



SCHHCC STAFF/BOARD MEETING
April 28, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.
Coosaw River & New River Rooms in
Hidden Cypress

In attendance: Sherry Conrad, Brian Osgood, Bertha Fudgin, JoAnne Connell, Bill Altman, John Meeker, Stu Mace, Jeff Hoffman, Tom Lovelidge, Mark Davis, Dennis Shea (20 minutes late).

President's Remarks: Sherry Conrad

Thank you for making time in your schedule for our meeting today.

Vice President: Jim Bowdan

Secretary's Report Kathleen Baine

Motion to approve minutes of March staff meeting by: Tom Lovelidge;
Seconded by Brian Osgood. Approved by all.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Lovelidge
(published at the end of these minutes).

Committees

Social Committee: Chris Chase, Lori Fritzky.

The Computer Club held its Volunteer Appreciation party on Saturday, April 18, with 70 volunteers and guests present. It was a delightful evening; the food provided by The Lunch Lady was good and well-received by all. Our entertainer, Mike Sweat supplied music appropriate to each part of the evening and engaged the crowd. We received many compliments about the event.

Our next event is the Computer Club Holiday Party, scheduled for Saturday, December 5 at Pinkney Hall. We will be holding a Social Committee Meeting to discuss plans within the next couple of weeks. Secretaries Note: Committee will be meeting May 6th at 10:00 a.m., at the club room.

Interior Decor: John Meeker

There is a plan underway to change out a number of the wall hangings over the next several weeks.

It was recently learned that the window display has historically been managed by the Microsoft SIG with the understanding that the display be changed out periodically. I will be communicating with the SIG leaders to set reasonable timeframes to make periodic changes.

SIG Reports

Apple: Noah Rosenstein/Toni Valenstein/Leslie Foster

Our April meeting was well attended, and we're scheduled for Filippo Beghelli to give an update on the latest AI information in May. Help sessions are going well, but we really need more volunteers for both Apple and other platforms (Android, Windows, Chromebook, etc). We are discussing having a meeting in May. Leslie Foster is moving from SCHH, and we need to find volunteers to help run the SIG. The Apple ISLC list for the Apple SIG (Users of Apple products) is over 2000.

Genealogy: Jim Bowden/Susan Dobbs

The April meeting was well attended. There will be no May monthly meeting.

A Help Session will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Watch the Education Weekly for upcoming class announcements.

Computer Club Hour: Bill Altman

Here is the current schedule for 2026.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Apr 24	Pinckney Hall	AI is Here: What It Means for You
May 8	Pinckney Hall	Free Version of Microsoft Office

Facebook: John Meeker [SCHH Computers, Tablets, and Smart Phones](https://www.facebook.com/groups/SCHHComputer)

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The Facebook page has been picking up new members on a somewhat regular basis. The more people who actively participate on the Facebook page would create conversations and information that might not otherwise have seen the light of day.

Microsoft: Dennis Shea/Maureen Kilcoyne

We are actively soliciting presenters for future meetings.

Skywatchers: Jeff Hoffman

Next Skywatchers meetings:

Lakehouse Ballroom

May 12, 2026. 7:00 p.m.

Standing Committee Reports

Education: Mark Davis/Laura Giovanetti

There were 11 class offerings in April and 120 registered participants. Our final spring month offerings in May are currently at 5 classes. Mark was able to find a solution to the registration limit issues that have been ongoing. Google has now included a form limiter as part of their system instead of having to rely on an extension.

Facilities: Brian Osgood

Printers again, 3 issues:

