

MacTechnics Board Meeting
June 14, 2008
Meeting location, Washtenaw County LLRC

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

In Attendance:

Erven Thoma, Kathy Greiner, Dean Martelle, JoAnn Olsen, Cassie St. Clair. (Six constitutes a quorum.)

President's Report

Regarding alternate meeting locations, JoAnn reported that member's comments were generally positive-to-enthusiastic, and handed out a list of 32 responses to the April meeting held at the UM School of Art and Architecture. JoAnn will set up a meeting with Steffan Heise from the 3-D department in the Duderstadt Media Center. This location was recommended by Tom Roberts, who feels it is more easily accessible. Erven suggested the Music School main floor (they use Macs) and will get a contact name to JoAnn.

JoAnn will hand out the service award certificates and pins at the June meeting. A service award recipient must be a paid up member.

Secretary: Kathy presented the minutes for the February and April Board meetings, but because we did not have a quorum at the time there was no motion to approve. The March 8th meeting was done on iChat, and the printout of the iChat will be the minutes for the meeting. Because JoAnn and Jim were unable to get into the chat, the March meeting was not officially called to order. The Board meeting for May was cancelled. There will be no Board meeting in July, so all the minutes will be voted on at the August 9th Board meeting.

Treasurer: Cassie reported that we brought in \$35.00 in membership dues at the April 19th meeting and interest income was \$.66. The only expense for April was the \$100.00 contribution to the Washtenaw County Learning Library and Resource Center, which has allowed MacTechnics to use it's building for Board and regular meetings. Membership income from the May 17th meeting was \$185.00, and \$.69 was interest income. Our May expenses were \$17.50 returned to Art Schuman who overpaid his dues, \$45 for newsletter printing paid to Nicholas DePaul and \$225 for 12 months of web hosting paid to DynaComm Corp. Cassie reported the County LLRC was reserved for the June meeting.

VP of Communications:

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

June: Dave Ginby from the Apple store will demo AppleScript and Automator at the County LLRC. Dave Wooldridge from Spiderworks (an online software book vendor) will donate Automator and Applescript ebooks (downloadable electronic books) for the raffle. Dave will send code for the books via email to the winners.

July: No meeting.

August: JoAnn will demo cooking links and recipe software

September: Home networking at Ann Arbor Open at Mack

October: Broadband and VoIP updates, by Tim Kiernan and Lorn Olsen, Jane Frank may demo software for video feeds on websites

November: Gift giving guide for 2008

December: Holiday party

Other possible meeting presentation topics could include (1) Bento database, (2) Pages, possibly demonstrated by John Fauver, Gerry or Nicholas, (3) Keynote, (4) could John Rutherford from Mac Professionals do a basic presentation on Leopard OS? (5) Perhaps Cassie could do an update on PB Wiki 2.0.

Membership Secretary:

Members renewing in April(1) and May (4) are listed in Cassie's Treasurer's report.

Newsletter Editor:

Nicholas announced that the June newsletter is the last he will do. JoAnn will do the August newsletter and the Board will discuss ideas for a future editor at the August Board meeting. She will have Tim's review and tips for Automator. She emailed service award winners to get a story on their experiences as members of MacTechnics. Until a new newsletter editor is found, JoAnn suggested a newsletter SIG which she could co-lead. JoAnn plans to announce the SIG at the June 21st meeting, start the SIG in August for a September newsletter.

Webmaster:

Jim emailed his report to JoAnn. Highlights from Jim's report include his plans to update the WebYep version, and although it does not appear to have any new features he hopes it will resolve some problems he has been having. Jim also found a free RapidWeaver plug in for a Forum that he will experiment with. He would like to look further into some "Affiliate" programs to try bringing in some revenue for the club. However he cannot move forward until the club resolves any outstanding issues with the MacTechnics Pay Pal account. This would allow us to repost our online registration capability. Jim asked to be notified when he can move forward.

VP of Education: There was no report from Jane Frank (in Florida) or Carol Hutchison.

VP of Volunteers:

Dean has not found a projector at the right price and power yet. Since most of the locations we are considering for main meetings come equipped with projectors, there is no pressure to purchase that equipment at this time. Dean will write a description of the VP of Communication and Newsletter Editor positions for the June meeting.

Director at Large: Erven has library cataloguing software he could demo. He knows Tim at the Learning Center, who might be willing to do a presentation on their class offerings. He asked if non-profits could get web hosting for free, and Cassie responded we tried it twice: one company disappeared and the 2nd company decided to charge a fee

that MacTechnics could not afford. Since we do not have a VP of Communications and Nicholas is quitting as Newsletter Editor, it is more difficult to get a quorum at the Board meetings. Erven suggested we consider revising the Bylaws to reduce the number required for a quorum. Further discussion tabled until the August Board meeting.

New Business:

Cassie announced “Flex Camp” (to build RICH text internet applications) will be held in Lansing in early August. JoAnn confirmed that the June 21st and August 16th main meetings will be held at the Washtenaw County Library Learning Resource Center, as well as the next Board meeting August 9th at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathryn Greiner, Secretary