**Bowie Seniors Computer Club Minutes for July 5, 2018**

**Prepared by Barry Hammond in the absence of Secretary Bill Long**

Meeting presided over by Dan Lee

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Photo courtesy of Dennis Edgington

Verna Teasdale and Dave Hackenberg referred her to us as a source of computer savvy volunteers to help check out their approximately 45-50 HP and Dell computers before the next school year begins August 20.  The Academy rents the space in a church and is required to remove everything and put it in storage between school years.  Only about 5 of the computers have Windows 10 operating systems.  The rest are earlier Windows operating systems.

She estimates they will need three to four helpers for two days 9am-3pm.  If there are more volunteers, they all wouldn't have to work the entire time.  Some members suggested that if there are so many computers with earlier Windows operating systems, they may need updating to Windows 10, which will require much more time.

Rockbridge's IT person left for a new job in Arizona.  The new IT person has not yet arrived.  Amy will consult with the two to create a checklist of procedures to check connectivity to the internet and printers and some other functionality, possibly including checking for software updates and Google Drive connectivity.  Where trouble-shooting is required, they will assess the issue and decide to attempt to fix it or write the problem up for the new IT manager to address in his own time.

If you are interested in helping contact her at [aramsey@rockbridge.org](mailto:aramsey@rockbridge.org) and she will email you as soon as they have completed their planning and are confident on the dates and times.  Her current best guess is August 9-10 between the hours of 9am and 3 pm.

Bill Macri told us about **Enabling the "God Mode"**.  He asks, "Are you a power user who wants access to your PC's nitty gritty?  "God Mode" is for you.  Right-click on the desktop > New > Folder.  Re-name the new folder with this bit of code:

**GodMode. {ED7BA470-8E54-465E-825C-99712043E01C}**

To enter the "God Mode" window, double-click the folder and go nuts**."**

Dave Hackenberg demonstrated the Snipping Tool which is listed under Microsoft Windows Accessories.  He recommended putting it on the Task Bar for easy access.

Dave also demonstrated Sticky Notes which are listed under "S" in the apps list.  Dennis Evans prefers to use NotePad, which **is** listed under Microsoft Windows Accessories.

 James Kozura proposed that his friend, a tech author, could speak to the club about WebX.

George Vincent, a Radio Amateur"ham" member of the MARS network, has a copy of WebX which he obtained from the developer who worked for CISCO.  All of George's radio amateur buddies in the MARS network have it now and use it to communicate with each other securely.  Otherwise, they could use Skype.