

# **Bowie Seniors Computer Club**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** January 19, 2023

**Location:** Bowie Senior Center

**Attendees:** Terry Babb, Bob Blum, Vivica Brathwaite, Dale Grant, Dave Hackenberg, Barry Hammond, Margaret Herbers, James Kozura, Steve Krulik, Mark Laster, Dan Lee, Faye Minor, Bob Rapczynski, Dan Searing, Clara Smith, Doris Smith, Flo Strawser, George Vincent.

**Guests:** One

**New Members:** None

**Announcements:** Dave Hackenberg announced that there would be no computer classes in March.

### **Open Discussion:**

**Presentation:** Bob Blum demonstrated how to convert an old Windows computer that is not performing well to a Chromebook by downloading and installing the Chromebook OS Flex. One advantage of the Chromebook operating system is that everything is in the cloud. The hard drive can be relegated to the background. A Google browser and a Gmail account it required. Applications that correspond to most of the common Windows apps can be downloaded for free.

He mentioned that he had read that his favorite backup program, Macrium Reflect, will no longer be free. It will cost \$69.95 for one computer or 169.95 for four computers. He then showed a simple free backup program that we can substitute for Macrium Reflect: Backup Maker Standard Edition.

### **Future Meetings:**

- The next meeting will be at the Center on Thursday, February 2, 2023.

**Minutes:** Barry Hammond