

QCMUG MINUTES

May 8, 2007

Norm Kelinson Room - Bettendorf Public Library

Business Meeting:

Attendance:

There were 12 members and 1 guest present. Members present: Dean Arney, Robert Custer, Jim Hall, Wilma Hauser, Jim Holifield, Kevin Ketelsen, Don Patridge, Bill Rankin, Duke Roth, John Schenk, Kathy Schroeder, Cynthia Weinberger.

Old Business:

President Don Patridge called the meeting to order at 6:40. He told the membership about the memorial contribution made by QCMug in memory of Mary Schaefer, wife of member and previous group secretary Don Schaefer. Treasurer Dean Arney reported a current balance of \$1993.12. He had two antistatic wristbands available for purchase by members.

In other old business, Don handed out a sample of the new business cards from the Printing Store. The cost of these cards would be \$35 for 250, \$50 for 500, and \$75 for 1000. The group discussed the design and number to order. A motion was made and seconded to order 1000 cards for use by the officers and members. The motion passed.

There was continued discussion regarding the purchase of a new club computer. The officers met and made a list of specifications for the club MacBook. These were: 13", 2 GHz processor, 2G memory, 80 or 120G HD, and a cost of no more than \$1500. Following discussion, a motion was made and seconded to purchase a new MacBook with the specifications listed. The motion passed. The officers will check with Brian at CPR and purchase the computer.

Jim Hall explained the difference between glossy and matte display on a laptop. This won't be a choice on the new club computer because they only come in glossy. Don also talked about some changes coming to Internet Revealed,

New Business:

A member asked about what would be done with the current club computer. Those present decided that a minimum purchase price be set and that the computer be offered to members first. Bids will be taken at the August meeting .

Dean mentioned he would like to pay the \$60 for next year's rental to the library after the meeting. A motion to do so was made, seconded and passed.

Program for May

How to Get a Free Book from O'Reilly

The way to get a free book is to present a book review to the club. Tonight, Kathy Schroeder gave a review of the book *iWork '05 The Missing Manual* by Jim Elferdink and published by O'Reilly. She used the book to learn Keynote in order to create a brief slideshow for this program. The book was very helpful gave good examples for someone who had never used the software. She felt the book was well organized. The Appendixes at the end describing Pages and Keynote menus and the Index were especially useful. For someone who really wants to learn the power of Pages and Kenote, this book is a wonderful resource.

If members are interested in a specific topic or software, check out the O'Reilly web site and see what books are currently published. Then contact Don and he will e-mail the O'Reilly representative and try to obtain a copy the book for you to read and review for our group. Also, if you go to their site and want to purchase a book, and there is a 35% user group discount. It was suggested to check the purchase price at Amazon, too. Don displayed the web site <http://ug.oreilly.com/bookreviews.html> where more information about book reviews can be found.

Open Forum

Q Can you open "zip."s on a Mac?

A In OSX just double click on it. If it shows as an attachment try dragging the attached file to the desktop and then open it.

Q The free Office trial on my computer expired can I just throw it in the trash? You may also need to trash the application on your hard drive.

A Yes!

Q I cannot open an attachment from a friend. He sends this to six other people. They can open them. About a month ago this person switched to QWest high-speed Internet connection and kept his AOL for e-mail. He used to be able to cut and paste the minutes and include them as part of an e-mail (that's when I could receive them with no problem). Since he has QWest, he is not able to include the minutes as part of the e-mail. He has to add them as an attachment. He says that is where my problem is. He has a Dell using Microsoft XP.

A Have the person sending the document send it as a PDF file or save it as rtf, a rich text format. These formats should be able to be read by everyone.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 19.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Schroeder, QCMug secretary