Notices of Business – 2019 SGLMG AGM

Support for the Global Climate Strike

The meeting recommends that the Board support the next Global Strike by:

1. Allowing the workshop space to be used by organisers and community groups
2. Allocating budget to allow the Mardi Gras's marketing and communication teams to support and promote attendance
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Preamble

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See next page for original submission.
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The Company Secretary
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6. Mardi Gras’s marketing and communication teams support and promote attendance to the next Global Climate Strike through any and all appropriate channels and that the Mardi Gras board budgets for this activity accordingly

7. Mardi Gras encourages all members, workers and community supporters to attend, promote and support the next Global Climate Strike and it's advocacy for systemic action on Climate Change.

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