

GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday
May 4th 1999
8:00PM**

**St. Leander School
Davis Street – San Leandro**

April Stuff

The combined Regular meeting and ST/PC meeting took place as scheduled on April 12th. The meeting started on time and all the Officers were present.

After President Bridges disposed of the evenings business. (Somewhere between slim and none.) He reviewed the prizes for the crooked raffle which included a really great variety of hardware such as a twin 8 Bit disk drive and one of those funny looking robot things as well as a lot of software including Terry's donated Dune 2000, Taiwanese version. (This piece of software maybe around longer than Moses.)

The only new business was the Nomination of new Officers for the 1999/2000 Term. Some dimwit nominated all the existing Officers and after many boring campaign speeches nobody else wanted to be nominated. We will try to get some better candidates at the May meeting. There is no reason we can't get better nominees, just think about it the pay is good, it is easy work (Look at the existing Officers who are best at doing nothing.) and short hours.

When we all recovered from the hard work of the evening we proceeded with the evenings demonstrations by none other than Boob Woolley. The highlight of Bob's demonstration had to be the assortment of CPU's he brought to show how they had progressed over the years. The CPU's started with a 386, which is the size of a large postage stamp, Next a 200 Pentium Pro which is about twice as big as the 386. Next a Pentium II which, with it's case is huge about 5" long and almost 2" high. Last but not least of these modern CPU's was a Zeon II which makes the others look like toys. The Zeon measures about 5" square.

To complete his assortment of CPU's Bob had one of IBM's CPU's from 20 years in the past. This jewel came in it's own padded case that was almost a foot square. The CPU itself was about Four and a half inches square and an inch and a half thick. It was set into a machined aluminum mount and featured 1500 connection pins. It also had a removable handle to facilitate handling. This monster looked to be capable of at least running the world by itself. In reality by today's standard it was by far the least capable of all the CPU's that were there. Oh, did I forget to mention this little jewel cost \$100,000!

To complete his demonstrations Bob installed Windows NT 4 on his 200 Pentium Pro machine to show how simply it can be done. It did not seem to take much longer or require any special steps to install NT than it did to install Windows 98.

More Stuff

During Bob Woolley's CPU demonstration he mentioned that it would not be long before even Video would be built into CPU's. Guess what, Intel just announced that it's 810 chipset would include both video and sound capabilities. While that is not putting it into the CPU it is sure getting close.

Jim Moran - Secretary

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