

SCUM Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2008

The meeting was presided over by Walt Domingo.

Walk-In Help

Bob Pardini will be offering his help only by appointment only on Monday; Phone 208.9866. Art Steffes will continue to offer his help in the lab from 11 to Noon on Wednesday, but please make an appointment, Phone 591.1722.

Wireless Networking

Geoff Fernald reported that after much work the wireless link is once again working (the wireless serves only the instructor computer; all of the computers in the lab are on ethernet). It appears that someone has been 'visiting' the lab and changing the settings for their own purpose, but in so doing was fouling up our system. Geoff has now secured the settings with password protection, password being restricted to those who need to know only -- Harry Potter style! Thanks Geoff.

MacWorld registration

The freebie registration number is no longer valid, because the free time has expired. It is now going to cost \$25 for the pass.

Education/Classes

The only class presently being offered is iPhoto '08, Fred O, Instructor, January 27, 2009 start for three Tuesday meetings, 9.30 to 11.30. Other classes are not being offered due to lack of interest -- but let a board member know if you have an interest in a subject, and maybe we can get something going.

Holiday Buffet/Party/Social

Let the partying begin at 10 AM on December 1, 2008, our regular meeting day. Bob Pardini, Chairman, says that we will be limited to 50 sit-down places, and more places if they do not set up all of the tables. So, you must let Bob know if you are coming; a sign up list was passed around at the meeting. If you missed signing up, please let him know that you are coming by phone (above) or at rcpardini@earthlink.net.

Motion Passed

It was moved and passed that a budget of not to exceed \$600 will cover all expenses; as such, there will be no charge to attend.

Carol Domingo has volunteer to chair the decoration committee, and is looking for help, carol92@comcast.net.

Volunteering for 2009 Offices

Brian reported that there was no response to his search for volunteers, and that we should consider simplifying the board to just a chairperson and a treasurer. The alternative would be a group without leaders. After a while of discussing the lack of enthusiasm for leadership, Geoff Fernald and Joyce Friedlander volunteered to be co-presidents, with Joyce leading from March to June and Geoff leading for the rest of the year with Joyce as a back-up. Geoff spends the pleasant part of the year in the northeast and winters here.

Joe Kimball, charter member and founding father of SCUM, commented on how important it is to continue with the group.

Jack Fisher has volunteered to continue in his job as Treasurer.

Ellen Williams recommended that we also find a secretary; without a doubt, that is the most important position to fill but it takes an extraordinarily talented person, young, charming, and attractive, so we will still be looking for a candidate since I am retiring.

The board will be discussing the new organization at their next board meeting. Unless we find more volunteers, the unfilled positions will either be eliminated or will remain unfilled.

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1. Many members are having problems with the password request with Apple Mail/Comcast. It seems to be a problem with Comcast, but there is not much that subscribers can do beyond complaining.
2. Problem with Apple Mail not able to connect; Mail/Window/Connection Doctor was mentioned as at least a diagnostic tool to see if you are connecting to the network.
3. Attaching a photo was demonstrated; make sure that the Send Windows Friendly Attachments is checked so that 'the other guys' don't have trouble with opening the attachment.
4. Flip4Mac is a recommended free program to be found at MacTopia.com. Flip4Mac provides Windows Media video and audio playback in the QuickTime Player for Mac OSX.

Respectfully submitted by Fred Offenbach, Secretary