



## SCHHCC STAFF/BOARD MEETING

December 3, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., Hidden Cypress

**In attendance:** Brian Osgood, Diane McKinnery, Jerry Jeffery, Jim Bowden, Joanne Connell, Kathleen Baine, Mark Davis, Susan Dobbs, Tom Lovelidge, Bill Altman

**President's Remarks:** Brian Osgood,

Hello and welcome to the November staff meeting, held in December. I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving last week. Whenever the staff meeting in November falls on the week of Thanksgiving, we bump it to the following week since many people travel, or have company, Thanksgiving week. Thanksgiving was late this year which pushed us into December.

Our voting for next year's officers concluded last Saturday. Our officers for 2025 will be:

President - Sherry Conrad

Vice President - John Meeker

Secretary - Kathleen Baine

Treasurer - Tom Lovelidge

Member-at-large - Bill Altman

Member-at-large - JoAnne Connell

Past President - Brian Osgood

As usual, we will not have a December staff meeting. We will need to propose a

budget for 2025 and send it out for membership approval. More on that below.

**Secretary's Report:** Kathleen Baine

We need a motion to approve the minutes of October 22, 2024. Motion made by Joanne Connell; seconded by Mark Davis. Approved by all.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom Lovelidge

(published at the end of these minutes)

**Social Committee:** Diane McKinney

106 people have signed up for the party on December 6. Volunteers will arrive at 4:30 to set up. We will do a Trivia game during dessert, with Mark Davis leading. We voted unanimously to give the Lunch Lady caterer at \$400 gratuity. Dinner includes seafood lasagne and steak medallions and sides served buffet style. Plated salads will be served by Lunch Lady staff. A variety of desserts will be offered. Water and ice provided. BYOB.

Next year's Volunteer Appreciation Party will be April 26, 2025, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Next year's Holiday Party will be 12/6/25 in Pinckney Hall.

## **SIG Reports**

**Apple:** Noah Rosenstein/Toni Valenstein/Leslie Foster

There is no meeting in December. Our November meeting was well attended. Help is active, and Wednesdays appear to be the busiest.

Six new Apple Mini m4s have been or will be installed in the classroom allowing members to try out Apple's new AI software.

The SIG continues to sign up new members.

**Genealogy:** Jim Bowden/Susan Dobbs

Our monthly Genealogy SIG meeting will be on Thursday, December 5th from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m at the Hidden Cypress Clubhouse. Larry W. Thomas, a professional genealogist, will present on "Tying History to Your Research."

We will have only one help session in December, which will be on Wednesday, December 11th starting at 6:30 p.m. This is due to the Christmas holidays.

**Susan Dobbs** is teaching a class on "Using Ancestry.com" on Tuesday, December 10th from 1:00 -3:00 p.m. You can sign up under classes on the CC Website or via the Sunday Education update in your email. So far we only have three people signed up. This may be cancelled.

**Computer Club Hour:** Bill Altman

The next CCH will be on December 13th in Pinckney Hall at 10:00 a.m., and will be the annual Gadget Swap. We have had to make some adjustments to the planned presentations for the year, but we don't see any problems at this time.

**Facebook:** [SCHH Computers, Tablets, and Smart Phones](#)

**Microsoft:** Dennis Shea/Maureen Kilcoyne

We are looking for presenters for the 2025 meetings. The year 2024 delivered good results for both ourselves and those who chose to speak. Thank you to one and all. We are happy to report our members have cheered us on.

**Skywatchers:** Jerry Jeffrey

We had a great meeting about the Cosmic Bestiary on November 12th with 40 attendees. Our next meeting is in the Lake House Ballroom on Dec 10th at 7:00 p.m. The subject is "How The World Could End."

### **Standing Committee Reports**

**Education:** Mark Davis

In November we offered 11 classes but had to cancel three due to lack of enrollment. Overall enrollment was down in some classes. I'm not sure why. Our overall enrollment for November was 82. The total income for the Club was \$405. This month between December 2nd and December 12th we are offering six classes. The Winter/Spring Semester will begin on Monday, January 13th, or shortly thereafter.

**Facilities:** Brian Osgood

A monitor commented recently that the USB drive stash in the monitor's desk was low again. I ordered 40 at a Black Friday sale price. This batch is a Christmas

present to anyone who buys one. I purchased USB 3 64G drives for under \$5 each.

The club now has a wireless doorbell that lights up a light at the monitor's desk, and two in the classroom. This is in response to a class attendee leaving during class, then being unable to return since there was not a monitor on duty and the front door was locked.

