

Carl Bulger presided.

Visitors:

Catherine Trough

Dave McGonagle

Carl Bulger said he had received a request from James Cheeks for someone to teach him at his home to use a computer. Anyone interested? Contact Carl.

Initial Signup for Computer Classes in the Senior Center's new Computer Classroom/Lab will begin at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, August 9th for the Fall Semester beginning on September 12. A schedule of classes being offered is available in printed form at the front desk and in electronic form on our website: <http://home.comcast.net/~bscclub/ComputerClasses2011-Series4.pdf>

Besides the standard Introductory classes MS Excel 2010 will be taught on Thursday evenings and one MS Word 2010 class will be taught on Tuesday evenings and another MS Word 2010 class will be taught on Friday mornings. Registration will extend until the first day of each class.

All of the computers are new with Microsoft Windows 7 operating systems. The old computers with the Windows XP operating systems have been removed. Bob Blum has installed a virtual copy of Windows XP on the instructor's computer so that the instructor can demonstrate how things are done differently in Windows XP for those students who still have only XP on their home computers.

A question was asked about differences between Windows XP and Windows 7. Eric Hein and Bob Blum offered a few differences:

- Ten years of software improvements. (Windows XP was introduced 10 years ago.)
- Significant improvements in processing speeds.
- Improved security, stability, and self-repair after PC problems and improper 'turn offs'.

We owe Bob Blum and Eric Hein a big "Thank You" for the tremendous amount of work they have done installing the new computers and server, the operating systems, and the software, and, finally, in organizing everything.

Submitted by Barry Hammond and Vic Kiviat

COMPUTER PROBLEMS:

Catherine Trough wants to be able to use the internet and emails. She complained that she didn't learn how to do it in the Beginners I class. Dale Grant said Internet and Emails is not taught in the Beginners I class. They're taught in a later class, Email & The Internet, by John Jones and Dick Boell. The prerequisite for that class is Beginners I or permission of the instructors.

However, we attempted to show Catherine how to access her email account, but were frustrated by a brief failure of the Comcast Cable and wireless connections and incomplete username, password, security question information. One of her friends said she would show Catherine at home how to access the internet and her email. Catherine said that she had been able to do it four years ago when she lived in New York.

Dick Henthorn brought in a four-foot long cable that he couldn't identify. Bob Blum and Eric Hein identified it as a DVI (Digital Video) to DVI cable used to connect video signals from a computer to a monitor. If one also had a VGA (Analog video) cable, the one to use is the DVI cable for its minimal signal loss and degradation and digital capability. The quality (specifications) of the video board in the computer determine/limit the maximum video speed and picture quality.

Charlotte Melichar while at the meeting tried for the first time ever to connect her Windows 7 laptop to the Center website with no success. She then started all over and it connected successfully.

Vic Kiviat graciously volunteered to take the minutes for the last 45 minutes of the meeting.