

Computers West General Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2025

Palm Ridge

Jim Humphrey, Secretary, Computers West

President Norm Falcon:

Called the meeting to order noting a quorum existed, estimating there were about 250 in attendance.

Asked for a motion to approve up to \$10,000.00 to be spent for the St. Patrick's Day Party on March 12, 2025, at 4:30 PM noting that it may not cost the club a total of \$10,000.00 but this amount will be available. A motion and second were made by individuals in attendance and it passed unanimously by voice vote.

Normally we have an event in January and December so this will be the first one to be held in March.

The entertainment at the St. Patrick's Day party will be by the "Above Ground" band who will play for 3 hours for your dancing enjoyment before dinner, during dinner and after dinner if anyone wishes to do so.

The dinner will be Irish themed, and a few sips of an Irish flavor will be provided by the club, however, it will not be a kegger or an open bar.

The board decided to incorporate a fundraiser into this event, and it will be for the "Valley View Food Bank" with a 50/50 raffle, which means that 50% of the money goes to the food bank and one lucky raffle winner will get half the money. There will also be other raffle baskets offered with one valued at \$300.00.

Laura King announced:

Tickets to the St. Patrick's party will be sold for \$20.00 for the member and one person while any over 2 tickets will be \$25.00 each. It will be catered by Sharpos (sp), and there will be a band. See Laura for further information about this event.

Treasurer Karen Flores:

\$84,373. in treasury.

Anyone who has not paid their \$20.00 dues for 2025 is requested to do so.

Request dues be paid online on the Club Website using a credit card.

Someone noted that the Holiday party on January 3, 2025, was a big success and they have about 36 small wine glasses Computer West logo on them and Happy New Year 2025 left that they will sell for \$5.00 each. (See Norm Falcon for the person selling the glasses if you are interested in buying one or two of them.)

Anyone looking for either PC or Apple or Genealogy or Linux or Cord Cutting support see the newsletters or the website to sign up for support sessions.

The General meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM after which...

Jackie Sovereign gave a presentation on the website and newsletters:

She said she lives in Montana for half the year but works on the website with Vince and suggested that members access the website as it has a great deal more information than the newsletters. She presented how to pay dues online on the computerswest.org website as well as general information about the website.

Any questions about how to pay dues on the website can be answered by contacting the on-duty monitor in the Club Office.

It is a great deal easier for the Treasurer to handle the dues by having them paid on-line with a credit card as the money goes directly to the Rec Center.

All that is asked of members is to monitor once a year, however there is some discussion of making it twice a year because the club has to be closed when no one signs up to monitor. Monitoring hours during the winter months are 8 AM to 12 noon or 12 Noon to 4 PM. Just be aware of that, because some people feel like it would be more beneficial. Any questions about signing up to monitor can be addressed by the monitors on duty at the club.

After Jackie's presentation 3 members of the SCW AZ Fire & Medical Authority gave a presentation.