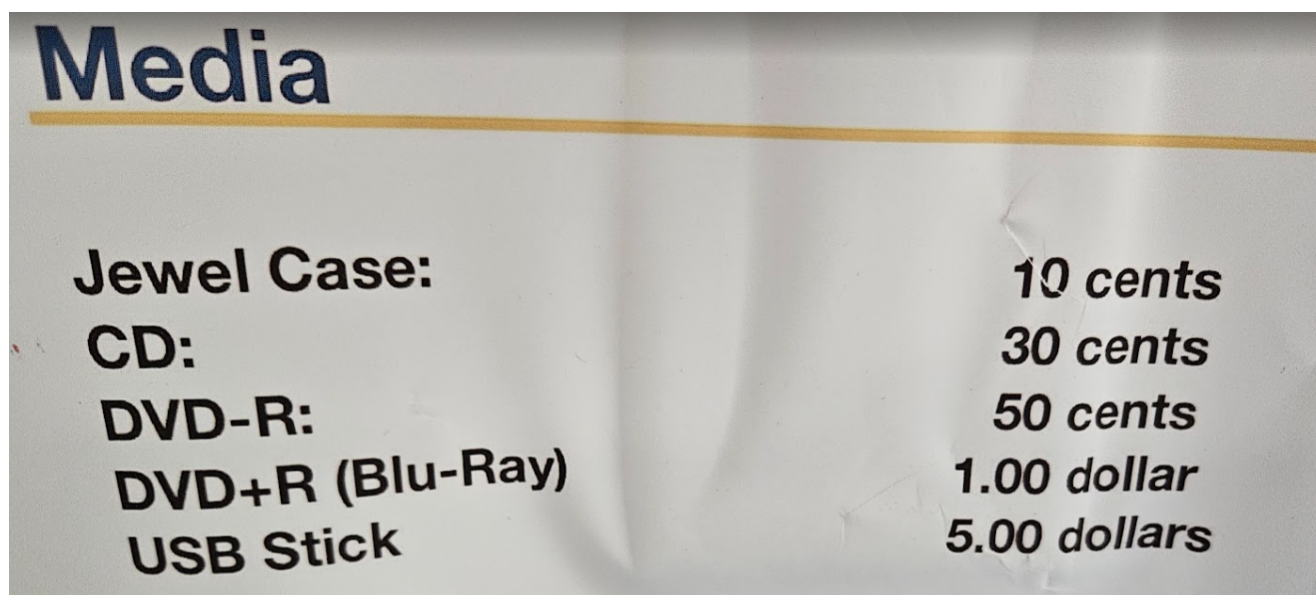
On 4/6, the toner cartridges in the L8930 (new printer on left) were out, or almost out, of toner. I put in a new set of standard yield cartridges from Staples. They should be good for up to 1800 pages. I checked last week and they were down to about 20% remaining, so over the weekend I ordered a set of super high yield cartridges (up to 6500 pages) from Amazon. Two should arrive today, with the other 2 arriving Thursday. Yesterday I received notification that the printer had stopped working because one of the toner cartridges was empty. We burned through a set of standard toner cartridges in 20 days. I thought the monitor was going to let me know if the printer would not print B&W, but they didn't. I was in the club last night and set the printer to B&W for today. The standard yield cartridges cost about \$140ea at Staples. The super high yield ones cost about \$250ea from Amazon but should print 3 times more pages for twice the cost.

The L8930 printer has been able to print since it was installed, except for running out of toner yesterday. There is a problem with how Windows 11 sets the default printer, or how the Brother printer driver works. Within Windows, you can select the default print DEVICE. Within the print driver for the Brother L8930 you can pick if you want the device to print or fax. We haven't found a way to turn the fax off. With the default print device set to the Brother L8930, it would sometimes come up and want to fax instead of print. The Windows default setting doesn't control at that level, so the user would need to read where it is printing to and select the printer instead of the fax. I did manage to rename the printer to "Brother L8930 Printer" and the fax feature to "L8930 FAX - DO NOT USE". Hopefully that will at least decrease the confusion while we try to get the fax option to go away completely.

The L8905 printer that is on WIFI has been throwing the error that it needs a new drum. We put a new drum in it about a month ago. They usually last about a year. This is a discontinued model which we are starting to have concerns about supply availability for, and it has occasionally had printing issues. We have a set of toner cartridges for it which we are trying to work

through. It will probably be replaced this summer.

Dennis turned in a ticket yesterday, after 4pm, that the club was out of DVD-R blanks. Apparently a well meaning monitor, or somebody, had grabbed DVD+R blanks out of the bookcase in the classroom. This has happened in the past, with a similar outcome. The discs in the bookcase are ones that have been donated to the club that we try to give away. I went to restock the monitor's desk with DVD-Rs, but there was already half a spindle there. Since the DVD-Rs and cases are purchased, we sell them to members at a little over cost. The cost is on the posted price list:



Media	
Jewel Case:	10 cents
CD:	30 cents
DVD-R:	50 cents
DVD+R (Blu-Ray)	1.00 dollar
USB Stick	5.00 dollars

This does need to be updated since we don't stock CDs, DVD+Rs or Blu-ray discs anymore (almost dead tech) and we recently had to raise the USB prices. Since we sell the DVD-R discs, and cases, the spare stock is kept in a closet. The club has 250 DVD-R discs and 150 cases on hand to restock the monitor's desk. Normally the monitor turns in a ticket when the supply in the desk gets low and facilities restocks the desk, and restocks the closet when it runs low.



