Bowie Seniors Computer Club

Meeting Minutes for Meeting of July 19, 2018

Attendees: Carl Bulger, Dennis Edgington, Noel Campbell, Dennis Evans, Kenneth Godfrey, Dale Grant, Margaret Gregory, Barry Hammond, Vic Kiviat, James Kozura, Dan Lee, Bill Long, Tom McCabe, Bob Rapczynski, Irv Salzberg, Dan Searing, Doris Smith, George Vincent, Lola Idowu.

Dan Lee opened the meeting. James Kozura displayed a Lenova laptop that he acquired from Project Reboot. A discussion followed about what Project Reboot (http://www.projectreboot.org/) is and does.

The club was told that the Senior Center including the computer room and equipment is going to be unavailable at times during the forthcoming HVAC replacement. The HVAC system throughout the Center is being replaced starting in August. All rooms will be affected and equipment and furniture will be moved as the work progresses. All activities including classes and meetings may be disrupted. The Computer Club's August 2 meeting will have to meet someplace other than Classroom 1.

Lola Idowu joined the club seeking information about Windows 10. She is retired from a DC law firm and has 50 years of IT experience.

There was a discussion of the various revisions of Microsoft Office and the pros and cons of each revision. Also included in this topic's discussion was the OpenOffice application.

Bill Long and James Kozura spoke about "mbox" files. (An mbox file is a type of file produced by email host applications to archive user's mailboxes. (An mbox file is a concentanation of all of an email client's email in a single file.)

Barry Hammond briefed the club on his current computer rebuilding project. He solicited advice about selection of memory modules and whether (for example) it is better to use a single 8 gig module vs. a pair of 4 gig modules, i.e., "single sticks vs. multiple sticks".

The was a discussion on how to upgrade Windows on computers whose hard drives lack the free space to hold both the old and new Windows.

Jim Kozura advised the members on how he saves money on parts purchased from wish.com and fire.com

Tom McCabe initiated as discussion on use of Microsoft's Media Creation Tool for Windows upgrades and the associated 1803 issues activation issues.

James Kozura told us about his 1980's "smartwatch"