

BOWIE SENIORS COMPUTER CLUB

Meeting Minutes for February 18, 2016

Carl Bulger called the meeting to order at 12:35 pm. Carl reported that we have \$166 in the treasury. Carl also called attention to some freebies being offered (a RAID controller, CD burner and pci slot device).

Dan Searing gave a presentation on Chromebooks opening the presentation with a joke about four engineers in a broken-down car! Dan passed around several different Chromebooks for the members to inspect. Dan noted that a lot of good information about Chromebooks is available on Wikipedia.

Carl stated that it is his understanding that Microsoft is installing Windows 10 on personal computers surreptitiously.

There was an extended discussion on the fact that the club doesn't have its own laptop computer. The club does have use of a laptop owned by the Center but has no control over its installed software and doesn't have Windows 10 (a concern noted by Vic Kiviat). Members present made various suggestions but no action was decided. Dale Grant noted that the Center's computers often had restart problems with Win 7 but not with Win 10.

Carl initiated a discussion on use of running Windows and Windows applications from thumbdrives, and, how to make thumbdrives do what an optical disk will do. Irv Salzberg advised of an application called CAMEYO. Bob Blum mentioned that there are "paf" portable apps files (ccleaner being an example) that will run directly from their executable file (no registry installation being required). Bill Long gave mention of "Windows To Go" which can be booted and run from a thumbdrive.

Dan Lee announced plans for upcoming meetings.

Eric Hein described the partitioning and operating systems setup of the Center's classroom computers.

Dave Hackenberg noted a problem with text spillover when creating text in Microsoft Office 2010 Publisher with Windows 10 and then when it is opened by Kathy White using Windows 7."

The meeting ended with a discussion of the Apple encryption lawsuit.

Meeting Minutes prepared by Bill Long, Secretary