

Shared Minutes experiment 10/5/14. All members can edit. Write what you hear/say/vote on at council

Minutes from pre-Council

Sunday, October 5, 2014

5:20 PM (meeting began prior to 5:20 but minutes did not begin until 5:20)

PRESENT: Steph (CM), Zach (SM), Gary (WRM), Roman (KM), David (WM), Mitar (NM), Collin (HM), Maya (FM), James (MM), Aron (HW), Travis (BR), Jake (BR), Jalissa (Pres), Graham (FM), Matt (MM), Natalia (minutes-taker filling in for L)

Missing: Hot Tub/Sauna, Garden (was gardening), Mail, Historian, Secretary, Half of WM, Half of WRM, Academic Theme Managers

Jalissa: VOCs are out. Managers should speak to another manager this week to discuss the VOCs. Some managers will receive an email from Graham about VOCs.

(realization that there are no minutes being taken, Natalia minutes)

Zach: I think minute-taking should be a collaborative process so that minutes are not taken by a single person. There are things you can use. Google doc, etherpad. We can use it this council to experiment.

Graham: I can make the google doc and send it out and use it for Council.

Mitar: I've used this technology before in meetings and I've never had issues. The main issue is that there was, for the most part, only one person writing. I think we should try it.

Jalissa: Does anyone else have something to talk about or should we just focus on this?

Collin: We can set it up for today and try it.

David: We have a pots problem. Consistently not getting done, pots on the ground. Potentially doing hour-long pot shifts instead of the massive shifts we've been doing. We've also been losing borders rather than gaining them. Suggestions to solve this problem are welcome.

Mitar: We should not pretend that we have enough hours to do all the dishes and pots and require that people clean up after themselves. First week I learned that most people don't know how to clean a dish and for that reason, it takes them ages to do it. Without practice, they also cannot learn. I think it is not a punishment to ask our members to clean up their dish

and their pot.

Maya: Part of the problem is that mess generated in the kitchen is not through member usage but through head cooks. I could talk to my head cooks about better practices to deal with the pots.

David: Yes.

Maya: When I was head cook over summer at Davis, if cooks left the kitchen messy they would get minutes of workshift deducted. We could take a punitive measure as well. I was never deducted workshift, but I knew it was something that could happen. It was workshift manager personally emailing me.

Zach: We've considered the stick. Perhaps the problem is that head cooks don't know how to cook economically with their time. Punishing people for being late or not cleaning up is not going to solve the problem of them not knowing how to cook efficiently. There are economical tools that may be underutilized by our cooks. Punitive should go along with strategies to cook economically if we end up going punitive. They may just not know.

Maya: Next Sunday is head cook meeting. We can address that and ensure we are all on the same page.

Zach: Perhaps we could ask former head cooks from this house to come and share tips and tricks.

Maya: I feel pretty confident cooking in there; I've got the kitchen pat down in terms of cooking and can do that. If you know someone though, guess that's cool. I want to know how much control I should have over head cooks.

David: I think you just need to create the standard of "clean as you go."

Roman: I don't like to make a lot of rules for people. But people have made clear to me that they prefer to have workshift do more of the work. I agree 90% of mess comes right after meal cooking. That's a good thing because it means we know exactly when the mess is happening. Head cook gets 5 hours but cooks for 3 hours. We could have them clean up after they cook a little bit. And dish shifts should happen at 6 pm or later.

Graham: Saw a dish run today, seemed like a waste of hours.

Zach: Maybe we could have a dish receptacle on every floor.

David: We can make the dish run at a later time.

Graham: How frequently are ALL pots getting cleaned?

David: Not frequently enough.

Graham: Perhaps 1 IKC a week you'd have more people on pots.

Roman: The problem is that I can't get more people or more hours. During IKC days pots is fine. The problem is that, sometimes when there isn't IKC, there isn't even a pot shift.

