

COMPUTER CLUB OF SUN CITY
BOARD MEETING: March 7th, 2024
MINUTES

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PRESENT:

Officers: Alan Ruda, Gene Stashick, Joe Janos, Nolli Hartwell

Committee Chairs: Dick Dudden, Lori Daly, Zenon Sokolowski, Charley Housler, Mike Wendel

Member Guests: Isaac Bonifas, Janece Brown

ABSENT: All present

PRESIDENT, Alan Ruda: Meeting called to order at 9 a.m., with roll call and introduction of special guest, **Isaac Bonifas, President of the Sun Macs Club. Dick moved the February minutes be accepted and Lori seconded.** Passed.

Additional Agenda Items: Suggestion put forward that we notify membership via email and bulletin board notice when members pass away. Temporarily tabled pending acquisition of more information regarding possible technicalities which may be involved in making such announcements.

Correspondence received: no entries

OFFICER REPORTS:

TREASURER, Joe Janos: February income - \$1295.75. Noted that the new copier is "paying off." \$1946 was spent, mostly on classroom renovations and wiring. \$1,619.67 noted as "Misc. Computer Expenses" went toward electrical work and switches.

VICE PRESIDENT, Gene Stashick: February report - total of 199 people in February Learning Sessions, (compared to January's figure of 73), for a total of 272 for 2024. Suggestion made to combine Learning Sessions & Membership Reports. Instructor Barb, who is teaching Clip-Art, is incorporating AI into class material.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP, Dick Dudden: 427 paid-up members as at end February. Total Club members who checked in was 630, compared to 550 last year. New members are joining at rate of 9 or 10 a month.

PROPERTY, Charley Housler: Building of computers for sale to members will continue. Charley especially requests he must be advised and/or be able to refer to the calendar well in advance of all classes to find out room number and set-up

requirements. Additionally, Instructors are asked to come in a day or two in advance of their classes so that any potential issues may be addressed ahead of time.

Error in Website: The error in the Club website remains - see "HELP," which states the following under "**Computer Repair Services**": "The Computer Club offers repair services to all current holders of Sun City RCSC cards." *This is inaccurate and requires correction.* Club Tech Services will diagnose problems for anyone who brings in a computer for repairs. However, to be eligible for repairs, they must become a member; or alternatively, have one of the technicians take their machine home, in which case there will be a charge for repairs.

EDUCATION, Mike Wendel: Computer 101 – 11 attendees, 3-day File Explorer – 6, Excel – 1, for a total of 18 attendees at classes in February. Noted that several members who come for the Excel class are having to be re-directed to Computer 101.

Learning Sessions vs. Classes: Learning Sessions – being only a one-day commitment – are more popular with members than the 3-day class commitment.

MONITORS, Lori Daly: Monitor Training planned for 1st part of April. Monitors require more training as to how to make change when cash payments are made.

PUBLIC RELATIONS, Zenon Sokolowski: 585 emails are going out, yet total membership is 427. Updated list required, plus list of unpaid members,

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Discussion and questions regarding Grouper, formerly Element 3, as well as discussion regarding Group Works. Question: how many of our members are on Group Works. Answer to be provided. New members receive a letter from Group Works inviting them to join.

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION: Roughly \$30K of electrical work, including cables, was installed and paid for by RCSC, giving us greater data connection capacity.

RECONFIGURATION OF C-ROOM: Work in progress. Those present at today's meeting are asked for any ideas they may have of best uses of C Room.

OPEN HOUSE: Scheduled for Wednesday, March 13th, 9 to 3: The fact classes will be in session in E and D Rooms during the Club's Open House is "a good thing." Janece advised advertising is arranged, including on the marquee and in the Independent.

MEETING WITH SUN MAC CLUB OFFICERS: Sun Mac's Board has agreed to the **merger of Sun Macs with Computer Club of Sun City**. Proposal to be presented at Sun Mac's Saturday general meeting, after which there will be a vote. Then, it goes to RCSC. Majority of Sun Mac's approximately 140 members are in favor of the merger.

Isaac Bonifas, SunMac's President, spoke of his Club's financial balance, also stating there are numerous details to be dealt with, including their Cox contract, in effect until May, 2025. Additionally, the matter of how former Sun Mac members' dues

will be looked after must be addressed as well as the transfer of monitors and, re-configuration of A Room, slated to become the "Mac classroom," effective April 1st.

Further discussion ensued regarding the importance of having Mac representation on the Club's Board. Noted FYI: **Karen Feess** is currently Sun Mac's Treasurer.

WEB TEAM MEETING: Temporarily deferred. Following pending matters held over for now: new Computer Club logo and creation of on-line class registration.

ADVERTISING: Sun City Independent "can be expensive" – five or six hundred. However, although the Independent doesn't always use our submissions, "filler" advertisements will continue to be sent monthly, such as a picture of a class in session, or an announcement regarding the impending merger of the two clubs.

VCARVE: More classes are continuously being added, confirming the success of our partnership with the Fairways Wood Club.

3D PRINTING SESSIONS: There has been one group of four classes which, due to vacation, are temporarily deferred until receipt of a new schedule.

CLASSROOM AIDES – CONTACTING: Barb Johnson is unable to continue with this responsibility. Member Patti Rabe will be asked if she will consider contacting Aides.

NEW BUSINESS: SUMMER HOURS: Dick put forward a motion to approve summer hours from May 1st through August 31st from 8:30 – 2:30. Mike seconded. Passed. We will open **Monday through Saturday**. Noted that the Calendar, brochures and flyers, etc., must be changed accordingly.

GOOD AND WELFARE: The Board extends its deepest sympathy to long-time Monitor Chairperson Lori Daly, on the February 13th passing of her beloved husband Ed Syzponik.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Joe moved we adjourn and Gene seconded. Passed. Adjourned 10:15a.m.

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, APRIL 4th, 2024, 9:00 A.M.



Nolli Hartwell, Secretary

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