

Bowie Seniors Computer Club

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 5, 2021

Location: Bowie Senior Center

Attendees: Dave Hackenberg, Dan Lee, Ken Godstrey, Barry Hammond, Eric Hein, Dale Grant, Bob Blum, Doris Smith, Bonnie Brown, Dan Searing, Steve Krulik

Guests: None

New Members: None

Announcements:

- Dave Hackenberg opened the meeting at 12:30.
- No guest speaker at this meeting
- Dan Lee said that Project Reboot which he represented for the Club exists no more. The sponsoring organization lost funding and space. Eric Hein was tasked to notify Dennis Evans to have it removed from the club's website.
- Dave Hackenberg said the Center is offering lectures on Surfing the Web at 10 AM on September 9 and on Managing Files and Folders at 10 AM on September 23.
- We had originally planned to provide a Zoom feed for those who wanted to participate in the meeting from home. Dave Hackenberg, with input from several members, decided not to offer Zoom access for this meeting. In the meantime, we will offer Zoom only when we have guest speakers from a remote location.

Open Discussion:

- While the Center was closed due to the pandemic, the club offered meetings online using Zoom. It was suggested that we continue Zoom as well as in-person meetings as some members expressed reluctance to come to the Center even with full vaccination and masks. Zoom would allow them to participate in the meeting from home and allow those attending the meeting to maintain six feet spacing between members.
- Eric Hein said the Center has almost all of the capabilities to effectively offer a Zoom feed for meetings at the Center but it has not been fully tested. Eric has been tasked to set up a trial run.
- Bob Blum cautioned that continuing Zoom hybrid meetings after the pandemic will probably cut down on meeting attendance. He thinks that those participating via Zoom are much less inclined to interact and exchange computer experiences, observations, suggestions, and facts than they do when attending in person.

- Dave's wife's computer lost AOL email server access. This prompted a long discussion of email servers and software.

Presentation: Bob Blum demonstrated a webpage printing extension for Firefox, Edge, and Chrome called **Print Friendly & PDF**. It can modify font and picture sizes and allow elimination of unwanted content along the edges and on subsequent pages of articles, saving printer paper.

He also demonstrated **Skarv** themes for dressing up webpage copies with borders, for example.

Future Meetings:

- The next meeting will be at the Center on Thursday, August 19. No speaker is planned.