Computer Team Meeting 12/23/21

Attendees: Melissa Pappas, Youa Thao, Gary Laskowski, Andrew Ward, Michelle Newell, Terry Hogan, Aado Perandi

PHA updates

Modem purchase:

The issue is should we get a cheaper modem or a newer one which is more expensive. (DOCSIS 3.0 vs 3.1)

DOCSIS 3.1 is the newer standard and should be supported longer. They run from around \$136 to \$200.

The more expensive modems should be supported for 5-8 years. DOCSIS 3.0 is still supported but we don't know how much longer Comcast is going to be supporting that standard.

The Presidents Council has around \$5000 to use for technology related purchases.

Buying modems that aren't yet needed was brought up. Having equipment just sitting round for some unspecified time doesn't make a lot of sense.

Getting just a few to have as backup was suggested. (Five would be a good number.)

Getting several different brands might be a good idea.

Getting new keyboards, mice, monitors was suggested.

Donated devices should not be older than a year and a half. They shouldn't have less than an i7 processor and 12GB of RAM.

The new IT contractor has been hired. His name is Derek Malone. A meeting with him and the Computer Team will be scheduled.

Computer rep updates

Seal has no computer problems. (Except for people eating by the computers.)

No problems at Cleveland.

Hamline is having an issue accessing Deepfreeze. (Also the admin account.) That can be fixed by turning off Deepfreeze and then logging out of the Resident account.

Wabasha has purchased their new modem. They still need it installed. They will be reimbursed for the purchase. Four additional modems will be purchased.

Ravoux is having some issues with their modem now.

Next Meeting: January 27th by Zoom