

Senior Computer Center of Santa Cruz

11-14-01 Coordinating Council Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ralph Bushey, Irv Grossman, Jo Henning, Catherine Huffman, Judy Nielsen, Ann Pinkham, Dave Rigler, Thea Rothbucher, Evelyn Skipper, Ray Talley, and Dave Zeller, constituting a quorum.

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Laura Scribner.

I. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

A letter from Penni Anderson was presented advising of her resignation from the Coordinating Council effective December 14, 2001 due to her move out of the area. The Council expressed appreciation for Penni's services and accepted her resignation with regret.

II. MINUTES

The Minutes of the September 19th Coordinating Council Meeting were approved as submitted.

III. TREASURY REPORT

The Treasury Report as shown on the agenda for this meeting, was approved as submitted. Laura explained that the \$135.50 item under "Expenses" was for a copy of *Quicken* for the PCs and a software utility package (OnTrack System Suite.) Class refunds were higher than previous reports. Laura explained they covered two months instead of the usual one and, with the exception of one, the reasons were normal life occurrences (death in the family, etc.). The Council voted to continue the current refund policy which requires notification three days prior to the beginning of the class with the Staff given authority to use its discretion in cases of special circumstances.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Laura reported nothing more has transpired regarding the possible partnership with the Doran Center for the Blind since the presentation to the Council 9-19 by Sheila Vaughn, Doran's Executive Director. The concept of this partnership was unanimously approved at the 9-19-01 Council meeting.

Laura also reported that the transitioning of our accounts/budgeting is pending, awaiting the purchase of the version of *Quicken* approved at the last Council meeting and the necessary implementation required thereafter.

V. NEW BUSINESS

01-05-02 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The normal date of the second Saturday in January is unavailable as the Fungus Fair will be taking over the entire Center at that time. Discussion indicated concern that the 5th of January may be uncomfortably close to the holidays and perhaps the third Saturday, January 19, should be considered.

The Council was asked for ideas for the next Membership Meeting. It was decided that Laura would contact Chris Neklason of *Cruzio* to ask if he (or someone else from *Cruzio* if he is not available) will give a presentation about security on the Internet and E-mail filters. The Council suggested that it would be interesting to have Laura discuss her meeting with the Gold Country Community Center people. The Council voted to give Laura the authority to change the Membership Meeting date based on the availability of a *Cruzio* speaker.

AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS

It was noted that our current By-Laws require the Council to meet at least ten times a year. The Council felt this too restrictive as there is no reason to meet when there is nothing of import to be considered. After thorough discussion, it was unanimously voted to change the first sentence of Article VII-Meetings, Section 2, of the Senior Computer Center of Santa Cruz By-Laws by deleting “at least ten times a year” and inserting in its place “monthly as needed”. The amended first sentence of Section 2 now reads as follows:

“The Council will meet monthly as needed at a time and place to be fixed by the Council.”

Laura will make this change to the By-Laws. It is suggested that Council members pencil in this change on their copies.

LAURA’S PRESENTATION TO NEVADA CITY GROUP

Laura reported several contacts (in person and by telephone) with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Choate who are part of a local group trying to establish a community center in Nevada City, CA. They have established a non-profit senior group and, for lack of space elsewhere, are currently meeting at the Fairgrounds. The goal of the group is to establish a community center (rather than just a senior center) and they have asked Laura to come to Nevada City to talk to them about the value of a community center to a community. This is a subject with which Laura is eminently familiar and enthusiastic about. The City of Santa Cruz has agreed to pay for her two-day trip December 3 and 4. She has prepared a Power Point presentation and needs a projector for this occasion. She asked the Council’s permission to take our new projector to Nevada City for the presentation. The Council unanimously voted their approval. Our old projector will be available for classes during the time the new projector is off-site.

LIFELONG LEARNER’S REQUEST

Dave Rigler provided background information on Lifelong Learner’s. They are a group of about 200 people age 55 and over based out of UCSC who meet once a month to hear speakers from the university. Members have the privilege of auditing classes at UCSC and

enrolling at a reduced rate. They are forming a computer interest group and need a place to meet. Paul McGillicuddy has asked about the possibility of partnering with our PC SIG group. Discussion expressed various concerns—the SIG group taking over the lab, their use of our machines, the requirement of membership in our organization under certain circumstances, etc. The Council voted unanimously to authorize Laura to meet with our PC SIG group requesting them to come up with recommendations to the Council regarding a possible partnership with Lifelong Learner's computer interest group.

POSSIBLE MAC UPGRADE OVER THE HOLIDAYS

The change in the Mac's is necessitated by frequent problems with the current machines. Dave Zeller indicated the cost of G4's would be approximately \$2200/each plus the monitors. 17 inch monitors (other than the very pricey flat ones) will not fit in the Mac stations. He felt strongly that upgrading the current machines would be unwise. Laura indicated that Kim Fryer and Ted Canote will look into the purchase and Dave Zeller agreed to join them in this effort. Dave Rigler recommended the new iMac's as a good machine for the Center. Approximately \$6K was given as the current figure in the budget for this purpose. After considerable discussion, the Council voted unanimously to replace the current Mac's with new iMac's at a cost not-to-exceed \$12K.

DECEMBER MEETING OF THE COORDINATING COUNCIL

The December meeting of the Coordinating Council was canceled by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 3 p.m. The Chairman wished everyone HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn Skipper
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Secretary Pro-Tem

