

SCPD "Let's Compute" Computer Club

Board of Directors Meeting May 10, 2007

The Board of Directors met on May 10, 2007, at 9:00 AM in the Mountain View Clubhouse.

Board members present were; Lyn Morse, Shelia Harbet, Jack Drill, Barbara Kaye, Kent McDonald and Jan Grenert. Also present were members Jim Calvert, Moe Sullivan and Pat Palladino.

The minutes of the prior meeting were read and approved without change.

Jim Calvert asked to address the Board in the first order of business. He thanked the Board for purchasing the Vista manual that he requested. The purchase was made under the One Dollar per student per class prior ruling of the Board. (Board ruling of 11-12-03). The Board will later entertain a motion for purchase of manuals by teachers on an individual basis.

Jack Drill, Treasurer said the balance in the operating account is \$16,279.76. The equipment account balance is \$14,000.00 for a treasury total of \$30,279.76. At the June 19 Board meeting a determination will be made as to how much of the operating account will be transferred to the equipment account.

Jack said he has purchased two more copies Vista Home Premium Upgrade through his son-in-law, bringing the total to 9 copies of the 15 needed for all the PCs.

He also noted that almost all the membership renewal forms being turned in now have SCPD membership account number included on the form.

Kent McDonald, VP of Communications, reported membership at 1046. A question arose as to whether the payments of new memberships during May were extended to the next full year. Kent said that all clubs have been asked by the Association to send an email to members with information on the new Licensed Plate Recognition program and a form for members to fill out and return to the Association. He has done so.

Shelia Harbet, VP of Education, noted that some teachers would not be holding classes during the summer months. She discussed the need for an 'overview' class on the Tools options of the Elements program. Shelia said Walter Goldsmith indicated he would like to teach a class on Vista basics. She suggested installing Vista on a few computers in a "dual boot" that would allow teachers and members to use the new OS.

Barbara Kaye, VP of Maintenance, said she would make the Vista installation as soon as she can. The Muvee 6 software has been installed on all PCs.

Pat Palladino, Chair of the Nominating Committee/Voting Process, said that 231 completed ballots have been returned.

The Board members had previously been asked to review Lynda.com website, which is a source of on-line training for use of instructors and Board members. Shelia made a motion to purchase a Premium

subscription at the annual cost of \$375.00 per year. Jack seconded the motion. A discussion followed on the advantages of the program. The motion passed.

The Board next looked at By Law revisions, which were made to comply with the SCPD updated template. The Board will send the By Laws to the Association Documents Committee for compliance approval. Once approved, the By Laws will be sent via email to all members – probably in June.

Jan Grenert reported on the Volunteer Appreciation Party held on April 16. Seventy-seven (77) people attended.

Jack said the club has paid SWUG (Southwest User Group) fees for 5 eligible members.

Lyn asked Board members to consider initiating “Help Time” sessions that would be held twice a month in which members could get assistance in areas not specifically covered by classes. A brief discussion took place and it was decided to revisit the suggestion next month.

Lyn said she has contacted Association Board President, Corky Larson, concerning the communication problems encountered in the Speakers Hall with sound and projection. Corky said she would look into it and discuss it with Association Board members. Lyn also touched on the rumor of moving the lab. Corky said the current Association Board does not plan to move the computer club, unless the club wants to be moved. Lyn assured her we do not want to move.

Lyn said she and Jan would go to meet with the Shadow Hills computer club president on May14, at their request, to offer information about how we organize our club.

It was discovered that the door to the lab was found unlocked on Monday morning. There is some concern that someone accessed the lab between 5:00 p.m. Friday and 10:00 a.m. Monday morning. She will contact the head of security for assistance.

The club’s General Meetings will be rescheduled to the 4th Tuesday of the month, starting in September. The Board will determine whether or not to change the schedule for their monthly meetings.

Kent noted that the new Microsoft Office 2007 documents can not be read by a Mac unless they are ‘Saved As’ an earlier version of Office before being accessed by a Mac. He proposed the purchase of Mac Link Plus at the estimated cost of \$50.00. Shelia seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Barbara Kaye said she has found open files on a computer in the lab that indicate Shelia Hoffman is still using lab equipment to conduct business. She had been informed in January that she could not do this, but printouts of her files found this week by Barbara, and printed out for reference, show that she continues to do so. Lyn will contact GM Sandy Sosnowski.

The Board discussed closing the open lab at 1:00 PM for June, July and August. Jack was opposed to closing at 1:00 instead of 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Grenert
Secretary