

NGWTE Technology Monthly Report - October 2023

PowerPoint Presentation Updates:

- All 15 PowerPoint presentations have been visually enhanced with the correct UR logo and updated animations.
- Files have been shared for review, pending approvals by Training and Team Selection Committee chairs before release and website upload.

Financial Updates:

- Transferred the responsibility for all web-based financial services, listed below, to the NGWTE debit card.

GoDaddy (Monthly services and Domain renewals)

Constant Contact (monthly service charge)

Sign-up Genius (Annual service charge)

- Chrysalis uses Jet Pack services but I am unaware of any associated cost.

Researching Non-profit Services:

- Investigating the following services for our non-profit organization:
 - NGWTE Zoom Account for Community Use at \$75 per year. Motion to present to the Co-Board for approval, replacing personal accounts.
 - Google Workspace offers at zero cost:
 - Professional email addresses using our non-profit's domain
 - Support for 100 participant video meetings
 - 30 GB of cloud storage per user
 - Security and management controls
 - Standard support
- Currently awaiting approval response from a third-party vendor regarding our Google account for non-profit option.
 - Also need to consider the same option for Chrysalis and Face to Face communities
- Obtained approval for Microsoft non-profit for up to 10 users.
- Exploring the following for task ticketing systems. Will report our findings by December's Board meeting.
 - Asana
 - Clickup
 - Smartsheet
 - MS Excel custom spreadsheet

KR Infrastructure Updates:

- Trenched and installed 100 feet of electrical conduit connecting the main building to the White House.
- Pending installation of two runs of Cat 6 cables for phone, internet, security, and fire systems on Oct 7th.
 - A donated TV should be mounted along with a HDMI/Cat6/HDMI run in the Kitchen for future Chrysalis and NWGWTE Candlelights on October 7th.
- Successfully replaced our 8 port 100mps switch and installed a donated 16-port Gigabit switch in the music closet.
- Compiled proposal for KR network upgrades, including Ubiquiti Wireless Access Points (WAPs).
 - This will facilitate the ongoing conversion of existing thermostats to WiFi as recommended by our HVAC company, significantly enhancing our management of HVAC environment.

Music Closet Reorganization and Upgrade:

- Initiating upgrades in the KR music closet to improve resource tracking and deployment, including:
 - Cable reorganization and identification
 - Reorganization of music and microphone stands
 - Improved security of existing network equipment
 - Pending proposal for the purchase and installation of one rolling multi-drawer toolbox to organize cable and electronic storage and allow for a more convenient equipment distribution throughout the building for a weekend retreat
 - <https://www.harborfreight.com/46-in-9-drawer-mobile-storage-cabinet-with-solid-wood-top-red-57805.html>

Respectfully submitted,

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