I did notice that there is a partial spindle of DVD-Rs, and a couple of boxes of cases, back on the table by the VHS-DVD deck:



I don't know how the monitor/club is being paid for these supplies that we sell to members.

Membership: Stu Mace

The Computer Club's annual membership roster was submitted to the Community Association on April 27, 2026. At that time the club had a total membership of 3,270 as compared to 3,210 in 2025 for a gain of 60. Secretary's Note: In an effort to find more volunteers, Stu will be drafting a form to use when people sign up to join or renew their club membership.

Monitors: Bertha Fudgen

Things have been moving smoothly with monitors, as far as I am aware.

A Facebook post: (by John Meeker)

I know you've heard this before, but this is not just idle chatter—we genuinely need your help. On two separate days this past week, we had no monitors available for a part of the day. On the first day, the absence of a monitor meant the main room had to be closed and was unavailable to our members. Fortunately, one of our members, who is trained as a monitor, stepped up and generously volunteered several hours of their personal time to keep the club open. Today, we faced the same issue. Without a monitor present, the open room had to be closed—lights off and doors locked. This is especially disappointing given what a wonderful facility we have, with excellent access to computers, software, and resources—yet it cannot be used simply because no monitor is available. As many clubs note, a space often cannot operate at all without a monitor present. Serving as a monitor is not difficult. You do not need to be a computer expert—training is provided, and the role is primarily about welcoming members, helping them get started, and keeping the space running smoothly. There are real benefits as well: you gain access to the club during additional hours, meet new friends and neighbors, and learn more about both technology and the club itself. We truly need more volunteers to step forward so we can keep this valuable resource open and available to everyone.

General Membership Meeting Programs: Bill Altman

The committee will meet over the summer to suggest plans for 2026-27 General Membership meetings. Suggested topics and SPEAKERS are welcome.

Publicity/Communication: Bonnie Potter/Mark Davis

Bonnie is available to work on any new projects. With the volunteer party

behind us, we are both accessible to work on anything new that is needed.

Website Review/Revise Report: Mark Davis

Bud continues to fix anything that is brought to his attention regarding any issue with our website.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Lovelidge

2026 Treasurer's Report: [Click here](#)

March's opening balance was \$47,117. During the two-month period ending April 28th, we had membership dues of \$1,365, education fees of \$1,270 and open room cash of \$771. Income was \$3,406.

Expenses for the period amounted to \$7,125.

Administrative costs we spent \$3,943 On our volunteer party and \$100 for the list server setup.

Facility expenses were \$2,484. We purchased a new printer for \$690 in the OR room. We spent \$279 on non-capital hardware, \$1,430 on paper, toner cartridges and USB drives, and we had software subscriptions of \$86.

SIG expenses for the period were \$598. Genealogy spent \$198 on a subscription to Roots Ireland and also \$100 for the annual listserv expense. Apple and Microsoft each spent \$100 for their own listserve for 2026. CCH spent \$100 for an honorarium.

Our Operating cash balance on April 28th was \$43,399. We also had two CDs in the amount of \$33,154, resulting in an adjusted cash balance of \$76,553.

Ongoing Business

Procedures Manual:

Nothing was done on this project this past month.

New Business

Items inaccessible to monitors: Dennis

Volunteers are needed for the 2027 Nominations Committee for officers and board members: Sherry Conrad, Kathleen Baine, Dennis Shea, Bill Altman, and Brian Osgood agreed to help on the committee. Secretary's note: The

committee is meeting Wednesday, May 6th, 10:00 in the computer room.

Room Reservations for 2027: A date for requesting rooms has not been stated; however, it is usually around June 1. Mark has volunteered to pull them together, send them to chairs for approval, and then submit them electronically to Lifestyles on the required date. Mark will ask an officer to turn paper copies into Lifestyles.

Meeting Dates for 2026: Sherry Conrad

Note: Due to room availability, some meeting dates are not the usual 4th Tuesday (staff meetings) or 3rd Thursday (general meetings) days of the week.

- General membership meetings will be in Pinckney Hall on 9/17, 10/22 (4th Thursday), and 11/17 (3rd Tuesday).
- Staff meeting reservations are for 1:00 p.m., in the Coosaw River & New River Rooms in Hidden Cypress on 5/26, 6/23, 7/28, 8/25, 9/23, 10/28, and 12/1.

Our next Board meeting is on May 26th, 1:00 p.m., in the Coosaw & New River Room in Hidden Cypress. **Bill Altman made a motion to close the meeting;** seconded by JoAnne Connell. Meeting adjourned at 2:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Baine
Secretary