

VISTA ROYALE COMPUTER CLUB

Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2022

Hi Members,

Mike Johnson, our president, **welcomed** everyone back after such a long time as our club was semi-idle over the past 1 1/2 years. He gave away a calendar planner and showed several of his favorite 'Chuckles' cartoons which were tech oriented and so true. There had been no election in the past year so we voted for Mike Johnson, President; Mary Thieman, Treasurer; Sandy McKenny, Secretary; Vicky Getz, Lab Manager & Educational Director; Steve Getz, Web Master. Still looking for a Vice President if any of you are willing to step forward; many hands make work small.

Next week we will have Jurgen Schwanitz from ACT computers as our speaker on Thursday morning, 13 January, 2022, in Pine Arbor Clubhouse at 9:30am Don't forget; the subject in the news in regard to digital security, always a great topic, plus you get to ask him any tech question regarding your computer, tablet or phone. We always appreciate his seminars, they are always very timely.

Vicky Getz then gave us a report on the 'State of the Lab' and made a request for more monitors. Here is her report:

LAB

Our lab is a valuable resource IF IT IS OPEN.

While lab usage has been almost non-existent, we'd still like to keep the lab accessible. We usually operate the lab with a staff of about 22 volunteers. We always lose one or two monitors each year, due to a change in circumstances. This year besides moves, and changes in health, many of our volunteers backed out because of the risk of Covid exposure, others backed out because they won't wear a mask while monitoring.

Lab usage has been very low, but we would still like to have the lab open at a minimum of M-F morning.

This year we are trying to come up with 10 volunteers.

We are looking for someone for

Friday Morning 9:30 to 11:30 Tuesday Afternoon 1:00 to 3:00

Lab Computers

6 Windows 10 64-bit Desktop computers with 8GB memory, these computers have a DVD Writer, SD Card Reader, something many new computers don't have. They are all protected with DeepFreeze which means that they are reimaged every time they are restarted, losing any personal information, and any software changes made. We also

have a 32 bit All-In-One. The lab has been slightly rearranged to move the workstations a bit farther apart.

Software - OpenOffice, Gimp (PhotoShop type open source software), Rootsmagic Essentials, Adobe Reader.

Network Printers

Both our laser and color ink jet are duplexing printers, meaning they can automatically print on both sides. The printers can be added to any computer on the network including your computer. The printers are also airprint compatible so they can print from iPhones and iPads.

Scanner Copier -

Scan to our computers, or to a USB stick or a paper copy.

Office Necessities

Shredder, paper cutters, stapler, three hole punch, pencil sharpener, USB Charging station**

The charging station is new this year. It has 4 apple type cables, a mini USB cable and a type C USB cable. This allows us to charge equipment in the lab, and since it lights when it is actively charging, it helps in diagnosing bad power supplies. Also this allows people to plug into power, to complete a phone or tablet update.

Books

We have a library of computer books that may be checked out of the lab for a week. We have two new books Windows 10 Teach yourself Visually 3rd edition, and Windows 11 Teach yourself Visually

We have equipment to digitize your media.

You can do a VHS tape to DVD transfer (Compatible DVDs available 50¢). We have a slide/negative scanner, and even a turntable to digitize your old records

Handy Tools

Label Maker - laminated labels up to 2 lines, 20¢

Battery testers

Android Tablet with a WiFi-Analyzer App installed.

Data Transfer equipment for setting up your new computer

USB High Speed data transfer cables,

USB SATA IDE adapter for reading hard drives

USB SSD reader

We have portable equipment for reading legacy media.

USB SD reader USB CD/DVD USB BluRay player/writer

Presentation Equipment

Our old standard definition projector is available for checkout, as well as an assortment of audio and visual cables.

See you next Thursday.....

Sandy McKenny, Sec