Meeting Minutes for Meeting of Aug 17, 2017

Carl Bulger opened the meeting at 12:35. Dan Lee introduced our guest speaker Todd Peterson. Mr. Peterson is Director IT Department, City of Bowie. Mr. Peterson expanded on the introduction by providing a detail discussion of his resume . He has 20+ years of experience in the business, primarily working for and with non-profits such as 501cTECH. The introduction was followed by an extensive interchange of information between Mr. Todd and various club members relating to the Center's classroom computer systems and the public use computers also located at the Center. This discussion included details of the software installed and how the equipment is procured and maintained by Club staff, and what budgets are used for the different equipment procurements. It was noted that there are problems resulting from the lack of consistency between the versions of Microsoft Office used on the Center's computers and by club members that maintain the computers and teach courses.

Other issues discussed included:

(1) Dave Hackenberg noted that the Firefox browser no longer allows Google to be set as the default search engine.

(2) Dan Lee stated that we may need the IT department's assistance to identify and install on the public access computers software that deletes browsing history and restores the configuration after each user. Guest account users have the ability and do to make changes in the desktop appearance, system settings and installed software. SteadyState which accomplished this for free in XP machines is not available for Vista and subsequent operating systems.

(3) Use of body cameras by police.

Bill Long
Secretary