

Transylvania Mac Users Group Special Meeting of August 9, 2008

Location: French Broad Community Center
Time: 9:30 - 11:00 AM
Attendance: 30 (as of the start of the meeting)
Purpose: Discussion of TMUG future meeting site/reorganization
Prepared by: Joe Shore, Secretary/Treasurer

The special meeting of TMUG was called to order by President David Day at 9:30 am. He provided background of the previously planned transition from our former meeting location at the training room of Coye Consultants to Brevard College. And due to circumstances beyond our control, we now are in the position of finding a new location, and possible establishment of annual membership dues.

1. The first matter for discussion was the frequency of future meetings. Various individuals discussed the merits of having monthly, bi-monthly, and quarterly meetings. After a reasonable period of discussion, a vote was called, with the results as follows:
 - Quarterly: 0
 - Bi-monthly: 1
 - Monthly: 29 (Approved)

2. The next item for discussion was should the time of the meeting remain as the 2nd Saturday of the month or should there be a change to weekday evenings. The consensus was winter nights and early darkness would result in a reduction of members attending due to safety concerns, whereas, weekends provide much greater flexibility. The membership voted to continue with Saturday meetings.

3. In an effort to share the load on planning and presenting future meeting agendas, an unanimous vote was received in favor of creating a Program Board with a minimum membership of 4 individuals. The initial board of volunteers is as follows:
 - 1) Ron Mayhew
 - 2) Ron Rutherford
 - 3) Frank Pearsall
 - 4) Jo Crebbin
 - 5) Paul Jaques

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4. The membership agreed to establish a search committee of three to check out possible sites and report back at the September meeting. The committee consists of Newt Levy, Paul Jaques and Steve Tobey. The criteria that was agreed to as the ideal meeting environment was as follows:
 - 1) a room size to accommodate up to 50 individuals
 - 2) the room must have either desks or tables
 - 3) the room must have a projection screen
 - 4) there must be adequate parking and restroom facilities
 - 5) the site needs to have internet access
 - 6) a fee not to exceed \$50.00 per meeting

5. The final area of discussion was the need for and kind of dues structure to be implemented. By an unanimous vote, a flat fee per member will be established, after the site committee reports back next month and we know our estimated annual facilities cost. Marge McNeil agreed to be the Membership Chairperson, with Mary Meseck as her backup. It was also agreed that non-members would be limited to a maximum of two courtesy meetings prior to the requirement to pay annual dues.

6. The next general TMUG meeting will be September 13th at 10 am at the French Broad Community Center to continue the re-organization process.