Consider bringing some other photo editing software into the club. Adobe Photoshop Elements is now only available as a three-year subscription (latest version with AI). Corel Paintshop Pro hasn't been updated since 2023 (no AI). Considering Cyberlink PhotoDirector 2025 which has a similar price, not as a subscription, and has AI editing. There is also a version 3 of Gimp that should release soon, it is free and has good reviews.

After the last staff meeting, all three network cables in the Open Room that have been provided for members to plug into their own equipment were checked. The two at OR1-1 both had over 400Mbps download speeds. The one at OR3-1 had a 370Mbps download speed. They were all readily visible and worked without issue.

**Membership:** Stu Mace

Since the membership renewal process began on August 1st, a total of 2,892 members have renewed their memberships, and 736 individuals have joined the club for the first time. Currently, 1,036 members have yet to renew for 2024.

The Computer Club currently has 3,628 members. At this same time in 2023, there were 3,406 members.

As of now, the membership breakdown for Special Interest Groups (SIGs) is as follows:

- Apple: 1,913 members
- Microsoft: 1,450 members
- Genealogy: 743 members

- Sky Watchers: 436 members

Membership renewal for 2025 will continue until December 31, 2024. Membership dues are \$10 for the first member of a household and \$5 for each additional member.

Reminders have been sent to members who have not yet renewed their memberships on December 1st, and additional reminders will be sent on December 31st.

**Monitors:** Bertha Fudgen

**Programs:** Bill Altman

Here is a table of the presentations for the remainder of the year:

<b>Jan 16</b>	<b>Kathy Turco</b>	<b>IRS 2024 Tax Filing Season: Go Electronic (Kathy)</b>
<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>Website Redesign Committee</b>	<b>Demonstration of the New Website to be released on March 1, 2025.</b>
<b>Mar 20</b>	<b>MSgt Danny Allen</b>	<b>Scams (Toni)</b>

**Publicity/Communication:** Bonnie Potter/Mark Davis

Three new posters were generated. One is to provide Walk-in Help information in the locked showcase outside the Club's entrance. The other two are similar. One will be placed in the Open Room and the other in the Classroom.

Bonnie has also created a new header graphic for our Winter portion of the education semester to be used in the Thursday "Education Weekly" email beginning just after the first of the year.

**Website Review/Revise Report:** Mark Davis

We are progressing well with only a few more blogger accounts to finish. We have released two surveys for feedback on the appearance and functionality of the website. One has been sent to the staff and the other to the members who volunteered to participate in additional surveys. The committee will use this

information to work toward finalizing the New Website.

Training on how to use the Google Blogger accounts will occur in mid-to-late January through the third week of February. Barring any setbacks, the release date is scheduled for March 1, 2025. The committee will present a demonstration at the February General Membership Meeting as the presentation after the business meeting.

### **Walk-in Help Program: Tom Lovelidge**

Help sessions have been adequately manned by the appropriate staff.

### **Treasurer's Report**

#### **Treasurer's Report Details as of December 2, 2024**

##### **📄 2024 Treasurer's Monthly Report**

Our opening balance for the month of November was \$27,236. We had membership dues collected of \$7,385 and open room cash receipts for the month of \$169. There were General and Administrative (G&A) expenses of \$112 for the period. Our facility expenses amounted to \$1,154; \$113 for non-capital hardware, \$690 in printing supplies and \$349 in subscription renewals. SIG expenses for the month were \$3,843, mainly attributable to our annual genealogy ancestry library expense of \$3,714 and Computer Club Hour (CCH) of \$128 of which \$75 was an Honorarium for a speaker. In December, so far, we spent \$3,428 for six Apple Mini Desktops for the classroom. The ending cash balance for the period was \$26,191. Our CDs have been accumulating at an interest rate of 3.9% and total at the end of this period is \$31,654. We have open receivables for Membership dues and Class fees for October and and November in the amount of \$13,345.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

We need to update the 2025 Sun City Club Catalog description to reflect the new officers. The rest of the information should still be good. \*\*Done by Kathleen.

We need to submit a Form CC50 listing all 2025 Computer Club officers with email, address, phone number, and signature to LifeStyles soon. I don't remember the date they want it by, but it is sometime in December. \*\*Kathleen will do this.

I'll work with Tom to get a proposed budget put together. I'm expecting it to look a lot like this year's budget, with some tweaks. I think the line numbers on the budget and the forms probably helped Tom with the book keeping, so that will probably be continued. Let me know if you have any budget change requests. We'll send a proposal out to the board. We should get it approved by the membership by early January at the latest.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mark Davis; second by Tom Lovelidge. Approved by all.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Our next Board meeting is on January 21, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., at the **Lakehouse**.

Respectfully submitted

Kathleen Baine

Secretary