Failed Motion

Motion: To allow the mentors participating in Google Summer of Code to disperse the mentor stipend among themselves as they see fit.

New Motion #1 posted 5/22

Motion: Whereas it is the general policy of Sugar Labs to retain all GSoC mentoring stipends in the General Fund, if a mentor asks a GSoC Admin (for example in 2016, Walter or Lionel) to pay a stipend to a mentor, their share of the stipend amount will be disbursed without further motions to approve the spending. The share is calculated from the total awarded for the GSoC slot by Google, minus 10% (as all Sugar Labs income is donated to Software Freedom Conservancy for organisational services), minus 5% (retained for Sugar Labs General Funds), divided by the number of mentors for the project. For example, in a year with 6 slots and 10 mentors at $500, the total revenue is $3,000; 10% for Conservancy is $300 and 5% for Sugar Labs is $150, leaving a total of $2,550 or $255 per mentor.

New Motion #2 posted 5/22

Motion: To request a membership donation from each currently active Sugar Labs Member to be allocated to the General Fund for the calendar year of 2016, and a public statement about how they use Sugar and why they are involved in Sugar Labs to post on the website; there is no penalty for not paying a membership or not providing a statement; by default members who donate will be kept private, and requested to opt-in to be recognised. The donation requested will be $12 USD from members who self-identify as low-income (such as students); $36 USD from general members; $120 from members who can opt-in to be placed prominently on the website; and $600 from members who can (privately if they wish) submit a release codename, subject to SLOB approval.

Draft Email to Members to Request Donation

Hi $MEMBER!

We have some exciting things planned for Sugar Labs this year, including

- Improved translations for TODO languages and a new Translation blog at www.TODO, thanks to a $X,000 grant by Trip Advisor that is funding our new Translations Manager, Chris Leonard;
- Offering Sugar Activities that can run outside Sugar on regular free desktops like GNOME, KDE, and Unity, thanks to inspired hacking by Sebastian Silva;
- Relaunching the website;

To sustain Sugar Labs, the Oversight Board would like you to make an annual donation to the project.

Your donation will go into the General Fund, used for enabling Members' access to laptops, travel to events, and stipends for people to make rapid progress towards specific goals. There are no penalties for not donating, and by default we'll keep your donation private.

We are asking for,

- USD $12 if you self-identify as low-income, for example if you're a student;
- USD $36 from general members;
- USD $120 to have your profile placed prominently on the website if you wish;
- USD $600 to submit a release codename, privately if you wish, and subject to SLOB approval (similar to https://fedoraproject.org/wiki/History_of_Fedora_release_names :)

To make the donation now, visit

www.sugarlabs.com/donate

Since Software Freedom Conservancy is a 501(c)(3) your donation may be tax deductible. You might like to check with your company if they offer donation-matching to double your contribution. You can always donate more or less than the requested amount.

After donating, please reply to this email (members@sugarlabs.org) to opt-in to be recognised as a donating member on the website.

Thanks again for your continued interest and support!

Best regards,
$BOARD_MEMBER

PS. A few of us will be informally meeting in Boston in the summer, the weekend of July 16/17, and it would be great if you can join us :)

PPS. If you have any questions about this to discuss publicly, please post on the IAEP list. If you would like to discuss anything privately, please email SLOBs.

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Draft Email to Members to Request Statement

Hi!

[Thanks again for your donation!]

We're growing the Sugar community this year with a refreshed website, and a key part of the new website is the featuring of case studies - of both Sugar communities, and profiles of individual Sugar Labs members.

Please reply to this email with a statement about how you use Sugar and why you are involved in Sugar Labs. I'll post it on the www.sugarlabs.org website soon.

If you'd like to add your statement directly, please check out the website repo on Github and make a Pull Request :)

Cheers
Dave

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