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Hi Jerry Michalski

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**Meeting summary****Quick recap**

The meeting began with Jessie presenting her community matching platform project and discussing its pivot to focus on event industry connections, while the group shared updates on their current projects and travel plans. The discussion then moved to exploring AI's capabilities and limitations in content creation and evaluation, with participants sharing personal experiences and perspectives on AI's role in various contexts. The group concluded by discussing alternative business models, community economic development initiatives, and the value of collaboration, with members reflecting on their six-year journey together and sharing personal insights about working effectively with others.

**Next steps**

- Mike: Deliver keynote speech on digital leadership and political vision at the World Innovation, Technology and Services Alliance in Taipei.
- Jessie: Continue developing the talent matching system with a focus on pivoting to the event industry for monetization.
- Karl: Set up a Google Workspace and Google group for "today's moonshots" after his meeting this afternoon.
- Klaus: Rebrand his AI service as a consultancy with his expertise rather than emphasizing the AI component.

- Ken: Prepare for moving to Valencia, Spain in December/January timeframe.
- Kevin: Work with Stephanie Sweptson to find a young MBA candidate to potentially take over the business.
- Gil: Send test samples of AI-generated content to Doug and colleagues for evaluation.
- Karl: Complete his term papers by next Sunday.
- Ken: Prepare documentation for the Spanish Consulate visa appointment in September.
- Ken: Finalize health insurance paperwork before moving to Valencia.
- Kevin: Move into a new apartment at the end of next month.
- Ken: Cancel Medicare coverage after moving to Spain.
- Jessie: Draft a short paragraph about "working alone together" concept for the group to consider.
- Gil: Review profiles on Jessie's platform to identify potential collaboration opportunities.
- Jessie: Connect Klaus with the cooperative movement contact in Bend.
- Doug and Jessie: Discuss "unlaw" approach for mapping the Mondragon partnership model for their cooperative vision.
- Gil and OGM members: Explore Jessie's platform and complete profiles of needs and offers.
- Mike: Share the link to Alicia Wanless's webcast about "The Information Animal" book.

## Summary

### Community Matching Platform Pivot

Jessie shared her passion project, a community matching platform that helps people define their ikigai and connect with others to meet local needs. She explained that the platform, which started as a talent solutions company, is pivoting to focus on the event industry by providing an ongoing mechanism for community members to connect after events. Klaus noted the challenge of coordinating community initiatives and suggested that finance plays a crucial role in their effectiveness. Jessie mentioned that the platform's monetization would come from event producers who would offer the matching opportunity to their participants.

### Project Updates and Travel Plans

Klaus, Jessie, Karl, and Mike discussed their current projects and upcoming travel plans. Karl mentioned working on setting up a Google Workspace and creating a Google group for community updates. Mike shared his schedule, which includes a keynote speech in Taipei on digital leadership and political vision, as well as meetings in Manila and a family visit in Seattle. He expressed frustration with the challenges of organizing long-distance meetings and the lack of clear vision in digital policy areas like encryption and online copyright.

### Understanding Taiwan's Political System

Mike discussed the political instability in Taiwan, highlighting its unique five-branch government system and the challenges it faces. He shared his experience with Manila, noting its modernity but lack of a clear vision, and emphasized the importance of digital vision and trust in information sources. Mike recommended a book by Alicia Wanless titled "The Information Animal," which explores an ecological approach to understanding information environments and cultural influences on information trust. He suggested listening to a podcast called "Spies and Lies" for a concise summary of the book's concepts.

### **AI's Limitations and Creative Potential**

The group discussed the limitations and challenges of AI, with Doug comparing its superficial understanding to "cotton candy cognition" and emphasizing its inability to truly comprehend or generate meaningful content. Stacey highlighted AI's potential to assist in deconstructing and evaluating conversations, while Gil shared positive experiences with AI tools, noting their utility despite their stochastic nature. The conversation explored the balance between AI's capabilities and its lack of consciousness, with participants sharing personal experiences and opinions on AI's role in content creation and evaluation.

