

West Elmira Computers Museum

November 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes

8:00PM - 8:20PM

People present

President: Jennifer McMurray
Secretary: Melissa Hernandez
Treasurer: Madeline McMurray
Observer: Matthias Carpenter

Questions

Jennifer asked: **Should the membership fee be \$80?**

All present agreed on the fee, and that it will first be due by the final meeting in 2019 (the first full year of the non-profit status of the West Elmira Computers Museum).

Matthias asked: **Did you get Hello Neighbor hooked up?**

Jennifer answered that it was on the Mac Mini (beta version). Addendum by Jennifer: The full version was later purchased for the museum on April 12 for the Xbox One.

Melissa asked: **Whose name will be on the museum's bank account?**

Jennifer answered that it would be in the museum's name, with the treasurer's name as the account holder if required. The charter states that the signatories will be the treasurer and the president, or another executive board member selected by the president will be the signatories.

Madeline asked: **Can the president be voted out?**

Jennifer answered that any member can run for president, and there will be an election for president if need be.

Madeline asked: **What happens if the president leaves?**

Jennifer answered that the secretary will ascend to president. The charter states that in the event that the president leaves, the secretary shall become president. If any other executive board member leaves, an election will be held to replace that person. A person can only hold one executive board position at a time.

Madeline asked: **What happens if the secretary doesn't wish to advance to president?**

Jennifer mentioned that if the secretary opts not to ascend, the treasurer will ascend to president. If the treasurer opts not to ascend, an election will be held for president at the next regular meeting. Addendum by Jennifer: This was added to the charter on 11/17/18.

Statements and suggestions

Jennifer stated that professionally pressed Sega Dreamcast Volgarr the Viking discs have been pressed for the West Elmira Computers museum to hand out for free at conventions.

Jennifer stated that the conventions at which the WEC Museum purchases a table will be decided at the first meeting of each year.

Jennifer stated that the rules of order and standing rules for meetings will be drafted before the next meeting, which will occur after the museum's application for non-profit status is approved.

Jennifer stated that there are several receipts for video games and consoles to be reimbursed, but only after the museum becomes solvent.

Jennifer stated that a bank hasn't been selected yet, and Melissa suggested that the chosen financial institution should have a mobile app for banking.

Jennifer stated that the dates for the four regular meetings will be set during the first meeting of the year, and can be changed at later meetings if the majority of those present agree on the new date.

Jennifer stated that the charter called for a monthly museum newsletter, and agreed to handle it.

Melissa suggested that the charter should be amended so there is petty cash of \$250 for items like tape, as well as for things like reimbursement for gas used to travel to conventions or food at meetings, and the minimum amount held by the treasury at the end of the year should be \$1000.

Melissa suggested getting a scanner for iPad for credit card purchases and having a museum e-mail set up specifically for that.

Melissa suggested getting a table to display and sell items at local Comic Cons, and using a wagon for carrying items to conventions.

Jennifer suggested displaying the 2000 Spider-Man for Dreamcast and the 2018 Spider-Man for PlayStation 4 to showcase how much technology (and video game design) has advanced.

Melissa suggested coming up with slogans for T-shirts. Note by Jennifer: this will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Jennifer suggested starting a website to sell out of print digital games to benefit the museum, at a lower percentage than the competitors (10-20% for the museum, 80-90% for the rights holders) to make it an appealing alternative to other digital software storefronts.

Jennifer suggested having WEC Museum signage for conventions and fliers to hand out.

Madeline suggested getting velvet covers for tables in the WEC Museum's hardware display.

Madeline suggested getting interlocking tile for the WEC Museum's flooring.

Jennifer suggested assigning Melissa as the Volunteer Coordinator once the museum gets volunteers, and Melissa accepted. After Madeline mentioned that Melissa would have two roles in the museum, Jennifer clarified that Secretary is an executive position, while the Volunteer Coordinator is a committee position. The charter also states that the president shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the nominating committee.

Madeline suggested buying color printer ink so that the museum's advertisements look vibrant.

Melissa suggested looking for a good digital camera, such as a kid-friendly GoPro-style camera.

Jennifer suggested making videos about computers and video games to upload to YouTube and sell on DVDs to benefit the museum.