

# SCPD "Let's Compute" Computer Club

## Minutes of Special Board Meeting September 4, 2002

The Board of Directors of "Let's Compute" Computer Club met in special session on September 4, 2002 at 4:00 p.m. in the computer lab. Board members present were; Dave Allan, Lyn Morse, Kent McDonald, Bob Jameson, Sheldon Plotkin and Jan Grenert. Jim Calvert was not present. The special board meeting was called to allow the board to make final arrangements for the Slide Scanner program which will be initiated in October.

Kent McDonald reported that the Slide Scanner is capable of supporting both the Mac and Windows platforms. Kent presented his recommendation for the type of Mac computer best suited for this project as follows:

EMac with 700 MHz PowerPC G4 Processor, OS-X Operating System, 128 MB RAM, 17 inch CRT Display, 40 GB Hard Drive, 24x10x32 CD-RW Drive, mini-VGA Output, NVIDIA GeForce2 MX 32 MB Graphics Card, Two Firewire Ports, Five USB 1.1 Ports, 10/100 Base-T Ethernet Port, 56 Kbps MODEM, Keyboard and Optical Mouse. Price \$1099.00

Added items:

- 512 MB RAM \$150.00
- 3 Years Apple Care Protection \$149.00
- Tilt/Swivel Stand \$59.00

It was noted that this system could serve as a backup to the "instructor" Macintosh if it were down for repairs.

Bob Jameson reported on the specifications for a Dell Computer for use with the slide scanner.

Dell Dimension 4500, 512 MB RAM, Pentium 4 Processor, Windows XP Home Edition operating system, 17" monitor, 80 GB Hard Drive, 16X DVD-Rom Drive, CD-RW Drive, 10/100 PCI Ethernet NIC, 2 button scroll mouse, keyboard, Norton Anti Virus and other software. The cost of this Dell would be \$1127.00

It was also recommended that the board purchase three additional Dell computers similar to the ones already in the lab at the cost of \$1048 each and another HP Printer to support them. The new Dells would replace the old PCs in the lab that are no longer used by members.

Lyn Morse made a motion to purchase the recommended equipment, which purchases would not exceed \$7000.00. Dave Allan seconded the motion.

A discussion was held on several topics related to the slide scanner program:

- Special Monitors will be trained by Pete Claar in the use of the slide scanner and will always be present when a member uses this equipment. Monitors will be from both Mac and Windows platforms
- Sessions will be limited to 50 minutes. Members must make appointments to use the scanner.
- Members will not be charged for the use of the slide scanner during the October introductory period.

Lyn Morse presented the board with items sent to our club from the Microsoft Mindshare Program. Included were several Windows software programs which will be given as door prizes at the general meetings. Lyn also presented two gift cards donated by Office Max, a spindle of blank CD's that she donated. Since all of the software programs from Mindshare were for PC users, the board decided to purchase several copies of Stomper software and packages of photo paper to use as attendance prizes that would be useful to winners who may be Mac users.

Dave Allan suggested that the board budget to purchase door prizes for meetings.

The Board also discussed having open lab hours on Saturdays, if sufficient monitors could be lined up.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15

Respectfully submitted  
Jan Grenert, Secretary