Bowie Seniors Computer Club

Minutes of Oct 6, 2016 Meeting

The meeting was opened by President Carl Bulger at 12:40 PM.

Carl noted that the BSCC's bank account had been closed and he is personally holding the treasury of $172.00, the current treasurer being unable to continue due to health.

Carl noted that the BSCC now has a club-owned laptop computer, the computer having been donated by Dave Hackenberg. The laptop has installed applications of Office 2010 and LibreOffice.   Bob Blum checked the laptop and confirmed that Dave's personal information and data had been deleted. Bob then renamed the computer and created a BSCC administrator user account. Dave noted that Senior Center management had given us permission to store the BSCC computer in the computer classroom closet.

This meeting included elections of 2017 officers. All 2016 officers were reelected to another term with the exception that the Treasurer position is eliminated.

It was noted that the position of Program Chairman could use help. Bill Long raised the possibility of surveying other local computer clubs to identify potential guest speakers.

The members present decided on having the Osaka Grill Christmas party on December 6 (a Tuesday).

Carl Bulger asked Bill Long if the subject of "digital signatures" had been pursued. Bill stated that it has not. Bill provided the club members with a brief explanation of the use of digital signatures on legal documents transmitted online.

It was announced that The City of Bowie IT department replaced the two very old Dell XP machines located in the back of the large room with newer Windows 7 machines. One of the older machines had stopped working recently. They are used solely for games and are not connected to the internet. (This does not change the total number of machines available to the Senior Center users.)

Tom McCabe described his family's experience with Verizon's equipment. Verizon offered his daughter-in-law a $5 per month reduction to accept a new two-year agreement. As part of the agreement they get a new suite of devices that enables digital video recording at three home TVs.

Carl raised the subject of "airprinting". ("Airprint" is an Apple feature implemented through WiFi networking that enables Apple handheld devices to print to Airprint-capable networked printers.)

Bill Long stated that he is experiencing occasional computer reboots due to "Bad_Pool_Header" errors. Dennis Edgington noted that he has experienced this also. Bob Blum suggested several possible fixes including System File Checker operation.

Tom McCabe said that he has experienced problems where an email sender has sent him email that he never received and the sender assured that the emails were indeed sent. Club members discussed the possible causes. Bill Long and Bob Blum agreed that such situations could result if

the receiver uses several different computers to conduct email and the computers are not all using IMAP protocol.

Jennifer Lowery-Bell noted that her computer displays a message that says her HP Tools disk was full or running out of space. Total available space is approximately 99 MB and available space was less than 2%. None of our members were familiar with this. Bob Blum explained that this is normal. He explained how to eliminate the notifications.   A suggestion was also made that she could bring the laptop to the Wednesday help session where more individual attention could be given.

Bill Long, Secretary
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