

Senior Computer Center Council Meeting

6 December 2018

Attending: Alan Schlenger, David Copp, Kelly Mercer-Lebov, Bill Firestone, Gail Charlotte, Emilio Galvan, Thea Rothbucher, Jean Brubeck

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Bylaws:

The proposed changes to the bylaws were approved unanimously.

Budget:

The current FOPAR balance is \$33,758.46 and there are currently 181 members.

Action: Alan asked if the council might see a report showing which of the 181 members come in most often to the center. Kelly said this should be fairly easy to do and will speak with the intern.

Update on new volunteers:

Elizabeth is the new volunteer on Fridays 1pm - 3pm.
Her specialty is PC/Android

Kannan is the new volunteer on Tuesdays 11am - 2pm.
His specialty is Mac/PC

New classes/SIG's

Janine Roth is working on developing a course in cyber security. A course in cyber security was offered previously but was a bit more in-depth than was needed for our members.

Alan and Kelly will talk further regarding a class in photo management.

Dave and Jean both expressed appreciation for Kelly's willingness to jump in to help when they are overwhelmed by members needing help.

Alan spoke of classes held in the past by Paul using GoToMeeting. This allowed the instructor to teach without being physically present. Alan and Emilio will discuss this further and report back to the council.

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Application suggestions in last newsletter

Kelly had asked for suggestions of useful applications from council members. The applications suggested were: NY Times crossword, Libby, WhatsApp!, Spark, Apple News, Google Maps, Essential Anatomy, Flashlight, OfferUp. Kelly said this might be something we do again to add content to the newsletter.

Outreach

Kelly brought a supply of the new brochure. We discussed ideas on getting the word out about the center including ads on radio or publications.

Bjorn Jones teaches computer classes at the library and we will give him a supply of the brochures for his students looking for further assistance.

Senior Tech Day has seen a drop in attendance but there is not a clear reason as to why. Senior Tech Days are the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month.

Senior Isolation and Loneliness

Kelly has been working during the past year with a group addressing senior loneliness and isolation. The Museum of Art in Santa Cruz will be having 6 different exhibits on the subject. They are planning a wall with action cards affixed for people looking for a way to help with the issue of senior isolation. The action cards will be business card size with a task on it that would help seniors. People would choose a card with a task designed to help a senior, i.e. deliver meals on wheels for a period, help a senior learn a new skill, etc.

Any council members who have action-card suggestions should email them to Kelly. The cards are due January 21, 2019

The next council meeting will be Thursday March 7, 2019