

## CUE GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of April 20, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm

Everyone was “Welcomed” to the Computer User’s of Erie at Holy Rosary, East 28<sup>th</sup> Street. A quorum of members present and the following meeting transpired with President, John Fair officiating.

### SECRETARY’S REPORT

No report to be read, as there was no meeting in March. The previous monthly minutes for February 2017 were published on the website, ([www.cuerie.com](http://www.cuerie.com)).

### TREASURER’S REPORT:

Treasurer’s report was given Fred Bernatowitz, The March 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 balance was \$3,000.71. In March two checks were written, one for Liability insurance in the amount of \$76.00 and another for \$202.00 to Tanya Mattson for Newsletters and expenses. That brought the remaining balance down to \$ 2,722.71.

### GENEALOGY REPORT:

Hal Kelly & Susan Mueller reported on the April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting at Hal’s home. It was dedicated to honoring Dave Howell and his wife, Etta for their service and opening their home to the Genealogy SIG for many years. Dave was also the dedicated caretaker of the genealogical publications and Ancestry group memberships. The group of 15 members and 2 guests) celebrated with a small party before listening to a presentation on German Societies in Erie County given by Tim Donlin. Linda Hanson, from Harborcreek, and Frank (?), who drove almost two hours from Kane, Pa. just for this meeting. Hal Kelly and Sue Mueller are exploring possible options to having a virtual meeting or Video programs for the out-of-towners. This way even Dave Howell can still participate with the club. Anyone who has an interest in Genealogy or “Family History and Stories” is invited and the next meeting will be on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Home of Hal Kelley at 7 pm.

### PHOTOGRAPHY:

Lou Cioccio’s reported that this SIG usually meets the first Wednesday of the month at Lou’s home at 7:p.m. or perhaps earlier during the summer. One of the guys in the Digital SIG is interested in Sunset so Lou will schedule a Photo workshop at the Presque Isle Rotary Pavilion when the weather gets warmer. In June it will be the Thurston Classics, the hot air Balloons, depending on the weather.

### MACINTOSH :

There was a SIG meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> 2017 the second Saturday of the month. Carole Blakeslee wanted to know how to make simple icons on her Mac. Suzanne Matthews came to the rescue by just looking it up on her phone. It was a simple and easy process.

Other members enjoyed a question and answer session. The next meeting will be on May 13<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

#### BUG:

No BUG meeting this month. Lou Cioccio wanted to remind anyone if they have a problem he will run a BUG meeting, but they will have to call him and let him know. He will then schedule one and let others know. When Tom Kuklinski returns from Florida it may be on a regular schedule depending on Tom's availability.

#### HAND HELD DEVICES:

Started out the meeting by telling people how to identify the model of their Apple Smartphone or Tablet. There are two ways of doing it. On the back of the device there is a model number in tiny print in the lower right hand corner and the other is under settings, general, and about. These numbers are not the same as one includes configuration information such as amount of memory etc. The iOS was up to 10.3.1 at the time of the meeting. There are two major features of this update: 1. Apple replaced their file system as it had been based on a system that was 30 years old and 2. They switched focus to 64 bit devices. Older devices from iPhone 5 and the fourth generation iPad will no longer receive operating system updates as the newer iOS versions will support only 64 bit devices. Basic Apps a new owner should have on their devices were recommended. Spectrum cable service was investigated and discussed. The next meeting will be on May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017 at 7 pm.

#### NEWSLETTER:

Tom Kuklinski has been talking with Tanya Mattson about the newsletter. A great investment in time and software will be needed to restart the newsletter. As the new board is elected they will take up this issue and perhaps work on a slimmed down version of the newsletter to supplement the website. Meanwhile, Tom will continue to include the articles and reports under the news on the website. After the newsletter is again published news will continue to be published the website as well.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

None.

Elections were held tonight and the Nominating committee tellers were Hadley Jones and Ed Group. At the beginning of tonight's meeting all of the votes were cast and counted. The tellers reported the results of the elections: 37 votes for the slate proposed and 1 ballot for the slate with the exception of a write-in vote for Alternate At-Large Board Member. Results reported were: John Fair, President; Larry Johnson, Vice President; Susanne Matthews, Treasurer and Secretary position is still open. At-Large Board Members are: Louis Cioccio, Ed Group, Hal Kelley, Tanya Mattson and Susan Mueller. Alternate A-Large board members are: Allison McKinstry, Conrad Sobczak and George Younkin. We thanked everyone for their votes, support and commitment to CUE.

Topics for upcoming meetings were requested and several topics were suggested including: Virtual Private Networks (VPN), recycling old electronics, tele-conferencing including Skype and scanning including use of OCR.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

When asked if anyone had computer problems they needed help with, Pat Mickel told about her USB port quit working but she didn't realize that till after she had purchased a replacement mouse several times.

Dave Howell told about his Windows 7 where 8 of his 10 Icons changed to the Windows Media Icons and they won't work. He can't figure out why this is happening. Lou will help Dave, Pat and others interested by having a BUG SIG on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 1 pm, 5753 Glenview drive.

Sue Mueller will be presenting a "Newspapers, Primary sources & Cemeteries" class at the Lincoln Library,

Sue Mueller moved to adjourn the meeting and Pat Mickel seconded the motion at 7:48 pm.

The 50/50 drawing was held and the Lucky Person was Dave Howell. We wish him well on his move to New Hampshire.

The program tonight was on the topic "The Rise of Voice Activated Intelligent Personal Assistants in the Home" by John Fair. How the systems work, how Amazon is adding new capabilities, where the devices are headed, and any need for privacy concerns. Alexa was demonstrated and a question and answer period was entertained.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Blakeslee, Secretary

Computer Users of Erie