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Meeting '102' - April 10, 2025

Meeting in main room @ 7pm on thursday

Agenda

- bookkeeping: quantify the regular financial contributions made by basement participants
- spring cleaning: plan to clear our junk that nobody wants. mark what we want to keep (deadline?) - keep clear passage to boiler room, electrical panel, sewer lines
- asbestos abatement !!! we've got quotes, we may need to prepare the space and we need to set a date
- p: let's move from hedgedoc to bookstack. I think the difficulty of using our wiki system is a major friction point for onboarding and for everyone (or at least me). I am willing to migrate our existing wiki pages there. hedgedoc is not wiki software. it is a web-based markdown editor and thus has no built-in structure. we have no way to search our wiki. we already have bookstack running on <https://wiki.woodbine.nyc/> and I've been trying it out.
- jonah: formalize (temporary) consensus model
- anything else?
- sunday dinner hosted by basement!

Announcements (No discussion. Post-meeting breakout possible)

Attendees

Local - jonah , daniel

Remote - n/a

Minutes

Bookkeeping: None of the attendees at this week's meeting make regular financial contributions to woodbine. Online Jonah requested financial contribution details from members, but nobody responded. No other basement "members" have notified us about their contributions.

Consensus model (WIP draft)

Abatement / spring cleaning

LP has: - A grey bin on the wire shelves - A weird vintage saw - A vacuum chamber - A vacuum pump

- deadline for cleaning out is next thursday
- we will action item clean next wednesday

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agenda

Checkin Jonathan, Will, Devin, Steffi she/they, Julien, Josh, Ioan, Myf

Regrets Brandon

Add whatever you want here

goals

jonathan - make home goods, get resin out of the bedroom

myf - facilitate people to do cool things. personally more software kind of person. want to use the cnc machine at some point. nycmesh, self-host more services in the space.

will — when i started here, nothing was in the back of the space, was going unused. summer spent building this cnc machine, get a router and special parts on it. will be able to host different print heads, including pneumatic extruder. large icosahedron building for leds lights and damp plants. Started documenting on <https://www.are.na/will-lockett/denial-utilities> . Want to explore think-tank/studio ideas, maybe more teaching or studio or factory. Mitch talks about 'neighborhood utilities', but also want to provide context on **why** we want to provide tooling.

myf - what are our differences? as a new hackerspace, we are different because we are part of a community/political space as well

steffi - neighborhood aspect is interesting. workshops in montreal that helped reduce fear of opening computers, fixing them

meetings schedule

maybe later, also we should have food at meetings

our relationship with other projects at woodbine?

concept of woodbine - experimental hub for autonomy. How do we facilitate and experiment with autonomy.

- * the gym - self-hosted workout tracking
- * food pantry - community food pantry software
- * wednesday movie night
- * karaoke at gotscheer on saturday
- * sunday yoga
- * sunday dinner
- * monday yoga
- * drawing classes
- * sewing class
- * clothing swaps / free store
- * birthday party host (occasionally)
- * theory talks (politics)
- * offer lodgings to comrades
- * soccer team

****How can we build a relationship with the rest of woodbine?****

- * writing signs to invite commentary
- * making a diorama / dollhouse of the main floor, and giving people agency to "what do you want upstairs to look like?"
 - * fun workshop?
- * hacker parties! leds, decorations, "warp core" elevator
- * people making art down here, and spread it upstairs (maybe in phone booths)
- * we can present (nycmesh workshop, digital autonomy)
 - * cryptoparty?
- * we can run workshops
- * cook dinner
- * facilitate scheduling for gym / soccer league
 - * @loan + @myf
- * helping groups form: organized channels of communication—group chats.

