

Bowie Seniors Computer Club

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 3, 2023

Location: Bowie Senior Center, Computer Classroom

Attendees: Bob Blum, Bonnie Brown, Sharon Cantrell, Genevieve Clemens, Dale Grant, Dave Hackenberg, Barry Hammond, Rosemary Hill, James Kozura, Daniel Lee, Mark Lester, Jackie Lord, Bill Meenahan, Fey Miner, Cleopatra Oakes, Joseph Perry, Bob Rapczynski, Dan Searing, Jackie Stewart, Doris Smith, Flo Strawser

Announcements:

- Dave Hackenberg opened the meeting by announcing that there is no predicted date for receipt for the new classroom computers so the existing computers will be used for the September and October classes.
- As Bill Long has moved to Wilmington, DE there is a need for a new club secretary. There are also openings for membership chairman, publicity chairman, and program chairman. No members volunteered for these officer positions.
- Bob Blum was introduced as the new Webmaster. Bob announced that he will do the job until February when he will reassess his position.

Presentations:

- Bob Blum, having assumed responsibility for the club website, described the features of the site, some of the improvements he made, and how to easily access it.
- Bob also presented the status of many of the local computer clubs that have disbanded or changed. He requested that members think about presentations that they can give to the club and emphasized that the presentations and discussions should be limited to computers and related technology.
- Dave Hackenberg provided a presentation of artificial intelligence (AI).
- Bob Blum presented an overview of the Bing Chat app included with the Microsoft Edge browser demonstrated several sample queries, and showed a YouTube video on the subject. The video is presented by Kevin Stratvert, and can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=36W_6HUTx2U&list=WL&index=8

Presentations are posted on the club website along with the minutes.

Open Discussion:

- Following the presentations there was a lot of open discussion about AI.

Future Meetings: The next meeting will be at the Center on Thursday, September 7. Bill Macri will give a presentation on using the free online version of MS Office. Other presentations will be announced in the next meeting reminder.