

MacTechnics Board Meeting
August 9, 2008
Meeting location, Washtenaw County LLRC

President, JoAnn Olsen called meeting to order 1:45 p.m.

In Attendance:

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

President's Report

JoAnn brought a list of the raffle items she has on hand, and asked that the Board help to round up items for the December holiday party. She suggested looking for free games or discounts online. She reminded that when we email vendors requesting donations that we offer to put their ad on our website. To make sure no more than one Board member approaches a vendor, JoAnn asked that we make a list of possible vendors to approach to ask for software and send it to Jim and Dean. Erven agreed to contact Meijer's for a donation. We discussed whether we should hold an auction this December, since the items are dwindling. Perhaps we would offer a current OS auction and an "antique" auction. JoAnn will ask the membership at the August meeting how many would buy items older than OS 10. Thumb drives were suggested for the Holiday Party give away.

JoAnn wants to find a newsletter editor and VP of Communications, because she is now doing all this plus duties of president, which is too much for one person.

Cassie brought a copy of the MacTechnics flyer handed out to the Michigan Flex Camp attendees and described the event that she attended in Lansing with John Fauver, Gerry Felipe and Brian Duck. Dean moved and Kathryn seconded a motion for MacTechnics to donate \$85.00 for the Flex Camp breakfast, which is approximately 1/6 of the cost of the breakfast sponsored by MacTechnics members. The motion passed.

Secretary: Kathy moved and Dean seconded a motion to approve the corrected minutes for February, April and June. The motion passed. (The March Board meeting held on iChat was aborted due to technical problems; the Board meeting for May was cancelled, and we do not hold Board meetings in July.)

Treasurer: Cassie reported that we received \$120.00 from 6 members who renewed memberships at the June meeting, and that interest income was \$.61. Expenses in June were \$60 for the newsletter printing and \$10 for the speaker's lunch. She also presented a proposed budget for July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, and also showed the actual expenses for fiscal year 7/07-6/08 as a comparison. The Board suggested changes which will be reflected in the final version of the budget. Dean moved and Erven seconded a motion to approve the amended budget for 2008-09, and the motion passed. Cassie reported the County LLRC was reserved for the August meeting.

VP of Communications:

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

August: JoAnn will demo "Around the House" cooking links and recipe software; Cassie will demo changes to PBWiki and Erven will demo BookCollector@Washtenaw County Library. Erven will also provide his list of cooking software.

September: Dean will demo home networking; meeting at Ann Arbor Open at Mack

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

November: Gift giving guide for 2008, possible presented by Apple Store rep

December: Holiday party; Dean agreed to start organizing volunteers for the party.

Other possible meeting presentation topics could include (1) Bento database which Erven could demo, (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: No report.

Newsletter Editor:

JoAnn brought a draft of the August newsletter that she did in Pages from iWork6.

Cassie moved and Jim seconded a motion to thank Nicholas for doing the newsletter with a \$14.95 eBook from Spiderworks. Motion passed. Cassie found a less expensive printer and agreed to handle the printing of the August newsletter. Until a new newsletter editor is found, JoAnn suggested a newsletter SIG which she could co-lead.

Webmaster:

Jim discussed his plans to change the MacTechnics website home page so it "views" other pages. He also added photos submitted by Judy and Hosain to the Member Gallery.

VP of Education: Jane may demo software to put video feeds on the website. The SIGS expected for the August meeting are Newsletter, MacBasics and Genealogy, and in September there will be Newsletter, MacBasics, Digital Design and Orientation.

VP of Volunteers:

We agreed to stop searching for a new projector since we now have access to a couple free projectors if needed. Dean will use the Bylaws to write a description of the VP of Communication and Newsletter Editor positions for the August meeting.

Director at Large: Erven will demo Book Collector at the August meeting.

New Business:

JoAnn confirmed that the August 16th main meetings will be held at the Washtenaw County Learning Library Resource Center, as well as the next Board meeting on September 13th at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Kathryn Greiner, Secretary