WATERLOO TECHNICAL SOCIETY
13 November 2002 MINUTES

The 13 November 2002 meeting of the Waterloo Technical Society was held at Greenstreets located at the Cedar Falls Holiday Inn with 27 members and 4 guests (31 dinner's total). President Brian Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM. Following the introduction of (4) guests, Past presidents and Honorary Members were recognized. Then the current officers were recognized.
Roger Mott, Co-Secretary read the minutes of the 9 October 02 meeting. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Co-Treasurer Dave Berry, which showed Income of $180.92, Expenses of $116.16 Resulting 31 October balance of $516.76.

Old Business: The e-mail list of member names was passed around for any updates. John Heckman recommended some people need to be verified. There are a number of regular attendees who have not paid 2003 dues. We need to push that these folks pay their dues.

Tim asks if anyone has access to the obituaries/pictures for the deceased members announced at last months meeting. The Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier would have them. If someone would have the Courier links (URLS) he could provide links back to the Courier's website.

Many favorable comments were received about the excellent dinners being organized by Bob Tujetsch.

New Business:
Tim Schoenfelder introduced the guest speaker Mr. Tony Geerts. (e-mail tgeerts@dyton.com) whose topic was the Linux operating system.

Tony Geerts received a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting from UNI in 1997 and is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). While working as an accountant, he became interested in the information technology field and is currently finishing a BA in Computer Science. Tony's hometown is Cowell, Iowa.
Tony works at Dyton Media, Inc. as their System Administrator and Senior Programmer. He has been active in the Cedar Valley Linux Users' Group as President and as an advocate for the Linux Operating System. Tony has contributed to the open source community by giving public presentations on various topics and providing answers about Linux.

Open Source Software is becoming a compelling force in the information technology world. It is more than just the Linux operating system. Open Source Software is a solution to use in your home, business, or enterprise without the cost of intrusive licensing agreements.

This presentation included a demonstration of Linux and other software one can use on a desktop. A discussion of how it is used in network environments followed the opening comments.

Refer to the WTS website for copies of the overheads and e-mail address of Mr. Geerts.

The meeting ended with Tim Schoenfelder presenting the speaker with a plaque.
The meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Mott and Jim Hein, Co-Secretary's