Graham: If we can't do it 3 times a week, one time a week can work. Maybe one IKC a week, there's people getting paid.

Roman: I could also extend IKC and make people wash pots and dishes.

David: Roman, let's talk about this later.

Mitar: Graham made the minutes doc.

Graham: Sent it to all residents and boarders.

Jake: Might it make sense to put the agenda on that document as well as a pro and con section.

Aron: Is the point of the doc to replace public comment?

(General no)

Zach: I think you could use it to replace speaking because some people are not comfortable speaking up.

Mitar: People could "plus 1" on the doc as the conversation is happening.

Zach: I'm communicating with former residents of Cloyne. I'd like to host an event with them. There could be some drama. I think it could be healthy. There are logistical and comfort concerns. What do y'all think?

David: Rekindling of good feeling is good. Not getting shouted at would be nice. But I'm concerned too.

Zach: The people I've talked with aren't down with aggression. This may help with that.

Gary: An unrecognizable person just walked in.

Collin: It was Silvan (?)

Gary: Organizing for this semester might not be feasible. We may be defensive because of the house.

Maya: A roundabout way to do this would only work if former Clones live in other houses - we could invite houses over for dinner. So we'd invite Ridge over for dinner and former Clones could come. It would make it less uncomfortable perhaps. We could start with a smaller house to try it out.

Aron: If it was more of a formalized thing, who would facilitate that? Having a new clone facilitate it may not be the most productive. It may be useful to have someone who'd never lived at Cloyne.

David: We could have another informal event - dinner and hangout - and invite. Substance free enforcement may be a problem.

Gary: I think what Zach has suggested makes more sense because he's already in communication with people who are into the idea.

Maya: Ridge was my example, maybe we save it for last.

David: I'm worried about enforcement of theme. It would look weird to others, though it may make sense for our theme. Would we frisk? What would we do?

Zac: Pro strategies - having events when it would be indecent to be drunk.

Mitar: I don't think the substance thing would be difficult to enforce. Former Clones would get it if they wanted to connect with us. I think they will respect the substance free.

Graham: Why not a third location? If there are many former Clones at Ridge, we could take food to them and hangout. Less volatility with location, Cloyne can still contribute.

David: Do you think they would perceive it as them not being welcome here?

Zach: I think that's a good first step.

Gary: I think no matter where it's held, I think we should mention that we're uncomfortable because of the vandalism and things former residents have said to some current residents. We should be open but acknowledge that it doesn't feel safe.

Maya: I had no idea there was vandalism at the alumni event.

Collin: Some sharpie-ing, some plant vandalism...

Graham: They put beer caps in different areas of the house.

Gary: They threw something into the courtyard that they acquired from our dump area while people were standing in the courtyard.

Collin: We're taking everything and putting it on former Clones and I think we should not be generalizing. We should not take very offense and put it on them, that won't be constructive. I think we can trust that they won't be intoxicated.

Gary: If you as HM want to deal with that... I think having dinner is different from "decent hour" on a Saturday. Zach's plan deals with the drama.

Jalissa: We have 5 minutes. Anything else we must mention now?

Aron: Question - what's happening with the bylaws? That one month period is probably done. As a member, what's up?

Jalissa: Discussion group has met. I need the minutes. Not this week but starting next week we're going to bring the sections they mention to Council. They can help with the discussion. Also want to say: For Cooks reviewed in VOCs, could Maya and Roman go over those with Cooks? For agenda items: I think I'm going to start telling people no. I'm getting things like someone wanting \$700 to buy something without any information on the item or justification. I will send out an example of how to present the info but if it doesn't fit that format I'm going to decline people's items and they will have to wait for next week. Last minute adding-things-to-council-agenda is democratic and within members' rights, but members do that and then leave and can't address their item.

Mitar: If someone sends a badly written proposal for a motion and there's still time to fix it, can't they just fix it?

Jalissa: Ok, I will say "Please fix it and I will put it on." I've been doing it but people don't follow up.

