

### Meeting Minutes for August 18, 2009

**Show and Tell:** Benjamin showed off the RFID stuff he has been working on for the Gumbo Labs' space. He is setting up an RFID reader that could be used to send information out to a public web server. Members could login and see who was in the space. Folks thought this could encourage members to come into the space to work on projects together and help us understand the extent to which the space is being utilized.

**Funding Opportunities:** We had a discussion about possible project(s) to generate funds for Gumbo Labs. The discussion focused on providing classes. Benjamin indicated he is working on the classes he wants to teach and believes they will be ready in October. He would like to have a test run of the class with members before offering it to a wider audience. The members talked about the importance of understanding how a prospective class supports our mission and uses resources. The members agreed a form would be useful. Instructors can fill it out with the following suggested information: class description, expected number of participants, length of time, and dates to be offered. The form will be developed and presented to the members for feedback and comments. The members also revisited the idea of sponsors. The members talked about the need to finish and launch the Wordpress website that Simon is working on and agree upon a logo. The website can be a way to clearly articulate the mission, vision and activities of Gumbo Labs. It can also provide space to feature sponsors.

**Space Needs:** We discussed some issues and needs with the space. It might be helpful to have a light outside the front door. We will need to follow-up with the landlord on the leaks both near the door and the far window. A few members are having difficulty getting keys to work in the front door. The members separated out objects in the space to help better identify what items are for everyone to use, what is available to tear down for parts, and what is in use or part of a personal project.

**Bylaws:** We briefly discussed the language in the bylaws regarding signatures on bank checks. This item will be removed from the bylaws.

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