

SCPD "Let's Compute" Computer Club

Board of Directors Meeting of November 20, 2006

Note: Due to a lack of quorum the meeting was changed from November 9.

The Board of Directors met on November 20, at 9:00 a.m. in the San Gorgonio Room of the Mountain View Clubhouse. Board members present were; Lyn Morse, Barbara Kaye, Kent McDonald, Shelia Harbet, Jack Drill and Jan Grenert. Club members present were; Shirley Allan, Moe Sullivan, Jill Johnson, Betsy Lewis and Sharon Kiel.

The Treasurer's report submitted by Jack Drill showed a balance of \$38,802.52. Jack provided financial reports. He has also sent the reports in PDF form (Portable Document Format) so that they may be placed on the club's web site for the benefit of the membership.

Kent McDonald, VP of Communication, said membership is at 820. He said that he has reviewed the Budget forecast and feels there is a need for some clarification. Kent noted that the extended forecast does not predict sufficient funds to pay for the replacement of the computers.

Shelia Harbet, VP of Education, reported that the new Quicken classes are well attended and instructor Frank Gombos is doing well. Kerry Greene, Ron Ehrens and Walter Goldsmith will be teaching beginner classes. Barbara Kaye reported on the Elements 3 classes she is teaching. It is expected that classes in Corel will be taught after the presentation by Corel at the General Meeting and evening session.

Lyn said she would ask Lou Shapiro to teach a Mac class on Automator. Shelia is planning to hold a teachers' meeting in January. A brief discussion was held on how to use the voice amplifier in the lab. The information will be passed on to the teachers. Another new class, PhotoStory 3 will be taught by Kevin Gibbons. The software is a free download and will be installed by Barbara Kaye on all the PCs.

Barbara Kaye, VP of Maintenance, reported that she and Kent set up one of the club's existing HP5560 desk jet Printer in the first row of the lab. Print jobs from any PC can be sent to that machine. There was a two-fold reason for this arrangement; 1) Physically challenged members said it was a difficulty for them to retrieve printed material from the Phaser in the back of the lab. 2) Some Print Shop classes need a desk jet to print iron-on transfers and other special projects.

Note: The use of the an existing HP5560 desk jet printer negates the need for the purchase of a HPK550 as approved at the October 11 board meeting.

Barbara reported on the purchase of a refurbished Epson Flat Bed Scanner at the cost of \$214. Lyn said the lab really needs a second flat bed scanner for the PC side. Barbara will look into obtaining another scanner.

Lyn recognized the club members in attendance. Jill Johnson and Sharon Kiel who share the task of writing articles on the club activities for the News and Views asked for ideas on information for that publication. Lyn suggested they include a section on "How to join the computer club". Moe Sullivan who is in charge of the lab Monitors, noted that it is taking longer for the permanent membership cards to be issued and asked if that process could be speeded up.

Shirley Allan said one of the Association employees has offered to teach a class in photo editing. The club has previously approved a non-member as an instructor, and Lyn asked Shirley to contact the person.

Lyn referred to a letter the club had received in October from the Association with a list of “clean up” items. She has since taken care of those requirements that were relative to our club. A copy of the letter and Lyn’s replies are attached to these minutes.

Jan Grenert, Secretary, said she has sent a copy of the inventory to Association Financial Officer, Michael Swift. He has verbally acknowledged receipt of the report its adequacy.

Lyn discussed the Nov. 21 general meeting with the presentation of Corel Painter Essentials 3 and the evening presentation of Corel’s Paint Shop Pro Photo IX. With the approval of the General Manager, outside computer groups have been invited to the presentations, but will not be eligible for door prizes.

Lyn provided Board members with information about Lynda.com, a subscription-base source of various training software programs that can be downloaded. She asked members to review the website, which she will bring up for discussion at the December Board meeting.

The developers of the software “DogWaffle” contacted Lyn with a request to present their program at one of our future general meetings. The Board agreed that the members’ interest level at the last presentation wasn’t sufficient to repeat the presentation.

Kent discussed the problem encountered by the Association in which non-residents are joining Sun City clubs and even running for office. Another problem is one where residents allow outside friends to use their Sun City address so they can join the clubs. The problem is how to catch them.

Lyn presented the Board with two ideas she had been pondering and asked members for input: 1) Monogrammed shirts for Board members, volunteers and members. 2) Consider allowing Association employees to take classes when there is an opening in a class.

The next Board meeting will be December 14.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Grenert
Secretary