

**SENIOR COMPUTER CENTER OF SANTA CRUZ
COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING
March 12th 2009**

PRESENT: Ralph Bushey, David H. Copp, Ken Jenkins, Paul Kleibrink, Judy Neilsen, Wolfgang Rosenberg, David Summer, Alternates: Jerry Simpson, Herbert Kain

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Kim Fryer.

Ken Jenkins, Chairperson, announced that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

I AGENDA

A. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

A "Thank You" to Herb Kain and Jerry Simpson for sitting in on the meeting in lieu of members who could not make the change in schedule this month.

Kim announced that Joe Blackman has been out on medical leave due to bypass surgery. He is doing well and is waiting for the clearance to get back to driving in the next few weeks. Meanwhile, Jack Sprow (Louden Nelson Assistant Coordinator) and Dan Dreische (Building Maintenance) will be working for the Seniors Programs on Mondays and Wednesdays.

B. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Add under "New Business, Item B – "Volunteer Lunch", Item C – "Projector Screen" and D – Life Long Learners inquiry.

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously RESOLVED, that the February 11th 2009 minutes of the Coordinating Council be, and they are hereby, approved.

III TREASURY REPORT

The Treasury Report as of February 28th 2009, as outlined in the Agenda, was discussed and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously RESOLVED, that the Treasury Report be, and it is hereby, approved.

IV OLD BUSINESS

A. MAC SERVER UPGRADE (FURTHER DISCUSSION)

At the request of Council, Kim gathered more information about possible options in upgrading our Server. The primary question was whether it would be sensible to replace the entire server with the new software already installed or continue with our current server with a software upgrade and whether one would "outlive" the other.

The overall opinion was the current server, with an upgrade in software would be viable for approximately 2 to 3 years. A new server would cost approximately \$3300.00 not including the tech support we would require to bring it on-line and functioning (est \$1500). It is assumed the NEW server would last approximately 5 to 7 years provided there are no radical changes during that tenure. When ask for her "gut" feeling of which would be a better choice, Kim stated that she felt there has been little advancement in Server technology from our current model and didn't feel new hardware would give us any distinct advantage. The decision was made to proceed with the upgrade as stated in Paul's proposal. Kim was directed to make the necessary arrangements to start the project.

B. "STIMULUS PROPOSAL" FOLLOW-UP.

At the request of Council, Kim presented more information regarding the potential for the Senior Computer Center to supplement pay in order to make up for what has been redirected to another position in the City. She reported that, according to the SENIOR

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Superintendent, arrangements between the City and other entities are frequently utilized to supplement part-time employees by way of a Memo of Understanding (MOU). The increase in hours has to first be approved by City Council and then a procedure is put in place for the transfer of funds. Kim requested the Coordinating Council approve a six month trial period of 10 hours per week with an evaluation at the end of the six month period to see how it is working out. Kim's intent is to use the extra time to reestablish Saturdays as a full service lab day with the possibility of adding classes during that time. The council accepted the proposal and directed Kim to take the necessary steps to implement the increase.

C. "PROJECTOR LAMP" FOLLOW-UP.

Kim reported the projector lamp had been purchased and successfully installed.

V NEW BUSINESS

A. PC LAPTOP PROPOSAL

David Copp had requested we revisit the possibility of purchasing a Vista Installed Lap-Top in order to give our volunteer teachers the incentive to familiarize themselves with Vista. A discussion ensued about whether it was worth going to that effort or should we simply upgrade the lab computers and allow people to work it out on their own? The argument was that Vista can be configured in a way to emulate XP and that people would adapt. Ken Jenkins agreed to review the upgrade possibility prior to us making a final decision.

B. VOLUNTEER LUNCH

Kim reminded the council that we need to begin working on the Senior Computer Center Volunteer Appreciation Lunch. Originally, we were going to look into alternate venues but Kim suggested we consider doing a catered barbeque in Laurel Park and using the dining room for service. The council liked the idea and Kim was directed to look into potential dates and she and Ken agreed to research caterers and report next month.

C. PROJECTION SCREEN

A suggestion was made to look into the possibility to have additional projection screens installed in the computer lab in order to have more options in where material is presented in relation to the students. David Copp experimented with projecting the image simultaneously on the wall and the current screen and there was no noticeable degradation of the image except for a color shift between the off white wall and the bright-white screen. The decision was made to look into something less expensive than screens.

D. LIFE LONG LEARNERS AND USE OF LAB

David Copp related a conversation he had with one of the members from Life-Long Learners (LLL). He wanted to teach a class in Photoshop Elements but did not have a venue. The question was raised-could we rent the space to the LLL during downtime? It was discussed and noted that this question had come up before and there was some resistance due to LLL not having a minimum age requirement. At that time, we could not see a way around the 55 and over stipulation and the issue was dropped. The suggestion this time is for LLL's who are 55 or over should become members and then the class could be taught as a Senior Computer Center class. David Copp to pursue this suggestion.

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VI ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously RESOLVED, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

The next meeting of the Coordinating Council will be held on Wednesday, April 8th 2009 at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Km Fryer
Adjunct Secretary