

MacTechnics Board Meeting
November 10, 2007
Meeting location, Washtenaw County LLRC

President, JoAnn Olsen called meeting to order 1:38 p.m.

In Attendance:

Kathy Greiner, JoAnn Olsen, Cassie St. Clair. (Six constitutes a quorum.)

Secretary: Kathryn was absent from the September Board meeting held in JoAnn's home, and JoAnn has her agenda and notes from that meeting to serve as the minutes. Kathy was also absent from the October 13th Board meeting, and Cassie presented minutes from that meeting today. Since there was no quorum, no vote was taken to approve the 10/13/07 minutes. Kathryn agreed to send the minutes from August and November to JoAnn, who will review them and send the last 4 month's minutes to the Board for review, so they can be corrected and voted on at the December 8th Board meeting. The approved minutes will then be posted to the website.

Treasurer: Cassie passed out a copy of her Treasurer's report. Balance as of 9/30/07 was \$2,532.77, and the balance as of 10/31/07 was \$2,766.15. Membership dues income was \$292.50 for four new members, one family, one 6 month and 3 regular membership renewals.

President's Report:

JoAnn reviewed the compilation of the results from the **surveys** members completed at the October 7th meeting. The survey contained member's recommendations for meeting topics and presenters, ideas for special interest groups, the newsletter and website. Several gave suggestions for recruiting new members. 19 members reported they would be willing to attend the MT meeting if it started an hour later, 10 members said no. 11 members would be willing to attend meetings if they were on another day and time, 12 said no.

VP of Communications:

JoAnn, in the absence of a VP for Communications, announced upcoming events:
November: OS X Leopard demonstration by Apple Senior System Rep from New Jersey, Dave Marra.

December: Holiday party with auction and raffle.

January: MacWorld review (JoAnn will request presenter from Briarwood Apple Store).

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

March: Mike Smith will demonstrate Photoshop Elements

April: idea: financial software and websites: perhaps an Intuit rep from Ohio?

JoAnn will ask Fred Seitz and Mike Smith for ideas for main meetings for April and beyond.

Membership Secretary:

Per email: Steve Johgart is building a new membership database, which will resolve any membership discrepancies. The updated membership list will be available for membership renewals and raffle tickets. In January 2008 Board will discuss the beginning and end date of the membership perk for Board volunteers. Cassie reported that 65 people attended the 10/7 meeting.

Newsletter Editor:

Gerry and Nicholas completed a draft of the November newsletter, which was sent to the Board for review. Kathy noted the section on women in technology was beautifully done, and learned several important things in the OS X Tips! JoAnn will email the newsletter to Kelly and Travis at the Briarwood Apple Store.

Webmaster:

JoAnn reported for Jim Monkiewicz that holiday party auction forms are on the website. JoAnn will send Jim the changes to the forms determined at this meeting regarding minimum system capability of items to be auctioned.

VP of Education:

Cassie talked with Michael Smith about our school partnership and parent's SIG. Mack's principal has not "blessed" this event, and the parents don't seem interested, so we will have to come up with another idea. (In the past MacTechnics paid for Photoshop Element 3 licenses for Mack Open, for example.)

VP of Volunteers:

Virginia Rogers has not been attending Board or regular meetings the past few months, so Kathryn agreed to mail her a copy of the membership survey results that JoAnn compiled and discussed at this Board meeting. Kathryn agreed to bring sign up sheets to the November meeting so members can sign up for food, set up and clean up for the holiday party.

Director at Large:

No report.

Old and New Business revolved around holiday party planning:

The minimum capability for items auctioned this year will be OS 9 and OS X. OS 9 items will be organized in a separate area on the stage. JoAnn will be the master of ceremony at the auction. Auctioneers having 3 microphones and volunteers to help move items along may speed up the pace of the auction. Kathy volunteered to organize the food for the meeting, and will list who volunteered to bring what on the MT Party PB Wiki sight. KG will also bring a raffle drum. No "Best Of" CD from Steve this year, so we decided on pocket screwdrivers as the member give-away this year. The cost estimate for 100 including imprint and shipping is \$220.14 from Branders.com. JoAnn brought a list of raffle items.

The next main meeting will be held Saturday, December 15th at Ann Arbor Open School at Mack, and the next Board meeting will be held December 8th 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 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathryn Greiner, Secretary