

Tellico Village Computer Users Club

November 10, 2009 Board Meeting

3:00 PM Meeting called to order by Warren Sanders.

Board Members Present: Warren Sanders, Dick Schmeling, Jan Schneck, Jim Peterson, Bob Foster, Dennis Malcolm and Dean Miller

Board Members Absent: Sharon Addison and Vince Aline

Also in attendance: Bob Mugge, Joe Solymossy, Lou Miller, Steve Popovich, Dale Noll and Norris Shake

Dean Miller motioned to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2009 Board Meeting and the November 3, 2009 General Meeting. Dennis Malcolm seconded. Board approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

President, Sharon Addison – Absent

Vice President – No report

Secretary, Jan Schneck

- Requested minutes of the General Meetings be posted on the website, noting that mention of the Program topics may serve to rouse the interest of members who did not attend and spur them to come to more meetings.

Treasurer, Dick Schmeling

- Distributed the Treasurer's Report for the month of October. The Club received \$270 in membership dues, \$50 in scanner fees and \$0.73 of bank interest. Expenses were comprised of \$75 for the Website and \$50 for the Club's monthly donation to TAP. These revenues and expenses resulted in \$195.73 net cash inflow. The Pass-Through Account took in \$1,200 and paid out \$1,276.18 for supplies, for a net outflow of \$76.18 during the month. Since the TAP Program began, the Pass-Through Account has received a total of \$33,901.38 and used a total of \$21,110.27, leaving a balance of \$12,791.11 in that account of which \$5,704 is reserved for lease/rent and utilities through next June. This leaves TAP with \$7,087.11 available for other operating expenses. The Treasury's bank balance at the end of October was \$17,108.17 of which \$12,791.11 is designated for the Pass-Through Account, leaving \$4,317.06 available for Club Operations.
- A detailed summary of October Activity in the TAP Pass-Through Account also was distributed.
- Advised that he received the first \$500 from the United Fund and will get another \$500 within a couple of days. These funds are designated for the TAP Program.
- Commented that the TAP workhouse AT&T bill is still messed up, but should be straightened up by next month.
- **Jim Peterson motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report; Dennis Malcolm seconded. Board approved.**

Past President, Jim Peterson – No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Committee

- Kutschera's written report stated that the November General Meeting had 95 attendees by head count. According to the sign-up sheets, there were 77 members and 7 guests.
- There were 15 new memberships and 25 renewals with 25 additional members for a total of 65 members. \$600 was delivered to the Treasurer. October and November dues collection was exactly the same as it was in the same 2 months last year. A number of MAC Users joined this month.
- There were 36 attendees on the November 3 ORNL tour and 40 are signed up for the November 17 tour. Those attending the November 17 tour will be getting an e-mail from Kutschera regarding the meeting time and place. In addition, 20 have signed up for a 3rd tour which has been approved by ORNL for next spring. Bob feels it would be appropriate for people on the tours to contribute funds or for the Club to contribute something. Jim Peterson motioned for Kutschera to e-mail attendees of the 1st and 2nd tour requesting individual donations to the tour program. Dean Miller seconded. After a good deal of discussion, the motion was denied. Bob Foster suggested we find out from Kutschera just what a donation would fund.

- The lock box has been working very well and the Membership Committee appreciates everyone who has mailed in their dues. This has kept the work load at the General Meeting very manageable.

Communications Committee

- Dean Miller said that he will send announcements regarding the December FLS presentation to Frank Fritchman and Channel 3, etc. He will need the information from Solymossy by this Friday.
- He suggested that all addresses on the website simply refer to #128, not Tellico Village #128. Sanders agreed all references to TVCUC should have the same address, but would like members to add the specific area of direction, i. e. TVCUC – TAP or TVCUC – Membership or TVCUC – FLS, etc.
- Sharon Addison has stated that e-mail she receives can be forwarded wherever we want. Miller suggested such e-mail go to the Google address which he monitors.
- Regarding phone numbers on the website, Warren Sanders believes the president's phone should be listed as well as Solymossy's for the FLS Team and Vince Alline's and Warren Sanders' for TAP.

Program Committee

- Solymossy advised that he is putting together an article for the Newsletter to tell members that the focus of his presentation in December will be the periodic maintenance of your computer. If your computer is slow, and FLST tries to help, the volunteer first has to spend perhaps an hour cleaning up the computer.
- He will suggest loading 3 programs: Microsoft Security Essentials, Malware Bytes and C-Cleaner. He will tell how to use these programs and how to defragment the computer. He will walk through the programs and also spend a few minutes on backing up.

