

Agenda - prep, review, propose, announce

Preparations

- 10min role call (what would you like to be called, what roles are you representing)
- 10min [Spokescouncil goal + process review + alignment](#)
- 10min agenda additions / modifications

Review

- Check-in on past proposals (these are both short, we can read them aloud together & discuss how they've been going)
 - <https://wiki.commonsnyc.org/books/spokescouncil-proposals/page/proposal-for-bathroom-cleaning-rotation>
 - <https://wiki.commonsnyc.org/books/spokescouncil-proposals/page/physical-rc-community-calendar>
- Admin group reportbacks
 - Facilities
 - Finance
 - Fundraising
 - Programming & Rentals
 - Tech
 - Outside Comms
- Working group reportbacks
 - Collective Strength
 - Food Pantry
 - Political Education
 - READgewood Youth Tutoring
 - Spokes Planning
 - Sunday Dinner
 - Tech Collective
 - Tuesday Reading Group
 - Writing Workshop
 - Yoga & Meditation

Proposals

- New proposals and regular process
- Are any working groups willing to organize the Spokescouncil meeting next month (see work required in the [draft proposal here](#))

Announcements

- Admin group announcements
- Working group announcements
- Any animal announcements

Meeting Notes

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AGENDA

Attendance:

- Micro
- Myf
- Charli
- Shea
- Caroline
- Dora

What is the role of spokes now?

REPORT BACKS:

- Admin:
 - People a little lost on the role of spokescouncil
- Dora's finance update:
 - Doing pretty good - Dora and Shea are going to work with Monk Works soon
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\$16.5k in the bank (\$361 petty cash)

- - \$3k down because it is the middle of the month. Membership money comes in later.
- - There is a finance proposals chat Dora made - financial consensus chat
 - can request up to \$300 without a question, but can also ask more.
- - The expectation is that the groups talk to each other about these expenses and people are on the same page.
- - Dora reports what is requested and spent

- - Pantry:

- - Need food through July - been needing to explore other food options

- - Yearbook Committee:

- - Have prom on July 24th

- - Rat Report back:

- - Charli: The rat walked in here
- - LP: The rat problem was the most expensive experience this space has gone through. We could use a bleach solution. Stuff spilled off the stove.

- Do we have a rat living in the space? No.

- No open food or snacks

- Fundraiser update:

- Bird walk: \$690

- Biking: \$542

- Brunchraiser for tomorrow has been postponed - because the Knicks game - but there will be a new event

- Programming Update:

- August 22nd Block Party is a street event - not quite approved yet. Waiting on Monk Works to get a COI to get an insurance company. Lots of things.... Shea is on it....

- Basement:

- Meeting on Tuesday of next week

- Micro proposal upcoming about the ventilation in the basement!

- Micro is taking the resin printers away - the tent, also. It has only been used twice.

- The mesh is working really well - better than Verizon
- Drop Verizon to a slow speed? So that people are encouraged to use Mesh. And then we donate to Mesh half of the money that we save.
- Connection between the basement and main space is difficult. The real estate itself taken into thoughts of the main space.
- There used to be meetings weekly in the basement.
- Gathering area in the basement?
- Myf says the basement used to be very social downstairs

REVIEW

- Past proposals:
 - Bathroom cleaning:
 - Seems like it is going very well – resounding success. People autonomously pass it around
 - Cleaning station was also a past proposal
 - Library:
 - Challenging? But not a conflict.

- Confusion about what a proposal was - early in the process of proposals. But now the dishes are there.

- New Proposals:

- Compost - collection of food waste

- make a community garden partner at little or no cost. Use small, secure collection bins to drop off at sites at Ridgewood Commons members.

- Community gardens hours with buckets that Charli makes with detailed collection instructions.

- Compost fairies!!

- Should we think about BK Rot again?

- Myf and LP: They are unreliable?

- Charli: Wants to research BK Rot

- LP: Shitty bathroom scale?

- Future idea of proposals:

- LP and Caroline: doing monthly check-ins of the space - trying to move people's personal belongings. Having a rule that every month the space is scanned.

What can we do to get more engagement? What purpose does the spokescouncil play?

- Tally report backs from the different working groups?
- Dora: BE VERY explicit about what the spokescouncil does. This is what it has done, how it can be beneficial to the space.
- LP: The spokescouncil is a reactionary response to try to make the space democratic. Misestimation of the culture here that these groups don't want to be involved as much.
- Doing a "why are we here" - external message to remind ourselves the importance of this. Grievances?
- Myf: What made woodbine work was that it was a doers get to do things. Causes conflict, is not scalable. Spokescouncil is very formal. How can we be playful?
- Bonding:
 - Theater of the Oppressed
 - Parties - office parties?
 - Consistent meeting times?
 - Titles/representatives get pins or shirts
 - Problems and Solutions

- Asynchronous report backs?
- Points of unity - the bigger vision that is being built here through use of the space.
- Issues of people who don't use the space "correctly" - don't follow collective protocols
 - Shelby: We need a conflict resolution group. This didn't get followed through, but we need a conflict process.

WHO IS DOING THE NEXT SPOKESCOUNCIL MEETING???

Action Items:

- We need a conflict process - Shelby said this.
- Pantry logistics meeting with drivers - Caroline
- Points of Unity. LP: The most valuable thing about the space are Safety, Welcomingness & Usability
- Shelby bringing a shitty bathroom scale

