

MacTechnics Board Meeting
August 11, 2007
Meeting location, Washtenaw County LLRC

President, JoAnn Olsen called meeting to order 1:42 p.m.

In Attendance:

Gerry Felipe, Kathy Greiner, Carol Hutchison, Dean Martelle, JoAnn Olsen, Cassie St. Clair. (Six constitutes a quorum.)

Secretary: Kathy presented the minutes from the June 9, 2007 Board Meeting. Corrections were made to the minutes. Kathy announced that she posted the May Board minutes on the website in the section for Board reports. Kathy motioned, Dean seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion passed. Kathy will post the corrected minutes to the website.

Treasurer: Cassie passed out a copy of the Treasurer's report. Balance as of 6/30/07 was \$2,765.24, and the balance as of 7/31/07 was \$2,573.86. Cassie made a motion, which Dean seconded, to accept treasurer's report as submitted. Motion passed. Cassie will email the budget line item list to the Board to see if Board needs to add line items to the upcoming budget.

President's Report:

JoAnn reported that the MacTechnics (MT) domain name will continue to be registered with Network Solutions until 2010, at the rate \$35.00 per year. Last year MacTechnics paid for a 3 year renewal with go daddy, who had been paying the fee to Network Solutions. However, she had to renew with Network Solutions because changing the domain name to go daddy takes 1 month and there wasn't enough time. JoAnn subsequently cancelled our account with go daddy. The administrative contact will be the MacTechnics president each year. Technical contact is Jim Monkiewicz.

JoAnn purchased bundled Mac software, which the Board approved via email. She provided a list of 11 applications purchased for \$49.99 (regularly \$441.82), which will be used for future raffle items and the December holiday party.

The special event genius table and garage sale was cancelled for July when the Briarwood Apple Store scheduled their grand opening for the same day. If the genius' approve, they can set up to help members at the October meeting.

VP of Communications:

JoAnn, in the absence of a VP for Communications, announced upcoming events: August: Gordon and Jennifer from ProSoft Engineering will demonstrate software for recovering data. ProSoft will also present at the Detroit Mac User Group the following day. (Raffle items will be Prosoft's Data Backup (\$50), Mac OS X Help Line (\$50), Peachpit Double Feature CD (MacWorld 2007 and Photoshop World), free Peachpit Press book, \$5 DVD cash, and \$5 Taco Bell gift check.) JoAnn will also invite the Apple Store to demo an iPhone at the August meeting since Fred and Mike are out of town and so we won't have SIGS.

September: Cassie will ask members to bring their computers to the meeting so they can add a favorite recipe during Cassie's PB Wiki website demo.

October: Special event with genius table.

November: Demonstration of iLife 8 or Leopard OS.

December: Holiday party with auction and raffle.

Ideas for next year:

January: Demonstration of iLife 8 or Leopard OS.

February: Member's shareware, Mike Smith may demonstrate Photoshop Elements

Membership Secretary:

Per email: Steve Johgart agreed to handle membership at the August meeting. Two members renewed and one new member joined at the June meeting. Kathy agreed to summarize the number of new members year to date.

Newsletter Editor:

Gerry has been having technical problems. He will be getting the new iWork because Pages has been crashing. He will do an article on security, and asked the Board to review the August newsletter.

Webmaster:

JoAnn reported for Jim Monkiewicz that he is developing Blog Land for the website, and is working on the president's blog and membership blog. There is a calendar of events in the works as well.

VP of Education:

Carol agreed to email Mike and Fred to encourage them to post monthly meeting topics and or their special interest group (SIG) agenda on the MacTechnics website before each month's meeting. Jane has asked for an update on the school partnership and parent's SIG. Carol will discuss this with Michael Smith.

VP of Volunteers:

JoAnn discussed gathering names of members who have volunteered for submission for the national Volunteer Service Award. She has been emailing Virginia to develop a membership survey form, and expects to have a draft for the September Board meeting.

Director at Large:

Dean suggested that we move our meeting back one hour: SIGS would start at 10:00 and the main meeting would begin at noon to make it more relaxed. Can we have the use of Ann Arbor Open at Mack school until 2:00 p.m.? If so, add this idea to the membership survey. Dean also let us know that Comcast is about to roll out a new install CD and then they will no longer give technical support to OS 9, Windows 98 or ME. The minimum requirements will be Mac OS 10.1. Internet Explorer and Safari are the browsers supported by Comcast.

Old Business:

There is no plan ready for discussion on disposing the MacTechnics inventory at this time.

New Business:

85 newsletters were given to Kelly for distribution at the Briarwood Apple Store. 600 guest cards for the August meeting were also given to Kelly. JoAnn plans to give the Apple Store 25 cards per month to promote our meetings to their customers.

Holiday party planning:

Ask Michael Smith if that meeting can be held at Mack Open on December 15th, since it is the 3rd Saturday and school doesn't close for the holidays until the following Friday.

JoAnn asked each Board member to help get raffle items for the party, such as store gift certificates, iTunes gift cards, etc which might be donated by the merchants. Gerry suggested we get memory sticks in a large quantity.

The main meeting to be held Saturday, August 18th and the next Board meeting to be held September 8th at 1:30 will take place at the Washtenaw County Learning Library Resource Center on the northeast corner of Washtenaw and Hogback in Ann Arbor.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathryn Greiner, Secretary