

SCUM Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2010

The meeting was chaired by Pete Vanderbilt.

Jack Fisher reported a balance of \$3800 on hand.

The matter of the projector was discussed. Geoff gave a brief report on the input he had received from a number of consultant members, and the consensus is to buy a Epson 825 projector. The projector will be the property of the SCUM organization, it will be kept on the projector table, it will be secured with a cable, and no spare lamp will be purchased. The lamp costs \$400 and has a 5000 hour life. The time of usage for the old projector, which is maybe five years old, is 400 hours, and the replacement lamp was lost by the Center staff.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to buy a Epson 825 projector and security cable, with cost not to exceed \$1100.

411 Time!

Problem with sleep mode: Joe reported that regardless of the time settings his iMac would go to sleep after fifteen minutes. No good explanation, but Fred suggested clicking on the default reset.

Problem with getting out of Facebook: Go to this page:

http://www.facebook.com/help/contact.php?show_form=delete_account

Click "Submit" and follow the instructions.

Your account will be deactivated for two weeks, and if you don't log in during that period, your account is permanently deleted.

This method is official and should be complete, i.e. no need to delete individual photos, comments, messages or items from your profile or anywhere else on Facebook!

Problem with making a tilde n: Type a "n" while depressing the option key, then type n again. This also works with other characters like the u, a, e, i and other letters. Also, use the keyboard layout by system preferences/language and text/input sources and turn on Keyboard and Character Viewer and the keyboard will be under the US flag.

Problem with a 74 GB hard drive obviously being erroneously loaded:

Turned out that the back up program was told to back up to the hard drive! That doubled the size of the files to no advantage. Geoff explained how to determine file size using the finder directory.

A good tool for seeing relative file sizes is GrandPerspective (<http://grandperspectiv.sourceforge.net>) shows each file as a rectangle whose area is proportional to the file's size.

This subject brought up another possibility, making sure that the Time Machine preferences are set right.

Problem with finding speed test for your Internet connection: Use speedtest.net. Does wifi affect it? Generally no. There was a question about the value of "Ping" in the speed test; it is a measure of the in-network distance to the server.

Problem with email messages not wrapping: Requiring the use of the blue scroll bars. No good answer.

Comment about PDF files with email: Use a PDF format with documents being sent to a recipient with unknown platform, since it is viewable on either windows or Mac os. You can make a PDF usually by selecting it as an option in the Print window. Then "PDF" and "Save as PDF..."

Should I DEFRAG?: No longer is it necessary with the newer computers.

How do I get clipart images? Use Google to search for the item, click on the images choice, and store it on the desktop. Another alternative is to use Art Explosion 40000 which is now in the library; using the catalog find the item, put in the appropriate disk, find the item in the clip art folder. It is not necessary to install the program.

Pete finally had twenty minutes to give some of the "FUNNER" things that you can do with your Mac ... And I am going to let Pete tell you about some of them.

And finally I want you to know that this was typed on my wife's new iPad, with her permission. I have to say that it is cute, and convenient, but next month it will be back to my iMac.

Respectfully,

Fred Offenbach, secretary