

MacTechnics Board Meeting Agenda for October 13, 2007

@ 1:30 PM at Washtenaw County Library

The meeting was called to order at 1:40pm by JoAnn, President. A quorum was ascertained at 2:40pm.

Recording Secretary (Kathryn Greiner) – absent, out of town

Review and vote on past minutes (for August and September)

President (JoAnn Olsen)

Recap of September's meeting – PB Wiki was a big hit! Thanks to Cassie St. Clair for a fun presentation. JoAnn's smaller user group has made a PB Wiki and are using it like crazy. The MTCookbook PB Wiki link has been added to the MacTechnics home page. Thanks to Nicholas DePaul for assistance in expanding scope of PB Wiki for MacTechnics.

“Special” November Event – table this event til next year.

VP of Communications (JoAnn Olsen, temporary VP)

Upcoming Events for October (iLife'08 and November) – reiterate PB Wiki demo in 10-minute segment of the meeting, and remind members of PB Wiki password. Travis from the Briarwood Apple Store will do a presentation on iLife'08. November will be either Leopard or Back to Basics if Leopard is not released yet (perhaps with the in-house Geeks). The Holiday Party is the THIRD Saturday in December (Dec 15th). January is open, maybe MacProfessionals in Novi; maybe MacWorld review. February scheduled Demo Fair III.

Treasurer (Cassie St. Clair) – motion (Jim, Steve) to approve August 11 through October 13 2007 Treasurer's Reports. motion carried. Comments from the Board are that the reports are okay, easy to ready, easy to understand, keep the format the same.

Membership Secretary (Steve Johgart)

September and August renewals and new members – In August there were 2 new memberships; 3 renewals memberships; and 2 family memberships. In September there were 2 renewal memberships.

Membership Discrepancy – After lengthy discussion, Steve will create a new database to use. Every Board member's expiration date will be reset to 2008. Cards will be re-issued to those few people with explanation of the glitch in the troubled old database and correcting the expiration date for several officers.

Newsletter Editor (Gerry Felipe)

October 2007 newsletter update – a combined Sept/Oct newsletter will be published, under the 2 MB limit for the website. Gerry dropped off iLife '08 to Nicholas' today for the newsletter to resolve many compatibility issues with the previous version and the legacy newsletter document. Gerry does not want reimbursement for the software.

Webmaster (Jim Monkiewicz)

MacTechnics Website Update (PB Wiki link?) – (1) may be considering update to WebYep 1.2; the key thing is WebYep now supports inline editor (fonts, colors, style, etc) for web page entries. (2) Update MacTheCat Blog to get comments back from readers. (3) Links on home page is a problem with the current version of WebYep, so maybe that will be resolved in the 1.2 version. (4) Jim is continuing to look for other improvements to the website as time goes on.

VP of Education (Jane Frank and Carol Hutchison)

Parents SIG / Partnership update – Carol said Jane hasn't been around, and that maybe she, Jane and Michael can talk on next Saturday.

VP of Volunteers (JoAnn Olsen reporting for Virginia Rogers)

Survey Form (would like to distribute this month) – discussion on draft of survey, will make 50 or so and distribute to members at the meeting next Saturday.

Old Business

MacTechnics Holiday Party Planning (giveaway update) – discussion on swag giveaways. Cassie offered to research some items and email the Board. Steve has the list of auction/ raffle items from JoAnn; will start collecting more. JoAnn said ProSoft will donate software.

MacTechnics Raffle items/food/refreshment challenge (for the Holiday Party) – hands-on demo of PB Wiki for Holiday Party food/refreshments for members to use.

MacTechnics Auction – Jim will update the form. We'll use the same rules as last year with the following changes for auction items: it has to run OS X or it has to run under OS X.. Cables are okay; modems 56K or higher; has to run on a Mac sold within the last 4 years. We may also consider holding an auction as a mid-year event next year.

New Business

Holiday Food/Drink PBWiki – see above

Holiday Auction Form – see above

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie St. Clair for Kathy Greiner