

Bowie Seniors Computer Club

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 6, 2024

Location: Bowie Senior Center, Computer Classroom

Attendance:

The were 20 attendees.

Announcements:

- The city has selected Katrina Holmes as the new manager of the senior center.
- Computer classes will resume in September. Exact dates, offerings, and instructors will be posted in the newsletter closer to the time the classes begin.

Presentations:

- Irv Salzberg gave an in-depth presentation on passkeys technology. The discussion focused on the use of public keys and private keys, and the required synchronization of the two keys for secure log-in to remote sites. The keys are generated at the initial transaction for a specific device in connecting to a remote site. The private key is local to the device, while the public key is hosted on the remote site. Recognition of the private key by the public key must then occur for the connection to be accepted. Implementation of the technology is still evolving with some scenarios involving biometric generation of the keys, and others involving completely transparent generation as a background process.
- Redesign of the club's Website is now complete and online. Bob Blum showed the site, explaining how to access it, and giving an overview of the "Tech Topics" section of the site where visitors may find answers to many computer questions and options for resolving some of the more common problems.

Discussion:

- The group was receptive to presentation of smartphones at future meetings: functionality, features, and problem resolution. It was recognized that the screen of the phone must be projected on the monitor to permit the presentation to be "live" rather than abstract. Additionally, there is a possibility of requesting assistance with smartphones from students at Bowie State University.

Future Meeting:

- The next meeting will be at the Center on Thursday, July 11. This is one week later than the normal meeting date, which this year would have fallen on July 4.