Waterloo Technical Society

September 11, 2019 Meeting

The September 11, 2019 Waterloo Technical Society (WTS) meeting was called to order by President Stevenson at 7:20 pm. President Stevenson welcomed visitors and noted that this was the first meeting of the 106th year of the Society.

A total of 31 members and guests attended.

Treasurer's Report. Ken Friend reported a beginning balance of $777.47. With no income from paid memberships and expenses of $40.00 for the May speakers' meals this leaves a new balance of $737.47. Treasurer Friend's report stated a total of 8 honorary and 2 paid members yielding a membership roster of 10 members.

Slate of Officers. Officers for the 2019-2020 year (year 106) were presented:

President:	Jim Stevenson
Co-Vice Presidents:	Jerry Mohling and Steve Crouse
Treasurer:	Kenneth Friend and Paul Anderson
Dinner Reservations:	Derek Eagles and Steve Lang
Secretary:	James Stevenson
Publicity/Recognition:	Vacant
Auditing:	Bill Mitchell and Jim Garrett
Nominating Committee:	Ralph Marrero
Web Site:	Tim Schoenfelder

This slate was modified after Herb Larsen was unable to accept the nomination for President. The slate was approved without objection.

Old Business. The topics for this year were reviewed. The dates, speaker and topics for the 106th WTS are:
Speakers for the 2018-2019 Meeting Year (Year 106)

September 11, 2019, Communication Technology, Hillary Menken, Talk to Me Technologies
October 9, 2019. Photojournalism Drones. Daniel Hampe, KWWL.
November 13, 2019. Infrared Thermopile Sensor Arrays. Dr. Jeffrey Nie, UNI.
January 8, 2020. Education Technology, Schindler Tour. Dr. Leigh Zeitz, UNI.
February 12, 2020. University Avenue Reconstruction. Michelle Sweeney, AECOM.
March 11, 2020. Website Development. Marc Reifenrath, SpinUTech.
April 8, 2020. Electric Bicycles. Brent Johnson, BikeTech.
May 13, 2020. Hearing Devices. John Sperry, Wolfe Clinic.

Discussion on the May 2018 motion to donate $250 to Tiny House Program at UNI concluded with a decision to identify where donations have been made and prioritize alternatives for donations for action at the November 13, 2019 meeting. President Stevenson and Treasurer Friend are to make a list and members to identify possible recipients. Item tabled until the November 2019 meeting. No discussion on this topic.

New Business. No new business discussed.

Guest Speaker. **Hillary Menken** has been with Talk to Me Technologies just shy of 3 years. She runs the Veteran and ALS Care programs as well as provides training across the United States to clients who receive a speech generating device through TMT. She is currently working on her Master in Business Administration.

Talk To Me Technologies received the 2018 Harold Brock Innovation Award. This award recognizes the efforts of a private sector firm for innovation in technology, advanced manufacturing or talent development.

Talk To Me Technologies was founded in 2006 by Matt Dunning, Marty Gallagher and Kate Dunning. They wanted to provide speech devices in a new way, using common sense and intuitive interfaces: their sales staff is comprised of Speech Language Pathologists who put their clinical expertise first and are led by the depth of their own knowledge and not by profit differentials from one device over another. Clients benefit from the simple notion of being matched with a speech device that works for them and not the other way around. Because of this, abandonment of the device is extremely rare, client satisfaction is high, healthcare expenses are minimized and they get to keep loving what they do.

Hillary had handouts for all of those attending. The handouts had the basic information that she reviewed during the presentation.



Talk to Me Technologies offers two major lines of Speech Generating Devices called Wego A's and Zuvo Eyespeak's. There was an interactive demonstration on each of the different devices. This included environmental control of lights and fan, eye tracking to select from menus, voice banking to keep frequently used phrases in memory, switch scanning and more. She reviewed the benefits of this technology emphasizing application to users with various needs (e.g. ALS, Autism, etc.).

More detailed information about device platforms, applications, and accessories was available at the meeting. The reader may also visit the website at www.talktometechnologies.com

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be October 9, 2019. Daniel Hampe, KWWL Chief of Photography, will speak about the use of drones in photojournalism.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Stevenson, President and Secretary