

GeekGirlCon Board Meeting  
September 2016 In-Person Meeting

**GeekGirlCon Board Meeting - 2016/9/15 - 6:43 pm - 8:58 pm**

**Location:** Ada's Technical Books, Seattle

**Attendance:**

Board Members present:, I-Wei Feng, Denee McCloud, Jennifer Stuller, Maddy Vonhoff (Joined via Skype unknown - End via Skype), Terra Clarke Olsen (7:30 pm - End via Skype), Katrina Lehto, Sharon Feliciano

Absent:

Staff Member(s): Danielle Gahl

Other(s): Erin Murphy (7:02 - 7:14 pm Skype), Kristine Hassell (7:01 - 7:16 pm Skype), & Kristen Lehua (6:43 - 8:40 pm Skype),

**Minutes prepared by:** I-Wei Feng, Board secretary

**Meeting convened to order:** 6:43 pm, moved by Jen and seconded by Kat.

**Open Issues:**

- Approve August Minutes: Jen moves to approve, Denee seconds the motion.
- Community stories
  - Rose City Comic Con (Kat) - Vendor looking for continued support of GGC despite not being able to make it to GGC2016.
  - PAX & PAX Diversity Lounge (Sharon & Kat) - lots of kids and women this year. Enforcers approached parents and had very specific suggestions for parents to be able to find their child if the child is separated. GGC16 has its own features for Geeklets and their parents in case the Geeklet (or parent) is lost. Feedback to have more inclusive programming in Gaming.
  - Flame Con - At capacity and extremely diverse. Spiritually fulfilling and rewarding. They hold year-round events, e.g. brunch.
  - TechCrunch Disrupt had an all women panel on technology and reproductive health.
  - In the last 6 years, there's been a lot of progress towards inclusion of girls and women into geek culture.
  - We can do more for our community by attending a variety of cons ourselves to learn from them and find cross-promotion opportunities.

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- Strategic Planning Update (Denee)
  - Erin Murphy presents bio and outline for moving forward with GeekGirlCon strategic plan.
    - The bulk of the strategic planning will be after the con.
    - Budget is \$700 (for 30 hours) including a discount from 501 Commons. This should be enough if the time is being used wisely. We will create a roadmap for where these hours will be spent.
    - Erin will be attending GGC2016 and escorted through the convention by various board/staff members.
  - 501 Commons Agreement - Denee proposes for a vote to approve the 501 Commons Contract with Erin Murphy as our consultant. Jen seconds, unanimous aye from board members present. Danielle will review and sign the contract.
- ED Recruitment Committee (Katrina)
- **Executive Session began at 7:50 pm, ended at 8:24 pm**
- Fundraising & Grantwriting
  - ED Ask & Fundraising Plan (Maddie & Denee)
    - Update with donor database
    - Next Steps - assign tasks to board members to complete, e.g. draft letter for the ask, look at similar organizations and which foundations are providing grant funding, reach out to our network to find grants that do not have deadlines
    - Jen & Sharon will attend Essential Grantwriting seminar on 11/11
- Report from the ED (Danielle)
- **Executive session from 8:53 pm to 8:58 pm.**

**Action Items for Next Meeting:**

- Strengths Finder - Maddy will email board with information
- Including GeekGirlCon on the TisBest Philanthropy charity gift card Platform ([www.TisBest.org](http://www.TisBest.org)) - Sharon will email board
- October Meeting and Board Retreat - Jen will email board

**Jen moved to close meeting at 8:59 pm. I-Wei seconded. Meeting adjourned.**