



## Quarterly Meeting Agenda

Location: John McMillan Presbyterian

Time: 12:00 pm

Date: Saturday, March 25, 2023

In attendance: Tim B, Mike K, Torry, Bob, John singer, Tom frost, jonah , mitch, Johnny, Kyle, Marcella, Adam, Kerri, Renée, Danielle, Joseph, John, Ethan, Josh, Krista, Pam, Tim freshly, Will, Mike Bezilla, Will Kay, Dan Walker, Jenny Walker, Micah, neil

discord: Mike Bezilla, Will Kay, mark, Logan

### Topic

#### Greetings! –

*“I pledge allegiance to The LEGO Group, who distributes ABS in plethora. And to the brick, for which it stands, one LUG, indivisible, with minifigs and parts drafts for all.”*

1. Pass around business cards, reminder to update contact info online
2. Newly earned badges - Jade, Pam, Eddie
3. New comer introductions – Danielle, Mike, Torry, John, Ethan, Pam, (bring baseplate)

*“I, < insert name >, do solemnly swear to build with the LEGO element, the whole LEGO element, and nothing but the LEGO element.”*

#### Business:

1. Q4 minute review (5m) –
2. Administration and announcements (5m)
  - a. Username should be your name, please
  - b. Play well.

- c. Lugdoug – off with Ben (Thanks Renée)
- d. Lots of new members! With new ideas and new abilities. Doesn't matter how long you've been in the LUG. You are valuable, needed, and carry that forward to anyone new in the future. Members come, go, come back, and that's ok. We have a large group and a solid core of members too.
- e. No comparison. we define our own involvement. It's also important to celebrate and be grateful for when others are doing the work of the LUG.
- f. 501c7 qualifications – why no tip jar or money
- g. Discord feedback

Josh to add more listed topics so it doesn't fall off from right side

Pam/mitch volunteered to do google calendar updates

Tim brown offered to work on wordpress, will asked to have pinned topics,

- 3. Financial status
  - a. Current funds: **\$9,703.77– (that time of year where it's hard to track, especially with people paying Josh directly)**
  - b. Expenses – stanchions 300.28, badges \$72, sneeze guard connectors (49.95), parking reimbursement
  - c. Income – HaG (\$1500), 5 shirts, lugbulk (\$8,332.51 of \$10,742.81)
  - d. “Because it's more fun that way”- Josh's new slogan for complicated issues and non-constructive or entitled complaints. reimbursements, audit, taxes, money, tracking, accounting, responsibility, financial stability—all the above distract from the social and fun parts of the LUG, but they're necessary. Other organizations have a small board meeting, which can be less transparent and less welcoming. It's important, to me, to make sure anyone is able step up and into responsibilities when they want.
  - e. Tables reimbursement? (adam, 8', 6') – It is my belief the LUG *should* provide infrastructure (if the venue doesn't) so members can focus on LEGO. This also require members pitch in for tear down and set up. No guilt/shame – members got it done and I believe we will continue to do so when we're aware of that required effort.
  - f. Adam approved
  - g. josh tables approved
- 4. Ambassador/LAN updates(15 mins)
  - a. [LUGBULK 2023](#)

- i. Submitted the order
- i. Any outstanding payments due to Steel City LUG – Not Josh.
- i. Sign up for 2024 coming April 1
- b. AFOL Day
  - i. First one using the new process. Thanks to everyone for signing up so quickly.
  - i. Unsure when the next will be and if the process will change or not. Should have more details on or about March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- c. Active Membership – **update handbook – josh will schedule something for discord to review**
- i. AFOLET is being very strict about only active members participating in AFOL Day and LUGBULK
- 4.c.i.1. [AFOLET] must ensure that all communities are following the definition of what qualifies as a member:
  - 4.c.i.1.a. Members: Persons who build, display, engage, and/or participate in community meetings, events, and other activities as an active participant.
    - i. During the pandemic, I included posting on the forum as an activity since our events and activities were limited
    - i. Now that we're back in full swing and there are plenty of opportunities for events, meetings, and Discord nights, you need to participate in those to be considered an active member and be eligible for the benefits
  - 4.c.i.1.b. Followers: Persons who visit events and/or follow the community's social channels.
- 4.c.i.2. When a serious violation is identified within a community, [AFOLET] will remove the ability to participate in AFOL Appreciation Day for all members of that community.
- d. Submitted for 2HY Support
  - i. Should receive the 1HY support by beginning of April.
- 5. Past Events (5 mins)
  - a. Nov 25 – Dec 18 – [Winter Trolley](#)
  - b. Northland library display
  - c. Dec 31 – [First Night](#)
  - d. Jan 14-15 – [Locomotion Weekend](#)
  - e. Jan 21 - Learn from a LUG Member: Discord
  - f. Jan 28 – [Ross Park Mall Display \(International LEGO Day\)](#)

