

SCPD "Let's Compute" Computer Club

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting of February 16, 2006

The Board of Directors met at 9:00 a.m. on February 16 in the Green Room of the Mountain View Clubhouse. Board members present were: Lyn Morse, Jack Drill, Kent McDonald, Barbara Kaye, Bill Crowley and Jan Grenert. Also attending the meeting was: Dale Seffer, Moe Sullivan, Pat Palladino, Jill Johnson and Jim Calvert.

The minutes of the prior Board meeting were read and approved after a minor change.

Jack Drill, Treasurer, distributed financial statements and stated that the balance in the treasury was \$48,781.75. Jack said that previous financial statements did not clearly distinguish the Reserve account. He has modified the report to clearly show the reserve funds earmarked for future purchases. That amount is now \$12,050.00 and may increase at yearend. There were no objections to the modification in the report.

Kent McDonald, VP of Communications, said that membership has reached 1000, with 357 of that total being new members.

Bill Crowley, VP of Programs, indicated that he has not found any programs yet for the March and April general meetings. Jack suggested a forum style program. A "Panel of Experts" made up of our club's experts. Bill agreed. He asked for suggestions for panel members and asked Lyn to act as moderator for the panel.

Barbara Kaye, VP of Maintenance, reported that there were no specific problems with the PCs except that they are now very slow.

Barbara is chair of the committee to advise the Board on the purchase of new PCs. She said that Lyn had appointed Dale Seffer as an addition to the committee, which also includes Kent McDonald, Jack Drill, and Shelia Harbet. Barbara read the minutes of that committee's meeting, which outlined the committee's decision-making process. (Copy attached to these minutes). She said the group was unanimous in its final decision to recommend the purchase of 16 PCs from the PC Club of Palm Springs for a total cost of \$30,594.56. Based on the recommendation, Jack Drill moved to make the purchase as recommended by the committee. Kent seconded the motion. A discussion followed in which Bill Crowley voiced his concerns that perhaps the committee had not looked at a more national brand name computers. Jack assured Bill that they compared several 'name brand' systems and felt the PC Club quote offered the group's specifications at a lower price. He also said the PC Club was found nation wide and had received several awards for its computers from recognized publications. Kent reiterated their decision making process. Lyn called for a vote. Four members voted yes, one member voted no. The motion passed.

Dale Seffer will place the order for the computers. Treasurer Jack Drill made out a check for \$15,000 to PC Club. The balance to be paid when the final computers are ready.

Barbara said she and the Maintenance Committee preferred to install the new computers a few at a time. She also suggested that the new flat panel monitors be secured to the desktop to prevent accidental damage and /or theft.

June Cross has been appointed to take charge of the sale process of the PCs, just as she did for the sale of the old Macs.

In the absence of Shelia Harbet, VP Education, Barbara reported that the new Typing Workshop was well attended. Members wanting to take The Spanish Workshop were having trouble finding the program. (They have to purchase their own software).

Jan Grenert, Chair of the Volunteer Party to be held on April 2, named her committee members: Shirley Allan, Pat Palladino, Shirley Cronin, Jill Johnson and Mary Eppich. There is a list of 69 volunteers who will be invited to the party by an email invitation and asked to respond if they are attending.

Lyn reminded members to prepare their sheets for the Board Handbook and have them ready for the next Board meeting.

Lyn related a request from instructor, Doris Keniry, that the Board purchase the current version of Print Shop. The version now on the lab computers is several versions older and needs to be upgraded. Lyn requested that 4 copies be designated as 80/20 so that the teachers can load the software on their own machines and revise the lessons. Jan so moved. Barbara seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Pat Palladino has been appointed to chair the Nominating Committee. Her committee consists of Moe Sullivan, Jill Johnson and Sharon Kiel.

Lyn gave each Board member a list of people who have keys to the lab, who has keys to the cabinet and the lock box.

Lyn reviewed the club's firm policy on lab security. No member can be in the lab unless there is a Monitor, Instructor or Board Member present. Any breach of this policy is considered unauthorized use of the lab and will not be allowed. This policy is stated in the Monitors' Handbook and all teachers will also be advised of this rule.

Lyn recognized members attending the meeting:

Jill Johnson asked for information on the club that she can use in the News & Views.

Jim Calvert asked if the Board had determined the selling price of the old PCs. Lyn said that Kent would research the current value of the machine as he did the Macs. The Board will then set the price based on Ken's research. Information on the sale will be published.

Tentatively submitted
Jan Grenert