

Bowie Seniors Computer Club

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 1, 2024

Location: Bowie Senior Center, Computer Center

Attendance:

The were 20 attendees.

Announcements:

Dave Hackenberg announced:

- Laure Raymond, the Senior Center manager, will be retiring on March 8.
- There will be no computer classes in March.
- There are eight students registered for the Computers 2 class starting February 2 and five each for Word and Excel starting February 6. Class assistant volunteers are welcome.

Presentations:

There were no presentations.

Open Discussion:

- The format for this meeting was to have open discussions regarding cellphones. There were several issues raised and all were addressed.
- Dave Hackenberg raised an issue of his difficulty understanding File Explorer in Windows 11. The discussion resulted in a little better understanding of some of the confusing features but a lot still remains.
- There was a discussion about what to look for when purchasing a computer. A short video emphasized the importance of avoiding off-brand low-quality laptops frequently offered at attractive prices with inflated descriptions of features. The discussion emphasized how to buy a laptop of adequate quality that is pleasant to use, but does not cost an exorbitant amount. The option of good used laptops was discussed. Participants were reminded that the club's Web site contains recommendations for the specifications to look for.

Future Meetings:

- The next meeting will be at the Center on Thursday, March 7.