- g. [Science Center display](#)
- h. Feb 11 - Learn from a LUG Member: Photography (something to do at quarterly build meetings for everyone to take pics of it)
- i. Mitch can do instagram
- j. Mar 3-13 - 2023 Home and Garden
- i. Highlight the ispy
- i. make sure our words and conduct reflect the lug
- k. Store Display
- l. Mar 18-19 – Brick Convention Orlando (Ben)
- m. Mar 25-26 - BrickFair Fredericksburg (Ben)
- 6. Inventory Management (5m)
  - a. Color coded bins
  - b. No shame on mistakes. It's better it is just done right sooner than later
  - c. When you see a part that doesn't belong, take it out
  - d. Seal /Consolidate when redeeming.
  - e. Most cup credits go first.
  - f. If you're doing it for the cups you're in the wrong club.
  - i. Sustainable motivations include (but not limited to):
    - 6.f.i.1. Social interactions with club members
    - 6.f.i.2. Social interactions with public
    - 6.f.i.3. Individual inspiration and growth
    - 6.f.i.4. Serving others (members and public) by being helpful
    - 6.f.i.5. Displaying what you're proud of
    - 6.f.i.6. Appreciation for what you do
  - i. Cups are not based on the USD. It's non-exchange based currency.
  - i. Don't be stingy with spending cups and the LUG doesn't have to be stingy with cup credits.
  - /. If you don't think it's worth the cup, you don't have to get it.

- 6. Cups are not guaranteed in the future of LEGO programs. The only way the LUG sustains is if people enjoy what we DO, not what we get.
- 7. Current/Upcoming Events (20 mins)
  - a. Apr – Discord Build Night
    - i. Apr 1 @ 7pm
    - i. Apr 15 @ 7 pm
    - i. Apr 29 @ 7 pm
  - b. Store display and Build event at the store on 4/5 and 4/6
  - c. May 7 – K&J Comics (Westview)
  - d. May 18 – Remake Learning LEGO Event (Bellevue Elementary)
  - e. May 19-21 – EQT Children’s Festival (Point Park Playhouse)
  - f. May 20 – Cub Scout Banquet (Munhull)
  - g. Cranberry Library Display: All Together Now
  - h. June 10-11 – Three Rivers Arts Festival (Theater District)
  - i. Jul 29 – Fayette County fair
  - j. Aug 6-7 – BrickFair VA (Chantilly, VA)
  - k. Aug 24-27 – Brickslopes (Salt Lake City, UT)
  - l. Sept 8-10 – Erie ComiCon (Erie, PA)
  - m. Oct 7-8 – BrickFest Pittsburgh (Monroeville Convention Center)
  - n. Brick Universe Harrisburg
  - o. Oct 14-15 – Philly BrickFest (Oaks, PA)
- 8. Idea sharing (10 mins)
  - a. MILS - It’s ok to learn. We don’t have to get it right the first time. We grow and learn together. If someone knew that beforehand, speak up! Like old bricks for mils
  - b. something to build at events
  - c. Redbubble updated to include toddler and kids sizes, as well as pet items
  - i. Bulk order?

- d. Transportation and Storage
- e. YouTube
- f. Getting away from #sclug
- g. Cup credit expires after 5 years? 3?
- h. 5 year expires approved
- i. Insurance
- j. Mosaic kit - get another project request in for bricks? More city stuff like lampposts, sewer drains, curves, rail ties
- k. trailer
- l. shuttle at hAG should last longer
9. Review follow-ups and owners
10. Build challenge – Micropolis – Bob is the judge

**Closing:**

1. Open discussion –