

**MacTechnics Board Meeting**  
**January 12, 2008**  
**Meeting location, Washtenaw County LLRC**

President, JoAnn Olsen called meeting to order 1:40 p.m.

**In Attendance:**

Gerry Felipe, Kathy Greiner, Steve Johgart, Dean Martelle, Jim Monkiewicz, JoAnn Olsen, Cassie St. Clair. (Six constitutes a quorum.)

**Secretary:** Dean made a motion and Steve seconded to approve the Board meeting minutes for August, September, October, and November 2007. The minutes are posted on the MacTechnics website. Cassie took the minutes at the December Board meeting in Kathy's absence, and will present them at the February Board meeting.

**Treasurer:** Cassie reported that we brought in \$247.50 in membership dues at the December meeting. Auction registration fees totaled \$15.00 and donations from 9 auctioned items totaled \$122.00. Interest income for December was \$.96, for an income total of \$385.46 for December. The expenses were \$48.00 for the club's post office box (through June 2008) and \$231.20 was paid to Branders for the "logo" tool set provided as a gift to members at the holiday party. Expenses for December totaled \$279.20. Gerry motioned and Jim seconded to approve this report, and the motion carried.

**President's Report:**

JoAnn reviewed the holiday party. Denny reported that 32 items were auctioned in 12/06, and only 24 items in 12/07. Despite the low number, everything sold. There was a positive reaction from members regarding the party, the food and the tool set giveaway. We have 45 screwdriver sets left. The newsletter will tell members in good standing that they can get their toolset at the January or February meeting if they didn't attend the holiday party.

JoAnn presented a list of items to be raffled at upcoming meetings, including software, a 5-pack of DVD-R 4x, books and CD's, accessories, t-shirts, and gift cards. Gerry made a motion, seconded by Steve, to increase our raffle items by buying a bundle of Mac shareware applications for \$49.00 from macheist.com as a marketing expense. Motion carried. JoAnn plans to also get two 50 pack sets of DVD+R for \$9 each at Best Buy to add to the raffle items.

In a discussion about the location for our main meetings, JoAnn will talk to Mike Smith about Ann Arbor Open at Mack and Cassie will check on the availability of the Washtenaw County Learning Library Resource Center.

**VP of Communications:**

JoAnn, in the absence of a VP for Communications, announced upcoming events:

**January:** MacWorld review

**February:** Demo Fair (one member has volunteered to demo so far).

**March:** Dan Burnett will demonstrate for Microsoft

**April:** Mike Smith will demonstrate Photoshop Elements

**Membership Secretary:**

At the holiday party 28 members typed in their own addresses to create a new membership file. Cassie will continue to add information as members pay their dues, and Steve will maintain the membership database.

Cassie and Kathy are working on a new member welcome letter, and will have more information for the February Board meeting.

The Board discussed establishing a \$30 “seasonal membership” for members who leave town during the winter. These members would like to have their newsletters mailed to their winter address.

Kathy made a motion, seconded by Jim, to make one year’s membership dues free for Board members who serve from 4/08 to 3/09, extending their existing membership for 12 months from the date their membership expired, as a way to encourage more members to volunteer to serve on the Board. Motion passed with one dissenting vote.

There was a discussion about setting up a shareware page on the MacTechnics website. Steve suggested a PB Wiki page members could add to, but will start on WebYep.

**Newsletter Editor:**

Gerry has archived 7 years of newsletters and templates for our permanent record. He is giving them on a 2 DVD set to Jim and Nicholas. Nicholas has a lot of material for the January newsletter, and was home working on it during the Board meeting. He was available by phone for questions or comments from the Board.

**Webmaster:**

Jim has made a lot of changes to the MacTechnics web site, and has set up a private Board of Directors page. He will put up a Mac discount page (like ecost.com information on close out hardware items.) The SIG page is blank, and help is needed to garner information from the SIG leaders on their meeting topics.

**VP of Education:**

There was no report from Jane Frank or Carol Hutchison. The Board discussed a tri-month rotation of special interest groups in addition to those lead by Fred and Mike. For example, JoAnn would lead an InDesign SIG in January, Jim would lead an iPod SIG in February and Susan Engle would lead a genealogy SIG in March.

**VP of Volunteers:**

Kathryn was contacted by Virginia Roger's daughter to say that she died of breast cancer at the end of October, 2007. Virginia will be missed by everyone on the Board.

**Director at Large:**

Dean is watching dealmac.com for a good deal on a digital light projector for the club.

**New Business:**

If inclement weather makes it difficult to get to Board meetings in February and March, the Board meeting will take place through iChat.

Board nominations will take place in February, with an election of new officers in March whose duties will begin in April. The Board discussed whether they were willing to continue in their positions if needed, and what other positions each would like to hold. Steve was asked to speak about volunteering for the Board at the January meeting. Kathy offered to reprint a list of the Board positions and duties and bring it to the main meeting.

The next main meeting will be held Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at Ann Arbor Open at Mack, and the next Board meeting will be held February 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 at the Washtenaw County Learning Library Resource Center on the northeast corner of Washtenaw and Hogback in Ann Arbor.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathryn Greiner, Secretary