the events.
 - 15-18 kids plus assistants
 - 11 days total (Aug 3-4, Aug 10-14, Aug 17-20, Closing ceremony Aug 20 6-7)
- Scrapfest
 - Lighthouse from LMN has already sold
- Streetfood connect

- Home Depot grant - ready to go just need to wait for application period to open again

6. New Business

- It has been a year since our last open house - with board members and members
 - Free food
 - August 13th 6-8pm
 - Talk about changes and have open conversation
- Lex would like to officially thank Adam Tait for taking on a ton of extra responsibilities in the space.
- Thank you Lex for all your hard work as a board member!

7. Public comments and suggestions

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Schedule next board meeting

- **Next Board meeting:** August 18th 6:30pm

Action items for next meeting

- Lex, Lysne, benny, and Jody to be on the committee to help write new Code of Conduct - schedule meeting
- Kelsey - Send email
 - Talk to insurance people about what are our coverages needed in the event that someone gets attacked on our property?
- benny - make event page, invitation, powerpoint, etc., for the Open House
- benny - correct the "how to apply" for board members page
- benny / leadership - status of the lease renewal
- Lex - look over Eventbrite and member/non-member pricing
- Lysne - please make a tax document folder and share with grant team
- Lysne - comparison of what we have made on classes compared to this year
- Lysne/Lex - How much did we make from Astronomy on Tap?
- Lex - Need to get shirts ordered/printed
- Lex/benny- Figure out how many users have logged into Hello Club?

Motion to adjourn

motions to adjourn - Kelsey motions to adjourn. benny seconds.

Seconds -

7:50 meeting adjourns

Unanimous approval

Closed Meeting