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OCLUG Board Meeting May 30, 2018

Attendees:

Board:

- Bruce Davis (x)
- Ian Gorman ()
- Ed Hong (x)
- Kelly Kendrick ()
- Scott Murphy (x)
- John Nash (x)
- Tug Wiliams (x)

Guests:

- None

Start time:

- 19:00
- Call to order - Tug
- Seconded - Ed

Location:

- Slack Board channel

Review of any outstanding minutes

Approval of previous minutes: May minutes not available

Regular Agenda Items

Committee Reports

New to Linux (New Users)

Suggestion to get new users

- Social networking ** Start using Twitter ** start a hashtag like linuxottawa ** Scott set up the twitter account linux-ottawa
- Show and tell at Senior's Expo or Canada Computers
- Setting up a booth at some point of the year at a University or college
- Promote the mailing list ** Caveat - it could mean a lot of email to be answered ** We could set up queries
- Television spot
- team up with something like TrashNothing to show how older machines can be given new life.
- a page for real life uses for your old laptop/pc

L3GO (Low Level Linux Group)

- meeting next week

OCLUG Customized Bunsen Labs Distro Project Update

John:

Treasurer’s Report

Balance: $5099.19

Mail System

We appear to have a slight issue in the mail system. Tug is having issues getting the system to accept posts as far as I can yell, it is an oddball postfix interaction.

Issue fixed during meeting.

Scott needs to perform some extra work to the back end that creates the archive, as my logo has not worked yet.

Meeting Rooms

Here are the rooms for the next few meetings: * Thursday, July 5th: Room P210 * Thursday, Aug 2nd: Room P216A

RE: We may not be able to get rooms in the future… Scott: I have not done much yet, going to try the library at Centerpointe tomorrow and see what our options are. I'll also try Loblaws in College Square

The list of repeating sessions

We have a short for repeating sessions:

- Outreach - to introduce more people to Linux ** Work arounds ** Equivalencies ** Who are the target audiences? *** People who want server/websites *** People who want home/office based servers *** People who want to run a family/community server *** People who want alternatives to Facebook ** Workshops for the public?
- explicit “reviving old hardware” discussions
- Distro talk
- Scripting
- Lighting Talk night - Ignite format

I’m thinking we should do a Linux Beginner session on a weekend, something along the lines of:

- Bring a recent vintage laptop that can boot from USB
- We will provide a linux distro on USB
- Boot into live mode
- Show that most cloud services are available
- Talk about other things we can do with it
- Talk about next steps

Maybe we should build a large list of these, shuffle them up and offer them on alternate months to the fixed topics? of course we could always punt a session if something really good comes along

the fixed topics are every three months in between, we are usually scrambling for topics so we could use this as topic material and offer a talk about one of them as a main or secondary topic and possibly have an additional talk or two of these.

It would be nice to set up the topics in advance and then have the entire year scheduled with an option to replace if we get someone with an idea or a guest speaker. It would help advertising the sessions as well.

Tug: I think we should aim for a more distant planning, so people can actually get excited about a topic… instead of just plan on turning up assuming it will be exciting

Planned Regular Meetings

July

Speaker: Topic: How to do an Ignite talk Speaker: Topic:

possible ignite talks: * How about 101 uses for an LED? * Ye Olde PDP Shoppe * Running RSTS for fun and Profit * COBOL on the RaspberryPI * building better business applications

Linux in the Wild

Same as last year I would think. Location: Strathcona Park Date: Second Sunday on July @ 13:00 Same format as well. I'll bring the cooler of drinks and the green one Aaron was hanging on to. People are encouraged to bring something to share.

August

Speaker: Topic: Speaker: Topic:

September

Speaker: Topic: Speaker: Topic:

List of future topics

This is a live wish list. It should grow and shrink with the topics we come up with. It is good to have a reference so we don't lose possible topics. Feel free to add to the list. [X] indicates we did this one.

- Use the update of the wiki as fodder for discussion? [X]
- Blogging
- Tools for making graphics in a productive fashion ** Ditaa as a possible options ** Mermaid as a possible options ** GraphViz ** Dia ** Even raw SVG production might be of interest.
- Node.js
- MongoDB
- Arduino Talk (Peter S)
- AngularJS & VScode
- Platform independency for application users: Why doesn't my program work on my computer? [X]
- MicroVAX (will eventually be a topic after Scott gets it all working) ** HW seems OK now that motherboard has been replaced ** Procuring an additional one that might allow me to figure out the remaining issues *** Issue getting the console working properly ** New (to me) VAX is on the way (I have it, still in the box) ** I have not yet looked at this and the new one is still in the box
- PDP8 emulator & PiDP8 Hardware Panel (More of a short talk) ** Scott Murphy (when completed)
- Obsolete telephone reuse ** Scott Murphy (has a project in the works) (getting back to that) **

Need to get back to this
- Virtual Box and Docker integration ** Have done a few things with this. Need to put together something
- Virtualizing a Physical machine remotely, using old tools for new tricks. ** Scott Murphy - I managed to virtualize Tux by screwing around with the hard disk to get enough space to create locations to do a backup. This could even be done over dialup if necessary. All CLI, all using existing Linux tools, no reboot necessary. This will be my May 2018 talk [X]
- Uncomplicated Firewall

New business:

Adjournment:

20:56 * Motion to close: Tug * Seconded: Ed

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