

MacTechnics Board Meeting
September 13, 2008
Meeting location, UM Credit Union, 305 E. Eisenhower, #200, Ann Arbor, MI

President, JoAnn Olsen called meeting to order 1:44 p.m.

In Attendance:

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

President's Report

JoAnn discussed the MacTechnics list of raffle prizes, including the software bundle purchased from MacUpdate for \$49.99. JoAnn will ask Cassie for the "key code" so she can demo Little Snitch and raffle the software at the September meeting. The comment was made that we cannot use the licenses on bundles for software updates. JoAnn asked Board members to request raffle items from vendors, and Steve explained how he approaches vendors each year. JoAnn asked Steve to send a copy of his request letter to Dean, Jim, Cassie and Kathy.

JoAnn asked Erven and Kathy to do a new member orientation SIG from 9:15 – 9:30 at the September meeting. Kathy said she would like to prepare a handout which includes a list of volunteer opportunities and Board positions, and a copy of our bylaws. Gerry has the old MacTechnics membership manual, and will send it to the Board for updating.

MacTechnics first met in September 1984, so next year is our 25th anniversary. Perhaps we can develop an anniversary CD as a give away next year.

Secretary: Dean moved and Jim seconded a motion to approve the corrected minutes that Kathy prepared from the Board meeting on August 9, 2008. The motion passed.

Treasurer: Cassie sent an Income and Expense Report for month ending 8/31/08. Her report shows that we received \$132.50 from 5 members for membership at the August meeting, and that interest income was \$.74. Expenses in August were \$85.00 for the Flex Camp sponsorship, and \$14.95 for the Spiderworks ebook as a thank you gift to Nicholas for doing the newsletter. The balance on hand 8/31/08 is \$3,151.77. Cassie also provided the budget for 7/1/08-6/30/09 that included the Board recommendations made at the August meeting.

VP of Communications:

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

September: Dean will demo home networking; JoAnn will demo two small dashboard widget programs: IP Grapher and iStatPro, the meeting will take place at Mack School

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

November: Gift giving guide for 2008, Apple Store rep not confirmed

December: Holiday party; Dean wants 3-4 volunteers for set up and tear down crew. He will ask Denny to handle auction item sign in again. Auctioneers who have volunteered are Steve, Gerry and Jim. Dean will have sign up sheet for potluck items. Gerry will look for a bargain on 50 – 60 thumb drives for the holiday party give-away.

Other possible meeting presentation topics could include Mac accessibility options (for sight and hearing in particular). JoAnn asked if any members are going to MacWorld. If any are, they could do the VP of Communication work of asking vendors to be speakers, even to send a video demo or keynote presentation on a disk. Bob Levitus, author of several “Dummy” books, might be willing to do a webinar.

Membership Secretary: Steve agreed to bring the current number of members to the next Board meeting.

Newsletter Editor:

JoAnn brought a draft of the September newsletter which she kept to 12 pages.

Webmaster:

Jim updated the website today. Cassie sent Jim information to set up Pay Pal, so there is now a link on our membership page to Pay Pal. Pay Pal gives a history of each transaction when requested. We have a new wiki page that can be used to list recommended website picks. Nicholas has listed suggestions, including Version Tracker. Erven suggested we have an opportunity to be an associate of other companies by putting their link on our web page. When a purchase starts with our like, we can get paid by the associate company. Jim’s daughter is getting married, so he will not attend the October meetings.

VP of Education: Jane wants to show us how to get our main meeting presentations on video through captured live feed going to a website. Cassie will be asked to bring the club’s video camera to the September meeting. Jane will take the sample video from the September meeting and develop a presentation for the October main meeting. Gerry will bring Time Capsule and Airport Express N to provide a better connection in October and November. The SIGS expected for the September meeting are Newsletter, MacBasics and Geneology, and in September there will be Newsletter, MacBasics, Digital Design and Orientation.

VP of Volunteers: Dean will demonstrate wired home networking at the 9/20 meeting.

Director at Large: Erven would like to demo Bento, an easy database from FileMaker in 1/09. He has practiced setting up library files. Erven is helping to distribute newsletters by dropping some off after each meeting to The Learning Center.

New Business: JoAnn confirmed that the September 20th main meeting will be held from 9:00 – 1:00 at Ann Arbor Open at Mack, and the Board meeting on October 11th will be held at the Washtenaw County Learning Library Resource Center at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Kathryn Greiner, Secretary