### **AI Trust and Rebranding Strategies**

The group discussed the use of AI tools in various contexts, with Klaus sharing his experience of presenting an AI system to a European organization focused on regenerative investing. He encountered trust issues when explaining how the AI was programmed, leading to suggestions from Doug and others to rebrand the service as Klaus's expertise and consultancy rather than focusing on the AI itself. The conversation also touched on the importance of using AI to define problem spaces and avoid analysis paralysis, with Jessie highlighting how AI can help match people to their target markets and identify actionable solutions.

### **Financial Innovation and Community Impact**

Kevin discussed his work with Chicago Neighborhood Economics and their collaboration with hospitals and community development finance institutions. He expressed frustration about the lack of creativity and innovation in current financial systems, particularly in underserved neighborhoods where people die up to 20 years younger than in wealthier areas. Kevin also shared his personal struggle with transitioning the business to younger leadership, as he is considering stepping back to focus on writing. Additionally, he provided an update on the devastating impact of floods in Asheville, noting that promised federal recovery funds have not materialized, leading to increased migration and the breakdown of local support systems.

### **Valencia Relocation Plans**

Ken shared his excitement about their upcoming move to Valencia, Spain, where they have secured a visa appointment in September. He described Valencia as a clean, green city with excellent public transportation and friendly residents, contrasting it with their current location in Marin, which he feels has become too

aggressive and developed. Ken and his partner plan to move in December or January, aiming to live within walking distance of amenities and reduce their cost of living by about two-thirds compared to their current expenses.

### **Retiring to Spain on Visa**

Ken and his wife are planning to move to Spain on a non-lucrative visa, which allows them to retire there without working, though they hope to work remotely after a year. They found affordable health insurance that covers pre-existing conditions, though they will cancel their Medicare coverage. Ken expressed concern about the political situation in the United States, which has added to their decision to leave, despite initially considering Italy. They do not have European passports, and Ken's wife investigated obtaining a Romanian passport but was hesitant due to concerns about corruption.

### **Alternative Business Models Discussion**

The group discussed alternative business models beyond traditional shareholder maximization, with Jessie expressing interest in creating employee-owned structures like cooperatives. Gil shared insights about growing movements in employee ownership and trust sectors, noting that fiduciary duty doesn't strictly require maximizing shareholder value but rather attending to all relevant concerns. Doug described his work as an "unlaw" attorney, helping clients create mosaic-oriented approaches that prioritize collaborative goals over traditional legal structures, while highlighting the need for legal systems to better serve cooperative ventures rather than just enforcing penalties.

### **Community Economic Development Strategies**

The group discussed community economic development in Bend, Oregon, with Klaus sharing insights about attracting wealthy retirees and the need to address base-of-pyramid economics. Jessie proposed mapping the Mondragon partnership model in a place-based version by zip code, and Klaus suggested using AI to create localized visions and share best practices across communities. The discussion concluded with Jessie challenging the group to improve collaboration and share operational burdens, noting that administrative costs were a significant barrier to success.

### **Collaboration and Operational Excellence**

The group discussed collaboration and the value of their online meetings. Gil expressed appreciation for the collaborative sharing in their discussions and suggested profiling needs and offers among the platform's users to identify potential projects. Jessie proposed creating a "Mondragon thing" to model operational excellence and agreed to draft a brief concept about working alone together. Mike defended the group's collaborative nature, highlighting the valuable feedback he receives from others. The conversation ended with Ken offering to share a poem, though it was not included in the transcript.

### **Collaboration and Appreciation Journey**

The group discussed challenges in collaboration and interoperability, with Doug sharing his personal journey of adopting new tools and approaches to work more effectively with others. Doug emphasized the importance of transcending transactional relationships and operating in an appreciation economy, which has freed him from fears of scarcity and ownership concerns. Klaus reflected on the group's six-year journey together and expressed gratitude for the connections made through OTM. The conversation ended with Ken sharing a poem about grief and loss, titled "American Funeral" by Greg Kimura.

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