

Technology Meeting minutes 2010-01-19

Members:

Stephen Boettcher
Jayme Hartmann (Ex officio - School principal)
Jim Hessling (Ex officio - Director of Parish services)
Dan Hubler
Jim Luther - not present
Doug Miller - not present (Ex officio - Parish council liaison)
Joanie Rueth
Andy Stemper (Ex officio - School technology instructor)
Chris Switalski - not present
Kathy Uy (Ex officio - Parish website administrator)

Some facts:

23 laptops in the COWS
30 desktops in the lab
8 desktops in the library

Prayer -

Let us ask for God's blessing on this committee,
for the vision to see the purpose of God in our work,
and for wisdom, strength, and courage to carry it out.

Approval of Technology Minutes

Technology Chairperson's Report

Parish liaison's (Doug Miller) Report

Old business -

a) status of web-site activities

(2009-08-04)

a) New member: Stephen Boettcher. Working with Kathy Uy on website activities.

(2009-10-25)

a) There is interest in adding the credit card payment feature from Churchsites to our environment. Kathy U. will be researching this.

b) We are experiencing problems with the audio/video features from Churchsites. In addition, we do not have the manpower at the moment to work on this feature. Kathy U. will be determining if we can stop payment on this feature.

c) On 2009-09-17 Kathy U. forwarded information on saying that as of the next billing cycle, SJV will no longer be paying Churchsites for the AVMS (Audio Visual Media support) module.

(2009-2-07)

a) Kathy U. reported that the credit card payment features from Churchsites is probably not a good option. Every different use of the feature requires a different account setup with Churchsites. Becomes cost ineffective. Not many places doing this.

Jayme H. questioned about the ability to do a similar function using existing software (cafeteria?).

The idea of somehow doing this thru the existing billing process also came up. Jayme was going to talk to Jennifer about this idea.

b) There was discussion about what would happen to work on the school

website if Liz Kolb was no longer available. Andy S. stated that he would be willing to step in. Stephen B. also volunteered.

(2010-01-19)

- a) Reviewed (again) the idea of using the current billing process to somehow provide an account for families to draw off of during the school year. Jayme H. was going to discuss this with Jennifer.
- b) Kathy U. reported that the guidelines for each of the parish committees will be moved to the website as preparation for the parish discernment process.
- c) Kathy U. reported that a test of the "Constant contact" software is underway.

- b) status of Network report from Jeff Lundgren

(2008-07-10)

Jim H. reports there has been no activity on this. We hope to discuss the scope of Jeff Lundgren's work at the next Technology committee meeting.

(2008-08-07)

J. Lundgren has delivered his report and Jim H. has distributed it to all committee members via email. There was not time to address the report at this meeting. All committee members were asked to review the documents and come prepared to discuss this at the next meeting.

(2008-09-02)

Discussed this report and got Jim H. perspective on what should be done with it. Jim H. sees this as a potential list of tasks/projects that SJV needs/wants to undertake. Dan H. is going to go through the document in detail, and develop a list of potential tasks/projects from it. The committee will then look at those and decide if we should pursue them. This needs to be a high priority at the next committee meeting because if there are budget items that would come out of it, that information needs to get to the parish council before January. Everyone agreed that the time between October 7 (our next meeting) and January (parish council budget preparation) should be enough to do any research needed if we have to get information for budget presentation.

(2008-10-07)

A list of projects/tasks has been gleaned from the Lundgren assessment report. It was agreed that everyone would review the list for our next meeting.

(2008-11-17)

The list of projects was reviewed. No items were discovered that would require immediate research to prepare from the next budget cycle. But many items will be discussed as tasks to be performed in the future.

- c) status of new laptops (on wheels)

(2009-04-21)

COWS are set up to bypass Novell login for ease of use.

(2009-05-26)

COWS currently comprised of 16 older units (first round of gifting) and 6 new units.

Most of the use of all/any of these are in the 2nd lab.

(2009-06-23)

Novell is secondary access for this (COWS).

(2009-08-04)

First lab will have some machines re-ghosted.

Jim H. hopes that the campus is "Novell free" by the start of the school year.

(2009-09-15)

No update.

(2009-10-27)

The cows have been out and used on 3 different occasions so far this school

year. Andy S. reported that they worked well each time.

(2010-01-19)

Jim H. and Andy S. report that the cows are getting significant use. They were signed out each day last week.

d) Smartboard update

(2009-08-04)

Unable to install the new smart boards due to conflict with construction taking place in the classrooms. Some concern as to whether these can be in place by start of school year. Andy S. is going to hook up with Jayme and discuss what can be done. A few days after this meeting Andy reported that the boards will be installed in conjunction with the folks who are working in the classrooms.

Andy S. reported that he had attended an in-service about the smart boards.

(2009-09-15)

Jayme H. reports that all the new Smartboards are installed and functioning properly. The effort came in under budget, leaving funds available for accessories.

(2009-12-07)

There was discussion about the use of a competing smartboard-like technology called "Mimeo" (sp?)

e) Committee guidelines

(2010-01-19)

These were discussed again.

Recommendations/revisions were suggested.

Dan H. will document these revisions and discuss them with Doug Miller.

f) Brainstorming ideas for "bids for kids"

(2009-10-27)

Jayme H. asked that ideas for the next "bids for kids" auction be discussed. One idea was to replace all the computers in the lab (30 units).

(2009-12-07)

The idea of replacing the lab computers was discussed further.

A percentage of the lab computers could be put up as a "bids" item.

(2010-01-19)

Discussed the idea of having the replacement of all of the lab computers and all of the library computers bundled together as a package for the next "bids for kids" auction. Jayme suggested that we should have this defined by summertime. Dan H. will develop a first draft description of this "bids" package, for discussion at future meetings.

Bids for kids auction item: computer replacement

Replace all 8 of the desktop computers in the library and all 30 computers in the lab new machines.

The new machines should be desktop machines with the following specifications:

- 1.0gig RAM
- 150gig hard drive space
- xxxx GHZ processor speed
- wireless network card
- wired network card
- 17" monitor

New business -

- a) A parishioner working at Travelers in Brookfield has contacted the parish with the idea of donating 5-7 older laptop computers. We are awaiting further word.

Next meeting: _____ school conference room