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| **Steel City LUG***Pittsburgh’s Adult LEGO User Group*Monthly Meeting Agenda | Location: Cranberry LibraryTime: 1pm-4pmDate: Sunday, January 6, 2013 |
| In attendance: Josh, Matt, Dan W, Andrew, Andy, Doug, Greg, Tim, Evan |

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| **Topic** | **Time** |
| **Greetings!**1. Host introduction
	1. Great Wall display looks great! - <http://www.flickr.com/groups/steelcitylug/pool/>
	2. We got started around 2:36 due to setting up the Great Wall display, so we kept everything brief.
	3. Thanks to Tim for reaching out to the library for the meeting space, the display, and the Feb 9th event!
2. New comer introductions
	1. Andrew – worked kidsfest <http://www.steelcitylug.com/forum/topic/hello-all/>
	2. Andy – Andrew’s dad. Has a lot of train tracks.
	3. Evan – found us as kidfest. Brought his MOCs, which were featured on the brothers-brick. <http://www.steelcitylug.com/forum/topic/hello-friends/>
	4. Dan W. – Pitt grad student, found matt on ebay - <http://www.steelcitylug.com/forum/topic/howdy/>
 | **30 Minutes** |
| **Business:**1. November minutes review
	1. Skipped for time, josh will post all minutes online
2. Kidsfest Lessons Learned
	1. Better shift coverage so not to burn people out
	2. Business card holders for display info
	3. Business cards went too fast/to kids
	4. Reimbursement/paid from LUG money
	* Feedback welcome on the forum - <http://www.steelcitylug.com/forum/topic/kidsfest-wrap-up-discussion/>
3. Financial status
	1. Josh is spending the gift cards and keeping track of them to reimburse the LUG with cash.
	2. $1,911.13 is in the general fund.
	3. Tim asked about expiration dates, but they don’t expire until 2018 at the earliest.
	4. There was discussion about welcoming ideas on how to spend the money. The default is not to spend money on things that won’t have a financial return. Also only to spend money on things everyone in the LUG participates in.
	5. Reimbursements are treated as requests to the entire LUG to approval. If you feel you want to pay your own expenses as your way of contributing, paying for your own enjoyment, or avoiding spending the LUG’s money, that is welcomed and appreciated.
4. Announcements
	1. Thur Mar 14 – March 16 First Robotics
		1. Found us at kidsfest
		2. Andrew has worked an event previously
		3. Patricia DePra emailed josh saying she’d have Laura get in touch with us about details.
		4. Friday and Saturday mornings are exhibit times
		5. At Peterson event center in Oakland
		6. <http://usfirst.org>
		7. <http://www.steelcitylug.com/forum/topic/first-robotics-march-14-16th/>
		8. Perhaps a great ball contraption (GBC) would be displayed
	2. Brickfair – Jan 19th Birmingham, AL
		1. No one is planning on going
		2. Tim is registered for Brickfair in Virginia – aug 1-4
	3. Teaching classes with Snapology
		1. Contact made at kidsfest
		2. Teach classes all around the pgh area
		3. Opening a new facility in robinson this summer
		4. Paid to teach events – they’re really excited to hire anyone from the LUG
		5. No required number of hours, you just get to pick which events you want to work (read extra cash for playing with bricks)
		6. Just need to pass a background check with the application – reach out to josh or them directly for info
		7. Could be a great LUG relationship to have, especially for meeting space, displays, events, etc.
5. Cranberry Library Father/son day discussions – feb 9th
	1. Rachael came in to discuss the event with us
	2. Leslie bought 2 auctions on ebay – 1 with 1,000 random pieces including figs and 1 with just 2000 bricks
	3. Event will be from 1p-2p
	4. Ages 6 and up
	5. They will lead the effort, but we will play a major role in planning and volunteering for the event.
	6. Limit is set to 15 sets of parents/kids and Rachael will let Josh know if it reaches that.
	7. Plan will be build challenges and then some free build time at the end
	8. Forming discussions are in the forum - <http://www.steelcitylug.com/forum/topic/cranberry-library-lego-party-february-9-2013/page/3/#post-685>
	9. We mentioned we’d love to display again, like for summer reading program. Rachael seemed surprised that we enjoy this, but also seemed genuinely excited to know us as a resource for her.
6. Idea sharing
	1. What can the LUG be?
		1. Discussion around creating a mission/vision statement that we can share with the public.
		2. Request for way to contact everyone without having to check the forum or wait for people to check – josh will create an email subscribe option and share names/phone numbers/emails with just members.
		3. Request for dedicated part swap time in meetings – Josh will (re) add to the agenda
		4. Josh will take the responsibility of making sure a business meeting occurs at least quarterly. All other meetups, part swaps, beer and brick builds, parts drafts, etc, etc, etc, are welcomed and encouraged to be initiated by any and all members.
		5. Doug mentioned he can get meeting space on CMU campus with notice.
	2. What can the LUG do?
		1. Discussion about all members should feel comfortable with seeking out opportunities for the LUG. Either informal inquiries or internal forum topics to gauge member interest.
		2. Talk about a cohesive build, something everyone can participate and have it grow with time. Reference to PennLUG’s train display gaining notoriety. Something iconic, but also serves as something the LUG invests in rather than ad-hoc’d events and builds, or even just individual efforts.
		3. Josh expressed he needed help coming up with “ice breakers” or things not business related for meetups
 | **120 Minutes**1. **15 mins**
2. **10 mins**
3. **5 mins**
4. **15 mins**
5. **45 mins**
6. **30 mins**
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| **Closing:**1. Review follow-ups and owners
	1. Josh – continue to work out details with Rachael
	2. Josh – give access to member’s limited info to the group
	3. Josh - come up with an easy way to subscribe to new topics in forum
	4. Josh – add partswap back into agenda
2. Set the next meeting
	1. Take down after the Feb 9th event at the library
	2. Talks of a parts draft meetup - <http://www.steelcitylug.com/forum/topic/parts-draft/page/2/#post-684>
3. Open discussion
 | **15 Minutes** |
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