Graham: Feel free to copy me into these emails and let people know they can use me as a resource to find appropriate budgets for their items.

Jalissa: By Monday, I will send another reminder - "This is an example of how I'd like proposals to be sent." I appreciate Council critiques, open to anything that would make Council go faster.

Stephanie: Last bylaw group we talked about bylaws about council and pre council as well as boarder policy. We will invite everyone to come this Wednesday.

James: Sorry to backtrack - Did the vote for bylaws to be frozen, did that even reach quorum?

Jalissa: I think so... I keep having to extend votes to reach quorum.

Mitar: Discussion about bylaws should be primed with the idea that bylaws are ok and that we should deal with small things. They are mostly good. I feel that sometimes when you have an opportunity to have a say you begin to change everything (for the sake of changing?).

Roman: Please save bread bags for compost.

Graham: Put black bags in the cabinet by the stage.

Pre-council adjourned

-managers should team up to discuss VOCs and come up with an action plan to respond to both positive and negative comments. Graham to send follow-up email on Monday.

-pots continue to be a problem. Possible solutions:

- require head cooks to clean while you cook- they get 5 hours and cook for 3
-head cooks are supposed to cook for 5, 2 hrs prep..?
- require members to clean up after themselves

Council Agenda 10/5

Cloyne Taskforce Discussion (D) – 10 m

WRM Budget (A) – 5 m

“Gary and I have prepared a budget for 2 projects of ours. Details are on the budget spread sheet, but getting this budget passed at council will save our house energy and water! Gary will be representing the WRM team at council.

Source: House Account
here is the budget:

<https://docs.google.com/a/berkeley.edu/document/d/1BVntdBqmLsbUwUv0NDOCEtILZfNHT-uR01fnS8IfTQ/edit> “ - Kelly

Motion (by Kelly): \$368.68 for WRMS from house account
For waterproof shower timers and clothesline materials
118.63 for timers and \$200 for clothesline materials

[All in favor: 39 Opposed: 4 Abstaining: 1]-->Passes

Pros	Cons	Other

Basement Workshop (A) – 5 m

Workshop Budget (A) – 5 m

“We would like to build a workshop in basement, and we'd like to get permission from the house to start cleaning it (this is the furniture room). We will prepare it for use, install power sockets, clear it out, etc. Anyone who wishes to help could get HI for it.

This space is different from a study space because it will be a creative space that is a collaborative space to allow people to work on projects together. It will be like any other space in the house: people can bring their guests, but all non-members must be hosted.” - Maya

Pros	Cons	Other

Agenda Modification Discussion (D) – 15 m

CPR Training (D) – 5 m

“I want to pass 125 dollars through the house account to pay Patrick Ford to give a workshop on non-violent communication. He is a past BSC president and has over 200 hours experience facilitating this type of workshop. “ – Crystal

Pros	Cons	Other
I think it was really helpful. Life skills! (maya)	Haven't heard back from him. Should we be voting yet?? -feeling hesitant (Steph Rouse)	probably more than 7 tips
THis is what cloyne's about. Crystal thinks it's cool so it will be cool, right? (zach)	Why are we paying him 50+ an hour if he's from the BSC and knows what we're about? Let's find someone who WANTS to help us! (Robbie)	ET Com has Ca\$h Money we can TOTES apply for. cik.
No problems yet! he's worked with the BSC forever. (jalissa)	If it's voluntary , the only people who will go are the non-violent people! The people who need it won't go. Ridiculous (alex)	
If we pass the money, then we can see where it goes (crystal)		
Coops treat people badly in general. This dude has 200 hours experience and knows how we work. So your point isn't invalid, but isn't valid valid. (Jalissa [as member? Or facilitator?])		
18	16	4

Pirate Ship Touch Up (A) – 5 m

“Motion to let Neal Lawton and Elsa Pearson repaint the stained glass part of the pirate ship in the pirate ship mural and to re-sharpee the faded text on the pirate ship mural.

