

**Minutes of the March 12, 2008
New Jersey Computer Club General Membership Meeting**

The meeting was held at the North Branch Reformed Church with 33 members present.

Vice-President John Beck opened the meeting with the Random Access session at 6:50 PM. Several topics were discussed including getting back WinXP after installing Vista. President Fred Sabin talked about Vista Service Pack 1 due to be released shortly. It has, at this time, special problems with installing and uninstalling that requires advanced knowledge to properly handle.

Fred described his adventures with Dazzle Platinum for converting VHS Tapes to Digital format in the computer and thence burning CD or DVD discs. There is a Dazzle Red version which sells for about \$45, but the \$90 Platinum package is more versatile. A Dazzle Review has been sent to NJCC members and posted on our NJCC website.

At 7:30 PM the meeting was called to order and the President called for approval of the recent Minutes and Treasurer's reports. The motion was seconded and approved.

The Association of Personal Computer User Groups is having a Leadership Development Conference on May 17th and 18th in West Nyack, NY for club officers. Fred proposed that he and George Daniel attend the meeting with the registration fees of \$49 each and car pool travel expenses of \$ 0.485 paid for by a grant of \$200 by the NJCC. The motion was seconded and approved by the membership.

He told of learning that thumb drives have a finite life dependent upon the number of file transfers. They will still last a long time, years, perhaps. He added that thumb drives should never be defragged like a hard disc drive.

Service Pack 3 for WinXP will soon be available, probably as an automatic download.

Doug Beck began his presentation on buying and selling on e-bay at about 8 PM. He described how to set up an account with e-bay and commented that one could be reasonably secure with giving personal and credit information. Once done, one should set up an account with Pay-Pal. They have a fee for sellers, but not buyers. He demonstrated how a buyer would pursue an item desired with many screens displayed and alternate items for selection. A service called Auction Snipe helps a serious bidder to cram in bids at the end of an auction sale making success more possible.

Doug will pick up on his presentation next month having to end his session at 9:15 PM. He plans to cover Selling an item on e-bay and the steps needed to properly present the item

Respectfully submitted,
Len Kopf, Recording Secretary.