

This meeting of the Tech Valley Game Space Board of Directors was held on Monday, 11/14/2023 at 6:29 pm EDT.

The following members of the board were in attendance via teleconference:

Taro Omiya (Chair of the Board)

Zack Hiwiler (Acting Secretary)

Laquana Cooke

Jamey Stevenson (Executive Director)

Tom Carmona (Treasurer)

Darryl ???

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The Board has a quorum.

Zack is nominated acting Secretary and confirmed.

Taro brings up the consent agenda. Are there any items we want to move as part of its own agenda item?

Taro requests to move the previous meeting's minutes out in order to fix formatting and typos. This was done without objection. During this, Tom Carmona arrived. Zack motioned to approve the minutes. Tom seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The topic of #GivingTuesday was raised. Taro suggested making a video from the Powerpoint from last year's event. Jamey suggested reusing the year-in-review deck as well. Tom suggested that he could update the Powerpoint but wasn't completely comfortable doing audio/video. He said he would look into it. Taro and Jamey will follow-up with Tom on this, including the post message. Taro requested someone figure out how to set up donation pages on Facebook, X, and Discord. Tom will look up how to set up donation posts for Twitter/X. Jamey knows how to make a personal fundraiser for Facebook. Laquana will volunteer to do this for Facebook. Taro for Discord. Jamey notes that Meetup has a method for taking donations now.

It was discussed whether one designated person will start these campaigns and everyone will share them or different people will share different campaigns. The latter was decided on. Giving Tuesday is November 28th. Taro will post on Discord. Tom can post on Twitter/X. Jamey will look into Meetup. Zack and Jamey have Facebook accounts and will post there.

Jamey presented on the budget allocations for the Center of Excellence. We received the subaward for 2023. Tom and Jamey will sign off on it. Jamey discussed the current status of the financial accounts and the revised budget allowances. Comments are in the budget spreadsheet. The retainer was discussed to handle copyright issues with the new curriculum.

Laquana suggested using some of the unallocated budget towards outsourcing promotional video. She volunteered to spearhead this effort. Jamey mentioned that the timelines would be aggressive. The spend would have to happen this year. Tom to contact Laquana on the reimbursement process.

Jamey made a motion to approve the budget as revised and Zack seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The budget is approved.

Jamey updated on the Questar game dev classes. We are looking for an instructor.

Tom is developing a policy for approving payment for programs.

Taro has no updates on research regarding the alumni Advisory Board.

Taro mentioned that we need to get more volunteers and possibly a volunteer coordinator. It was requested that board members help find volunteers in the near future. Laquana suggested an email blast to nearby college programs to look for potential volunteers. Laquana will advise on language that would help incentivize via credits.

Taro brought up the topic of making board meetings public. It was suggested that this may not be necessary due to lack of volunteer coordinator interest.

Jamey suggested an action item for Pixels for Progress that the board members promote. He shared the direct link in the Discord. Additionally, looking to promote Protostar. Tom volunteered to help Jamey with this. Discussion was had around using TVGS for Protostar-funded projects. Taro had concerns about the logistics and details of requiring this. Jamey said we may take this dialogue offline as it is time-sensitive.

Darryl joined during this topic. He was added a new action item for sharing the campaigns for Giving Tuesday on X/Facebook. Darryl suggested magicschool.ai to Jamey for generating lesson plans to standards.

Motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Tom. Motion unanimously passed.



Zachary (Zack) Hiwiller, TVGS Acting Secretary of the Board