**SLO Bytes Computer Users’ Group**Minutes of the March 4th 2018 BOD Meeting

**Officers present**: Bob Styerwalt, John Waller, Ralph Sutter and Alan Raul

**Absent**: Earl Kaplan

**Other members present:** Linda Styerwalt, Pete Stonehewer, Russ Foster

Vice President **John Waller** called the meeting to order at 12:14 PM.
The minutes of the February 4th 2018 Board Meeting were approved as submitted.

Training Officer **Alan Raul** will miss the April 1st General Session. Secretary Ralph Sutter will take over the April First Session presentation duties. During today’s First Session presentation, Alan will play a video that explains the conflict between the SLO Guild and the Grange. SLO Bytes member and SLO Guild President Russ Foster will then update our membership on the matter. How the matter is resolved may well determine if SLO Bytes continues to meet in the SLO Guild Hall.

Raul confirmed that SLO Bytes member, Jim Carter will be today’s Second Session presenter.

Ralph advised the rest of the Board of Directors that Google will soon mark as unsecure web sites that do not have an SSL certificate. Sutter added that this only applies to pages with login and password fields. The SLO Bytes web site has no such fields on any page. However, the SLO Bytes Bulletin Board does so it will be tagged as unsecure. Sutter explained that this is an acceptable inconvenience. None of the content on the bulletin board is sensitive or restricted. Ralph feels that the added security is not worth the cost of purchasing the SSL certificate. The remainder of the BOD agreed with him.

Treasurer **Bob Styerwalt** notified the BOD that the SLO Guild has returned the unused portion of SLO Bytes annual rental payments. This is in response to the possible seizure of the Guild’s bank account if it loses an upcoming legal decision.

Styerwalt updated the BOD on membership renewals. Two members are delinquent beyond the 6 month window and will be marked as inactive. Their names will not be removed from the SLO Bytes listserv.

Program Chair **John Waller** doesn’t have a speaker lined up for the April Second Session. John has experimented with an added feature of the gaming program, Assassin’s Creed. The developers, in response to user requests, created a $20 module that gave the user detailed information about ancient Egypt ,free of the ability to shoot at anything. This is the first instance of which John is aware of a software developer taking this approach. Waller will continue to experiment with the program, perhaps presenting it to the group at a future date.

In lieu of a specific Second Session presenter for April, we will have an open forum, inviting SLO Bytes members to share their computer finds and false-steps.

The meeting ended at 12:32 PM.

**Ralph Sutter**