Reasoning:

The paint on the stained glass part of the pirate ship in the pirate ship has faded, so has some of the sharpeed text on parts of the pirate ship mural. Elsa's the old clone that's been painting the underwater scene mural around the doorway leading from c1 to w1. “ - Neal

Pros	Cons	Other

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Manager Announcements

Food Manager: Thanks for the very positive VOCs! There will be a detailed response soon. One thing I noticed though in the VOCs were comments about not having enough certain amount of food, but y'all didn't specify what food. Use the food request form to let me know what you want.

Member Announcements

Snaps

MINUTES FOR COUNCIL:

Jalissa: All in favor of \$368.63 for Gary and Kelly's proposed items, please raise.

(Vote)

39-4-1

Motion passes

Aron: Motion to add 15 minutes item to pass an honorarium for consent workshop presenters.

seconded

Jalissa: We unanimously add to agenda and then the person who motions often leaves. Don't leave. If you want to add and talk, stick around.

Mitar: Urgent? Can we discuss things next week?

Aron: Urgent, would rather do it now.

vote to add a 5 minute action item for an honorarium for consent

20-6-4

Motion passes.

Basement Workshop Item

Maya: We are trying to build a workshop in the basement. Different from study spaces.

If you want to find out more there is a meeting on monday at 9am

we called to question cleaning the basement in order to facilitate h4ck3r spac3

majority : zero

Aron: Consent workshops took place this week

- would like to pass \$50 for honorarium to speaker, in order to show appreciation for the work
- Vote: 24 Yay, 10 Nay

Nonviolent communication workshop

Crystal: Would like to give a non-violent communication workshop hosted by Patrick Ford, former BSC President. Want to ensure \$125 is ok with the house.

Robbie: My problem with the fee is, shouldn't he just want to help our community?

Maya: Is \$125 the amount he quoted to you?

Crystal: Yes. He specifically said it.

Jalissa: Co-ops are bad about fair compensation for educators. We have people who help us at reduced rate. We don't have anyone at this point who is willing to come here for free and tailor it to our needs.

Elena: Have you looked at other options?

Jalissa: He has 200 hours experience facilitating these workshops

Bobby: Are there any funds to do this that aren't from the house?

Natalia: ET Com has a grant that you can apply to, up to \$250, to hold educational workshops. You should apply for this grant. See: [ET Com description](#) for more info on the grant.

Vote: All those in Favor: 18

Opposed: 16

Motion passes (Natalia: Really?)

Alex: Comment, "Those who would go to a non-violent workshop are not the people who need a non-violence workshop in the first place"

Crystal: I will be applying to the ET Com grant. If we don't get that, we at least have the money already approved.

David : we found maggots in the pots room, we are offering paid workshift to clean.

Jalissa: There was a motion to add an item for the agenda.

Jake: We should do this now because later we'll be talking about bylaws and there will be no time.

Called to question

Vote: 5 minute discussion item

Passes by voice vote (Natalia: VOICE VOTES ARE HELLA SHADY)

Mitar: Let's do action item now. I motion to move all action items to the front of the agenda.

(recap on hand signals - thumbs for motion, hooks for question, C for comment)

(seconded)

Vote: Passes by voice vote

Pirate Ship Touch-Up Item

Neal: Cleaning the pirate ship has damaged the paint. Motion to let me and Elsa resharpen and repaint "stained glass" portion,.

Mitar: If you are retouching, could you edit out the drug references? I motion to have this happen.

Neal: Not friendly.

Jalissa: 2 competing motions. While this is being painted over Mitar would like the drug references painted over. in order to avoid confusion we will discuss Neal's motion first.

: I don't think this needs to be a council motion so I'm going to not vote.

:I understand your reasoning, but I feel issue with not understanding which references need to be removed.

