

# QCMUG MINUTES

February 20, 2007  
Bettendorf Room - Bettendorf Public Library

## Business Meeting:

Attendance: There were 12 members and 1 guest present. Members present: Dean Arney, Sue Berger, Bill Burns, Robert Custer, Brian Dobbins, Jim Hall, Randy Hengst, Jim Holifield, Don Patridge, Don Schaefer, John Schenk, Kathy Schroeder.

Old Business: President Don Patridge called the meeting to order at 6:45. He introduced the officers and announced that Buster Blocker will do the presentation on Mac Pilot at the March meeting. Tonight's meeting will deal with open forum questions.

Treasures Report: Dean Arney reported a balance of \$1987.17 as of 2/20/07. He stated that the room rental at Bettendorf Library was paid up through June and suggested that in June we pay for the year (\$60). A motion was made by Don Schaefer and seconded by Jim Hall that the \$60 be paid in June. The motion passed. Dean also said he would try to get the library to include the full name of the group, Quad City Macintosh Users Group, rather than just QCMug.

## New Business:

President Patridge shared handouts available for using the MUG store and information about TopX Notes. He showed stickers he'd made with the group logo to use on the calendar to mark the monthly meeting. Extras were available for members who wished to use them. He also mentioned another program, Screen Steps, a Keynote type program that might prove useful for the group.

## Short Presentation:

Don demonstrated a couple of Mac OSX features. For example, if you want to copy text from a web page just highlight it and drag it to the desktop. It will be saved there as a clipping file. Press control, command, d and move the mouse over a word in most OS X applications, and the dictionary will appear with the definition. Control-Option-Command-8 will switch the screen to white on black. To watch a window "flow" into the dock, hold down the shift key while clicking on the orange dot. There was also a discussion about the features in Universal Access. A member pointed out that if you have 10.4.8 you can use Control and the scroll to magnify the screen.

## Open Forum:

Member Questions:

**Q** I would like to know how to erase everything on my old 6300 before I give it away.

**A** Reformat the hard drive several times, and repartition.

**Q** "Has anyone filed Federal & State Tax returns electronically? Have you used Turbo-Tax or have you used a program provided at e-file?"

**A** There were members who had done so and also used Turbo-Tax. A brief discussion followed.

**Q** “In Photoshop Elements 3 or 4 where can one set up a requirement that images be displayed with no spaces at the left or right, above or below?”

**A** No one had a solution. The member will post online to find an answer and get back to the group.

**Q** “I downloaded a font (.tff). It went into my Font Book. How do I get it into word and AppleWorks 6?”

**A** Drag the ttf. files into the Users folder-Library-Fonts. The font should then be available to use in AppleWorks and Word. (If the application is open when you do this, you will need to close and reopen it.)

**Q** How do I recover an e-mail that is in my sent folder but is longer than the window provided on the screen?” (The individual with this question ended up bringing up with window with his web based mail program on the screen to show the group the problem. He was unable to print the email in the sent mailbox. It would only print out the part shown on the screen.)

**A** Suggestions were to copy and paste the e-mail into a new mail message, send it to yourself, or try dragging it to the desktop to make a clipping file.

**Q** “The graphics on some web pages in Firefox 2.0 don’t load. Are there preferences I need to trash?”

**A** Look up extensions and plug-ins and see if something is missing. Another suggestion was to download Flash.

There was a discussion about ordering books in iPhoto, the number of pictures on a page, and page numbers that didn’t print. A question was asked about the best color printers. One member noted that Kodak was bringing out three new printers and that he would be watching for comparisons. Canon and Epson were felt to be about the same in high quality prints and that HP was on the way.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Kathy Schroeder, secretary