

## Secretary's Report

Computer Users of Erie Meeting, Thursday October 18, 2018

Members Present: Paul Francis, Don Grim, Bill Klauk, George Younkin, Nancy Group, Edward Group, Fred Bernatowicz, Jeanne Brickell, John Szympruch, John Fair, Suzanne Matthews, Hadley Jones, Lee Williams, Janice Castro, Don Rhodes, Lou Cioccio, Joanne Kleinhanz, J. Robert Jaworski, Paul Wieczorek, Allison McKinstry

Guests Present: "none"

The number of members present (20) exceeded 16, the number needed for a quorum (20% of 77 total members).

The meeting was started by president Paul Francis at about 7 PM.

Don Grim read the minutes from the September meeting. The minutes were accepted by the members for approval.

Treasurer Suzanne Matthews reported information on the treasury including \$40 of expense for the meeting room and \$70 of income for membership renewals. The current treasury balance was stated as \$4,523.83. The report was accepted by the group for approval.

Hal Kelley was not present to report on the Genealogy Special Interest Group. It was mentioned that Sue Mueller gave a demo. Their meeting discussed sources, web addresses, and searches. They had enough Ancestry membership subscribers to bring the price per person down to the lower limit of \$15.

Lou Cioccio reported on the Digital Photo Special Interest Group. They had a group do a photo walk on October 6<sup>th</sup> that included the park fountain and Horace Greeley's old place of work on State Street. Lou mentioned that the next Macintosh Special Interest Group meeting will be soon. Lou also mentioned that he can host another Beginner's User Group (BUG) Special Interest Group meeting, upon request by CUE members.

John Fair talked about the last Hand Held Devices Special Interest Group meeting. The IOS 12 operating system was still new and not updated by many people yet. Therefore, it will be discussed more in the next SIG meeting. John mentioned that IOS 12 is stable and fast, especially helpful in speeding up older devices. A significant change is improved flexibility for password manager apps. Photos are improved with the new operating system, including pre-classifying pictures. As an example, if you search your pictures for "mountains", it will provide a quick list of pictures with mountains. The Siri phone assistant has new capabilities. For example, tell Siri to find your iPad and your iPad will beep. John mentioned wireless communications services providers called Mobile Virtual Network Operators (MVNO). It allows for inexpensive cell phone service. John provided an article on

MVNO on the CUE website. He mentioned that the savings can be “astounding” and that Tom Kuklinski stands ready to help answer questions that someone might have about the subject.

Paul mentioned that 12 of the 15 responses to a survey chose 12/6 as a good date for the upcoming CUE Christmas Party. Therefore the party will be at Hoss’ Restaurant on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.

The floor was opened up for any unfinished business. John Fair mentioned that Spectrum replaced the modem and he is checking some audio settings. With those changes, he plans to use Zoom conferencing at the next CUE meeting with the hope for improved conferencing results. John also mentioned that Tom Kuklinski is going to have medical treatment for his shoulder and a hernia.

The floor was opened up for new business. Lou Cioccio mentioned that he helped Hadley Jones open a file with an xps extension.

There was a request to adjourn the meeting. The members approved the adjournment of the meeting.

A demo and videos followed the meeting, presented by John Fair on cloud file storage and synchronization using Google Drive. He also covered the Google office programs. Of particular interest is you can open a document that has pictures and text, like a pdf file, and it will automatically do ocr (optical character recognition) so that you can use the text in documents.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Don Grim, Secretary