

Newark Senior Center Computer Club
Senior Surfers
Board Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2016

The president, Elaine Drain, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

All board members were present except Doug Gibney and Ned Milbrandt. Other members present: Toni Visich, Phyllis Edwards, Jim Kniskern, Helen Browne, Mariana Wilke, Peggy Phillips, Caroline Taylor, Barbara Ward, and Dave Williston.

The minutes were read and approved with the change of only Toni making calls not Toni and Phyllis. The Treasurer's report was read. Balance is \$3,177.71. The report was approved.

Classes Pass-Thru: There was a discussion of whether to donate a \$100.00 each month to the senior center for classes or the actual amount generated. Carol moved, Barbara Greer seconded, and it was approved that all money from classes be given to the Senior Center regardless of the amount.

Copy money: Maureen moved, Carol seconded and it was approved that the club retain the money from printing copies.

Lunches for speakers: It was decided that we continue to pay for the lunch for outside presenters.

Old Business:

Photography group: The photography group will meet September 15 at 2:45 PM to 4:00 PM immediately following the regular presentation. The main topic will be what you want from a photography group. There is no cost for this.

Program set up: Elaine and Phyllis still want to learn more about setting up the computers for programs, but they are making progress.

New Business:

Social: There was a discussion as to whether to have the social on December 15, 16 or 22nd. It was felt December 22 is too close to Christmas. It was decided to have the social on Friday, December 16 because we can have all three sections of the Evergreen room and stage will not be in use. With all three sections of the Evergreen room the buffet tables can be put in the center of the room making serving easier. Maureen has agreed to sing on December 16. Bob asked that the stage microphone be set up ahead of time.

Phoebe would like all receipts for the social to go through her before being given to Ed for reimbursement. She plans to create a written budget. Several themes were discussed. The theme will be Winter Wonderland.

Election policy: There will be an ad hoc election policy committee established. Becky and Sue Denver have agreed to serve on the committee. Elaine will ask this afternoon if anyone else is interested in being on the committee.

New website: Elaine would like to have permission to establish a new website that will handle MySQL (my sequel) which we will be using for database management. Weebly does not support using MySQL. Since Elaine is going to be the webmaster, there are other web hosts that would make doing some of the things she wants to do easier.

Committee Reports:

Education & Training:

Tuesday Open Lab: No report

Wednesday Open Lab: Everything is okay.

Education Classes: Everything is okay. Upcoming classes listed on the attached calendar.

Programs: Linda will do a preview of her calendar workshop on November 3 although it won't take the entire time. Phyllis volunteered to do scanning also on that date. Barbara has had problems getting in touch with people to do presentations.

Laboratory Operations: There have been problems with the lab computers not completing updates. This can cause problems when teaching classes the following Thursday. The new router has good speed and range. The projector has been shaky. Bob will check after the presentation this afternoon. Make sure the color printer is turned off. It uses ink even when not printing and the ink is expensive. We may need a new scanner in the lab.

Membership: There are 441 members with 245 paid for 2016-17. Barbara Greer will send out a reminder to those who haven't renewed.

Public Relations:

Community Outreach: There was a great turnout for Phyllis's Exit Plan. She gave non-Senior Center members a newsletter and other information

Greeters: no report

Senior Center Board Meeting Schedule: The Oct. 25th meeting will be the one about the computer club.

Website: There were 6213 views in August, the most on August 26.

Social: Discussed earlier

Volunteer 50+: Presentations are being done at the various libraries about Volunteer 50+. There have been over 900 volunteer hours in New Castle County.

Special Interest Group Reports:

Mac Users Group: Doug Irish discussed how he used iOS on vacation with 9 people, 7 iPhones, and 1 iPad.

Genealogy Users Group: The research group will meet next Wednesday, Sept 7.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Bennett, Secretary