Mitar: I would like to leave it at Neal's discretion to decide what to touch up

Neal: Admiral Ackbar, spaceships, and solar sails are the basis of the mural.
Does anyone want to see the mural in question?

Jalissa: call for vote on editing mural for drug references when repaired. (heads down)
3 - 19 - 8 Motion fails

Jalissa: Neal's Motion - to repair the pirate ship mural as Neal proposed

20 - 3 - 6 Motion passes

Vitamix Item

Roman: Vitamix needs to be passed through Council because it is a lot of money.

Emmy: I worked at Jamba, Vitamix is so easy to clean.

Kelly: Parts?

Emmy: When we needed to replace parts, it was easy to order more.

Roman: There's a three-year warranty.

Stephanie: I'm concerned because our appliances with moving parts just have loose pieces that don't really work. Three cheap blenders instead of a \$600 blender.

Maya: Over \$500, vote would take longer.

Roman: Vitamix = approved by managers across the BSC sup

Emmy: They don't come apart. Getting a Vitamix is better than the cheap blenders that "come apart."

Zach: We should buy industrial grade appliances or equipment because I don't know.

Roman: POI - required to buy commercial grade everything.

Robbie: Buy warranty one.

Motion: \$565.40 for a Vitamix blender

Vote: 28-0-2

Motion doesn't pass because no quorum.

Jake: Quorum is how many people are in the room.

#LOLQUORUM

Vote round 2: 30-0-2

Motion passes (because people are ~in the room~)

Agenda modification discussion

Bryan: Radical presentation incoming. I was a student treasurer and a student trustee in my previous college's district. I have a lot of experience with agendas. Council should reflect the membership. Council is too long. Here are some ideas.

Bryan: Action item and discussion items. They can present some issues. I define action item as an agenda item where a vote will take place to determine if the item is agreed upon by community members. Discussion item is an item where only discussion is held, motion can be proposed or voted upon. Discussion item can turn into an agenda item.

Bryan: Proposal - separate discussion items from agenda items. Action items will be old business and will only be for a vote, as discussion will already have taken place. Discussion items will take place after action items. We will also differentiate between house business and community business. Things that have to do with facility upkeep would be house action items - faster turn around for those items. Pro: participation, clarity, opportunity for involvement in governance process. Con: A one-week lag when it comes to the action item process.

Jake: Under this plan, people would not be able to bring items to Council *at* Council?

Bryan: As the bylaws currently stand, you can still do that. In my opinion, I don't think it's fair to do that. Depends on what the house wants.

Zach: I think today's Council adopted some of these principles and it was pretty successful. I'm skeptical about the time delay. Level of engagement will not increase with more time.

Bryan: Valid. Guaranteeing community engagement is not necessarily this body's job, but providing the community with the chance to engage is our job.

Roman: At the beginning of the meeting, Jalissa said we would experiment. Are we voting on including this or what?

Bryan: It's not a vote, it's a discussion. It makes me feel better to have shared this information.

Elena: I am on the other side of the spectrum from Zach's opinion. I think I would use the extra time to look into discussion items. Inviting someone and paying them for a workshop is an example where discussion is good, because people may know other people with similar skills that may be cheaper.

Mitar: We can also incorporate the pros and cons system that we've been using today with a projector. We can use technology to combine some of these ideas.

Jake: Separating discussion from passing the motions is helpful. Technology to quickly and visually process information is great. However, I don't think it will work unless we put it in the bylaws. If we use our current system, any way that would make it more difficult for people to bring up motions a shorter period before council will increase incentive for people to bring motions *at* council. I propose we have a model in the bylaws.

Bryan: It can be a parallel process

Stephanie: This week, we will be discussing this in the bylaws discussion group. 8 pm on Wednesday, go to the bylaws discussion group.