First Level Support Committee

- Solymossy was gone for a month and only got 1 phone call in that period. He has been back for 4 days and has had 8 calls.

Special Interest Groups Committee

- Stieghan provided documentation regarding the MAC Users SIG.
- Multiple purposes are described as 1) to expand the knowledge of the use of Mac computers, applications, and other devices made by Apple, Inc., 2) to have a speaker each month we meet to demonstrate new operating systems, application, etc. and answer questions posed by the group and 3) to assist users in solving their problems using Mac computers.
- Programs will be presented by the Apple rep from Best Buy or by members of the SIG and other persons who have expertise to impart to the MacUsers SIG members.
- The SIG will seek ways to be helpful to both inexperienced and experienced persons who want to use a Mac and computer-based resources to learn more about their computer. The SIG will try to help those who want to get started or experienced users who encounter problems using their Mac.
- Jan Miller will provide initial leadership for the SIG and will be responsible for meetings and programs until some other arrangement is made. Total expense of the SIG should not exceed \$25.
- **Jim Peterson motioned to approve the MAC Users SIG. Dean Miller seconded. Board approved.**

Computer Education Committee

- Mugge sent Board members a copy of the Window 7 article that will be submitted to the Newsletter.

Technology Access Program Committee

- Sanders announced that Little T Squares presented TAP with a check for \$502. The group will also give TAP some PR in their publication.
- TAP took 4 systems to Greenback High School. The Guidance Counselor there sent an e-mail stating that 1 system was given to a family with 2 children. With that delivery, TAP systems have reached families with a total of 600 children.

OLD BUSINESS

Sales Tax

- Sanders said that he does not know when the \$400 monthly (\$4,800 annual) sales limit for charitable organizations came into being, but Jimmy Matlock has spoken with Randy McNally's staff and promised that when they convene in January 2010, they will take a look at that Tennessee ruling. Randy McNally is head of Finance in the State Legislature.

Nominations

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- Peterson announced that we now have a slate of nominations for 2010: Bob Foster for President, Peter McDermott for Vice President, Dick Schmeling (incumbent) for Treasurer, Jan Schneck (incumbent) for Secretary, Ken Ray and Jim Peterson for Directors. Steve Popovich has agreed to fill the second year of Bob Foster's directorship.
- **Jim Peterson motioned to accept these nominees to run for office. Dean Miller seconded. Board approved.**
- These nominees will be presented to members at the December General Meeting and will be voted on at the January 5, 2010 Annual Meeting (postponed as voted by Board on October 13, 2009).

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Meeting

- Sanders reminded all Officers need to present their 2009 reports at the Annual Meeting January 5, 2010. Directors and committee chairs may also to present a report, but are not required to do so.

2010 Budget

- Schmeling presented the Budget based on 235 members at \$15 per member. Using his best estimates and input from others, 2010 Income is estimated at \$4,287 and Expenses are estimated at \$4,040.
- Just yesterday, Schmeling said, Dean Miller recommended an increase from \$200 to \$465 in the Web Services area in order to continue paying \$25 monthly to Lou Miller. The previous agreement was to pay him \$25/month for the last 2 quarter of 2009. Schmeling argued that to do so, given the current income projections would undo the balanced budget. The only way the expense budget could be changed to accommodate the additional expense would be to reduce the allocation for Supplies and Software purchases. No decision was made in this regard.
- Sanders wants a copy of the 2010 Budget to go to Ken Ray, Steve Popovich and Peter McDermott. The Board needs some time to go over the Budget. Any questions should be directed to Dick Schmeling. Questions and Schmeling's answers should be addressed through the Google Group so that everybody gets them. Schmeling needs more time to complete the Budget, but a Budget has to be approved next month.
- Schmeling stated that he wants to get more information from members regarding what it is they want to get out the Club.

Website Features

- Lou Miller demonstrated features of the website he has designed.
- The current license expires after the first of the year. If we go with Lou's website, we won't have to pay for that server. There will be no cost for Lou's server until we change hosts. This matter will be decided at the December Board Meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED 5:20 P.M.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING DECEMBER 1, 2009 @ 7:00 AT THE YACHT CLUB

NEXT BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 8, 2009 @ 3:00 PM AT THE CHOTA REC CENTER

Janice Schneck, Secretary