

SCPD "Let's Compute" Computer Club

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting January 17, 2008

The Board of Directors regular monthly meeting was held at 9:00 a.m. on January 17, 2008 in the Idyllwild Room of the Mountain View Clubhouse. Board members present were; Lyn Morse, Jack Drill, Kent McDonald, Shelia Harbet, Howard Reese and Jan Grenert. Barbara Kaye was absent due to illness. Club members present were; Jim Calvert, Shirley Allan and Moe Sullivan.

The minutes of the prior meeting were read and approved without change but with a note of clarification. The purchase of two video cameras for lab was made by Jack Drill from Amazon.com for \$65.00 rather than through his son-in-law at Microsoft whose annual purchase limit had been reached.

Jack Drill, Treasurer, said the balance in the equipment account is \$26,511.00 and the balance in the operating account is \$18,209.13 for a treasury total of \$44,720.24. Jack presented a mid-year report of the two accounts and reviewed the report for the Board. Jack said the Betsy Lewis and the Financial Review committee are preparing the mid-year financial review.

Kent McDonald, Director of Communications, said membership is 962 and 25% are new members. In a discussion of the Phaser printer, Kent said he would give a special workshop of 'How To' for teachers and monitor on that machine.

Shelia Harbet, VP of Education, said the February club calendar is almost ready for distribution to members.

Lyn reported for the absent Barbara Kaye, Director of Maintenance. Barbara has replaced six video cards over the weekend.

Howard Reese, Director of Programs, said Carolina Sanabira of Cyber Defender will be presenting the program for the January 22 General Meeting. The first 200 verified computer club members attending this General Meeting will receive a free copy of a Cyber Defender software.

Jim Calvert addressed the Board in the New Business section of the meeting. He explained the problems he has encountered while teaching his classes in the lab. Jim described the increasing breakdown of the PCs. The time he spends to fix computers for his students takes away from the 50-minute time frame for instructions and deprives the students' learning. He asked the Board to consider these solutions:

- Replace one PC with a Mac
- Reboot the PCs every day
- Buy Macs to replace PCs
 - Is the Mac keyboard different than PC?
 - Is Mouse function different than PC?
 - What are the key differences

He summarized by suggesting a Mac be put on the PC side of the room as a trial. The Board thanked Jim for his insights to the problems. Lyn asked the Board members to review the situation and suggestions for further discussion at the next Board meeting. In the meantime, Lyn will ask Barbara to evaluate the maintenance history of each PC machine and prepare a letter to PC Club (seller of the PC's) requesting replacement of chronically unstable machines or other solutions satisfactory to our club.

Jack made a motion to remove 35 mm scanner and store it until someone wants to use it. He said the 35 mm scanner is seldom used by members because they favor the flat bed scanners which can scan eight 35mm slides at a time, in contrast to the Nikon 35mm scanner which only scans one at a time. Shelia seconded the motion. Information on how members can request the use of the 35mm scanner will be included in the Scanner Note book and in the Bits & Bytes newsletter. The motion passed.

Jack asked that the 2008/09 Membership Application be revised to include information on where members can find their Association ID#. Many members are not including the number on the application because they don't know where to find it. Jan will make the revision.

Membership renewal forms are always mailed out with the Election Ballots after the April General Meeting. Jack and Kent asked that the same Membership forms for 2008/09 for new/renewing members be put out in the lab. The effect of this would give new members a 14-month membership if they join in May and a 13-month membership if they join in June. Both Jack and Kent said it would greatly simplify the accounting and membership records. Jack so stated the above as a motion. Shelia seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Lyn announced Let's Computer would host a presentation by the Mac Gallery some time in February. The presentation will be open to members and guests. Don Ice of the Mac Gallery will present our club with: a copy of Leopard for all Mac teachers, 10 copies of iLife and iWork for use on the lab Macs. He may also donate Leopard for all lab Macs.

Lyn said she would like to have the club purchase Adobe Elements 6 for the Macs.

Shelia made a motion to reimburse Lyn \$80.00 for her purchase of Adobe Elements 4 for a trial on a lab Mac. Howard Reese seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jan Grenert said she would chair the Volunteer Appreciation Party. The Board agreed to award each volunteer with a coupon for \$10 off their membership. The party will be in April, exact date to be determined.

The SWUG (Southwest User Group) Conference will be held on May 30,32 and June 1 in San Diego. (Website is swcc.org) Sheila made a motion that the club pays \$60.00 toward the registration fee for the seven Board members and the first 10 teachers or monitors who want to attend. Jack seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Moe and Shirley Allan both suggested that a teacher or monitor participate more than once or twice a year to qualify as a volunteer.

Jim Calvert asked that the minutes of the Board meeting be published in the monthly newsletter. The Board declined saying that the minutes and financial reports are posted monthly on the Let's Compute web site. As a side note, Kent said he has been having problems putting material on the club's website which is provided by EarthLink. A consideration was given to consider iWeb. Jan said she would post two months Board minutes on the SCPDCA.com, the Sun City community webpage.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30

Respectively submitted
Jan Grenert, Secretary