Bryan: Yes. (reiterates positions)

Jalissa: Straw poll on this proposed method. *~mostly positive straw poll~*

CPR Training

Jalissa: We have 2 more people certified for CPR training. I talked to Charles, who teaches the BSC CPR. 7 hours of training. Do you all think that we should have CPR and first aid certification regularly at Cloyne?

Jake: I would like this to happen but not enough to personally pay for. This sounds like the kind of thing to get money from ET Com for this sort of workshop.

Jalissa: The price isn't the biggest thing, I think it's more about whether we think this is worthwhile.

Sage: Yes. This is very beneficial.

Bryan: It's education and it goes with out theme.

Aron: They have these trainings in the BSC for health workers. They don't always fill up. If there are folks interested, let me know and we can inform you when there are empty spots.

Robbie: I think this is great but I don't think it's important that it's paid for in that way. We could learn it without the certification. The certification is useful for certain employment. I think we could reap the same benefits without paying someone.

Jalissa: Agree in spirit, but 5 out of 7 hours was CPR only. I have doubts. Ok, getting positive vibes.

Manager Announcements

Jalissa: VOCs are in. Thanks so much everyone! Awesome constructive criticism

Zack: Feel empowered to suggest events to me.

Maya: Don't send many times the same request, she got it the first time. She is a very sensitive person, personally, and would like to talk it out pre riot. We don't want police in the house. Or flip a table. And she would like to have your contact to tell you where is stuff before you flip.

Roman: Thank you for VOCs!

Mitar: Lemme show you how to do Chrome cast. You can project without wires. Could be misused but we'll deal with that.

Mitar screens video of 2014's best cats as example.

Jake: That cat's from 2013. Maybe 2012.

Robbie: Cat's are the worst

Mitar: We will set it up in the dancing room family room deco room living room family room (Natalia: whatever the fuck it's called, uh, Lib Ed) as well.

Stephanie: We will have an all vegan meal for a food politics discussion. We will also have an event about people in recovery. I will be doing HI (home improvement) on Tuesdays. If you want to join me, Tuesday afternoon I will be adding privacy film to the bathroom windows. Will send out an email as well.

James: We are installing light switches in bathroom. Please turn them off. Don't waste electricity.

Mitar: Why are we switching?

James: We will have both. A light switch and a motion sensor. I will be fixing that router thing hanging from ceiling of dining room.

Lily: Thanks for VOCs. Wes did his HI by siphoning water from emergency water into the hot tub. Graham and I figured out that hot tub wasn't heating up because of a broken circulation pump. ~\$300 to fix at next Council.

Aron: We will be getting a [sharps box](#), for hypodermic needles which should under no circumstances be put in trash cans. Harm Reduction will be happening not this week but the week after. Please fill out health request forms and pay health fees.

Graham: In the future, you should be able to review my performance in VOCs. House bills! HI Projects: In central wing, there were shelves Travis put up. Your HI can be equally rewarding. Talk to me about HI. We need gumption. If you wanna do a water system, lemme know. Towel racks too. Lots of supply and you're the human power to do it.

Jake: Hey! Board Reps. No new board meeting. We had Committee meetings. ET Com set agenda for coming semester. Will send you an email. Discussing - grievance procedure, referendum, general membership meetings. Travis and I are working on some sort of bathroom posting to lay out this information.

Travis: I'm in Capital and Finance committee. We are looking at next year's budget and ways to incentivize houses to use less energy through the budget. We want more accessibility for people with disabilities. Consulting with someone about that. Also looking at the Board Approved Projects system (BAPs). Come to my office hours this Monday 7 pm to 8 pm.

Gary: Kelly and I had a waste pick-up this Friday. VOCs - I'm flattered. How do I take hypersexuality as a comment? Sorry if I speak to you like children.

Mitar: How can people pay house bill with workshift?

Graham: You have to turn in an I-9 form to central office, to include your passport, to get paid. I will send out an email.

Member Announcements

NAH

Motion to adjourn.

Some bs about quorum.

Ugh

Done.