



**QCMUG Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2009
Bettendorf Public Library**

Attendance

A total of 15 members were present at the meeting. Dale Arnold, Sue Berger, Bill Burns, Keith Claussen, Lee Claussen, Stan Furlong, Jim Hall, Harry Healey, Kevin Ketelsen, Dave Ochs, Arnold Olson, Don Patridge, Bill Rankin, Kathy Schroeder, and Cynthia Weinberger. Our guests were Mary Jo Lowenberg and Daryll Carlson.

Business Meeting

- The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm.
- The Treasurer reported a balance of \$1,862.47 and 34 members.
- October's meeting will be at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bettendorf.
- Many members are up for renewal, so please see Dave Ochs on renewing.
- Discussion on the ongoing process of updating the by-laws included the wording of 'family' versus 'household.' The suggestion was made and accepted to use household instead.

Program

Mac OS X 10.6 'Snow Leopard' by Brian Dobbins

For the most part, the newest version of OS X looks virtually the same as 10.5 'Leopard' except for a few minor changes to Stacks, Exposé, and the Cut/Copy/Paste submenu (very iPhone like). There is also a few new wallpapers.

Most of the changes are under the hood to the code and base system. Hard drive space is reported differently - a drive with a 250GB size shows up as a 250GB instead of 230GB, but files that are 10mb under 10.5 might show up slightly larger in 10.6, so the drive stores about the same amount of data.

The biggest changes to the code have been full support for 64 bit applications and the system itself actually running in 64 bit mode. Some parts have been 64 bit capable in the past but Snow Leopard is the first to make it system wide. OS X 10.6 is also Intel only.

Printer support has been improved and OS X can download printer drivers for you if none are installed for a printer plugged into your Mac. Updated drivers can also be installed via Software Update, when available.

The last new feature of 10.6 is QuickTime X. It's all new from the ground up. Very sleek, minimal interface, optimized to play videos either full screen or as a floating window, without borders or frames around it. There isn't a 'Pro' Version because it does a few things QuickTime Pro 7 has without having to pay extra, but overall is missing many editing and exporting options. The older version can still be installed and used even with QT X installed.

There have been a few issues with 3rd party software and quirks with iPhoto, Time Machine, and Apple Mail. The biggest issues have been with non-Apple programs, which the Installer for 10.6 will warn you of and place in a folder so they don't prevent your new install from booting up properly.

About OS X: <http://www.apple.com/macosx/>

Snow Leopard on Wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mac_OS_X_Snow_Leopard

Open Forum

There wasn't any open forum issues presented to the group.

Meeting was adjourned about 7:30 p.m.

Next Month's Meeting:

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 20.

Respectfully submitted by Keith Claussen, QCMUG Secretary

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