****infra walkthrough?****

- * set up autonomous computational infrastructure

https://hackerspace.zone/Main_Page#

- * check our homepage for links to what we host
- * goal to be on our own hardware in the space
- * goal to be on 'resource constrained' device

****chat chat****

- * matrix/discord exist
- * irc/scuttlebutt not yet etc...
- * i dont want to make an account with our homeserver, just link to the channel
- * i do not want to be forced to use someone elses platform
- * bridges to cli clients, print out the entire emoji reactions as text

****name of the space / domain name****

- * woodhack
- * thought it was hackbine
- * woodbine hackerspace
- * subdomain?
 - * <https://basement.woodbine.nyc>
 - * -1.
 - * lower level.
 - * underground.
 - * berlin.
 - * purgatory.
 - * imaginary.
 - * enclave.
 - * hackerspace.
 - * create.
 - * lab.
 - * <https://hatch.woodbine.nyc>
 - * organic, to create something
- * if we dont predefine what it is, people will
- * we are not a shed or garage
- * in ssb, you name yourself, but also other people can name you. what is displayed is configurable
- * physical infrastructure
 - * networking @myf
 - * woodbine nycmesh is pi-powered!
 - * 7 device limit currently, needs work
 - * jeff geerling?
 - * have experimented with it as main network uplink
 - * 3d printing hello!
 - * laser cutting
 - * cnc machining
 - * electronic bay
 - * ventilation
 - * humidity
 - * air quality

- * box fan + hepa? - @jedahan (<https://cleanaircrew.org/box-fan-filters/>)
- * get/build a filter for that
- * monitoring in the space
 - * project boxes vs up-for-grabs boxes
- * workshops
 - * 3d printing workshop
 - * intro to arduino
 - * intro to raspberry pi

- * money ideas
 - * for ventilation, supplies, etc
 - * TABLE for next meeting
 - * membership?
 - * woodbine has been a free space for everything
 - * survival on grants for now
- * inventory management system
 - * TABLE

What are the basement space expectations?

Woodworking shop? Not sure, lets invite the people who use it to join us. Jessie and others seem happy we are using the woodworking space.

Painting Studio? Mitch promised Vanessa would 'deal with it' by finding other storage space

Elevator Space? Food pantry storage and receiving. Needs to stay clear. Maybe we can help organize by building storage and bins?

Between elevator + woodworking? can be moved

Maybe can move toxic stuff to the front since there are vent shafts. Also sink might make sense in the front by the boiler.

****what are you working on?****

jonathan - 3d printers in the space. stopped being class coordinator at resistor.

will - building trusses for the icosahedrons, want to model ways of organizing/thinking in the physical world. building cnc machine. interested in playing team-building board games. probably need more fun names than 'the transactional awareness game'

devon - toy with electronics sometimes. want more LEDs in here.

steffi - IT security hacks group at another space, teaching ourselves cryptography with cryptopals.com

julien - interested in fabric, and learn how to sew

josh - perpetually long list of projects, heading back to SF in a month. Want to complete an explorable explainer on a-weighting / acoustics in the ear canal (inspired by brett victor interactivity papers).

ioan - want to 3d print a part for my bike. want to build a pair of speakers. up for anything that helps the space

myf - ive been working! heard about this concept about 'digital twin' - mapping every object in the physical world into a digital space, watch them play out / predict behaviour. what is the implication of that, what are the discrepancies and what cannot be captured? to know the weaknesses of that system

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In attendance: daniel, omni, p, jimmy, micro

Nobody took running notes but here is the outcome of the discussion.

There is a lot of debate around how hazardous asbestos situation in the basement actually is, but regardless of the actual risk it poses, the situation is widely known, newcomers to the space don't feel safe being around it, and it has effectively closed the hacker space since March.

At least one of the directors communicated that they'd prefer we don't raise funds for this particular project but instead focus on getting more basement folks to contribute monthly revenue through recurring donations, and they will fund and handle the abatement. Furthermore, we can kill two birds with one stone by using this as an opportunity to de-clutter the space. Our attitude is that it's been over 2 months and a decision has still not been made about what to do, coupling the abatement with other efforts is more likely to ensure it never gets done, and we are willing to fund and organize the abatement ourselves.

- we want to raise funds to cover or at least contribute to the costs
- we want to meet the abatement people in person to evaluate how competent they seem

Action items:

- p: organize fundraising
- omni & daniel: fill in the gaps on details about quotes acquired so far, & schedule meetings with abatement pros to do a gut check