2019 April 04: AGM & Discussions

Agenda

- AGM
  - *Election*
  - *President's Comments*
  - *Treasurer's Report*
  - *Ideas for future presentations*
- **Discussions**
  - *getting started with Linux, specifically what needs to be covered in a guide for new users*
  - *creation of a live USB distro. Goals, features, etc.*

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2019 Election

Candidates:

- *Bruce Davis*
- *Ian Gorman*
- *Ed Hong*
- *Scott Murphy*
- *John Nash*
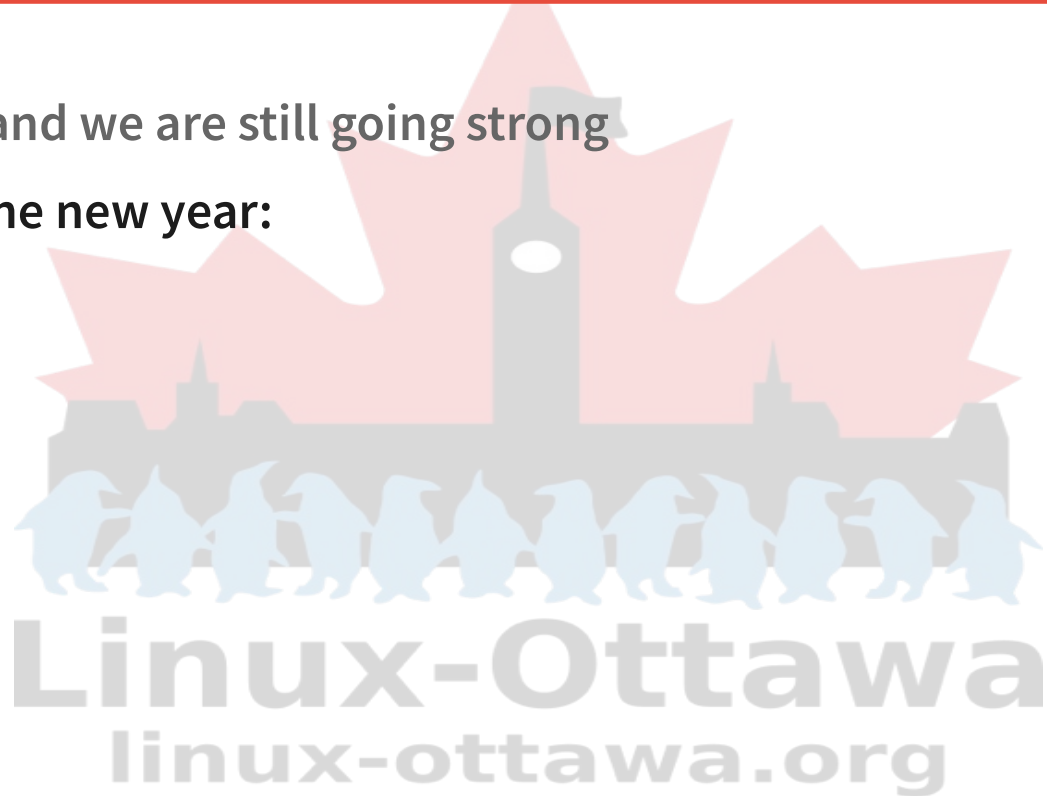- *Tug Williams*

- **Nominations from the floor?**

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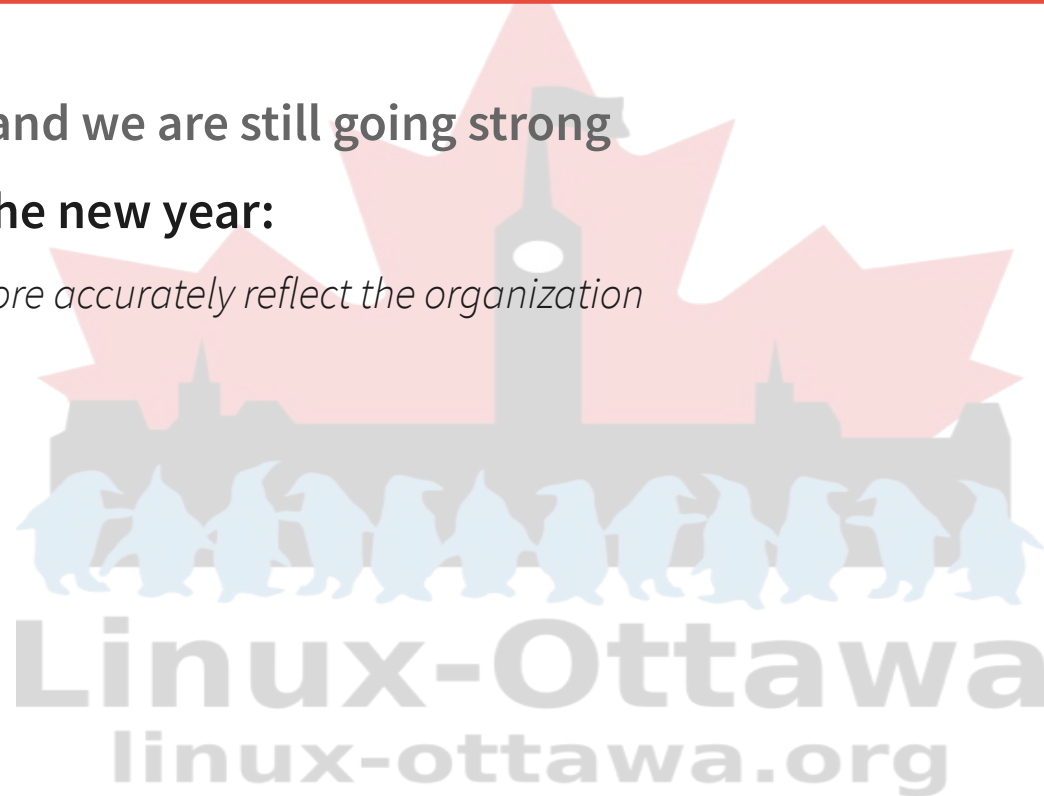
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Why are we looking into this?

The rules we are following are based on the prior non-profit requirements for the province

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Treasurer's Report

We have $5,059.92 in the bank with a pending deposit of $66.85 and a pending reimbursement to Scott (which I can't remember the amount)

Expenses have been low:

The cost of the stickers

Meeting room rental

Hosting the website

Linux in the Wild.

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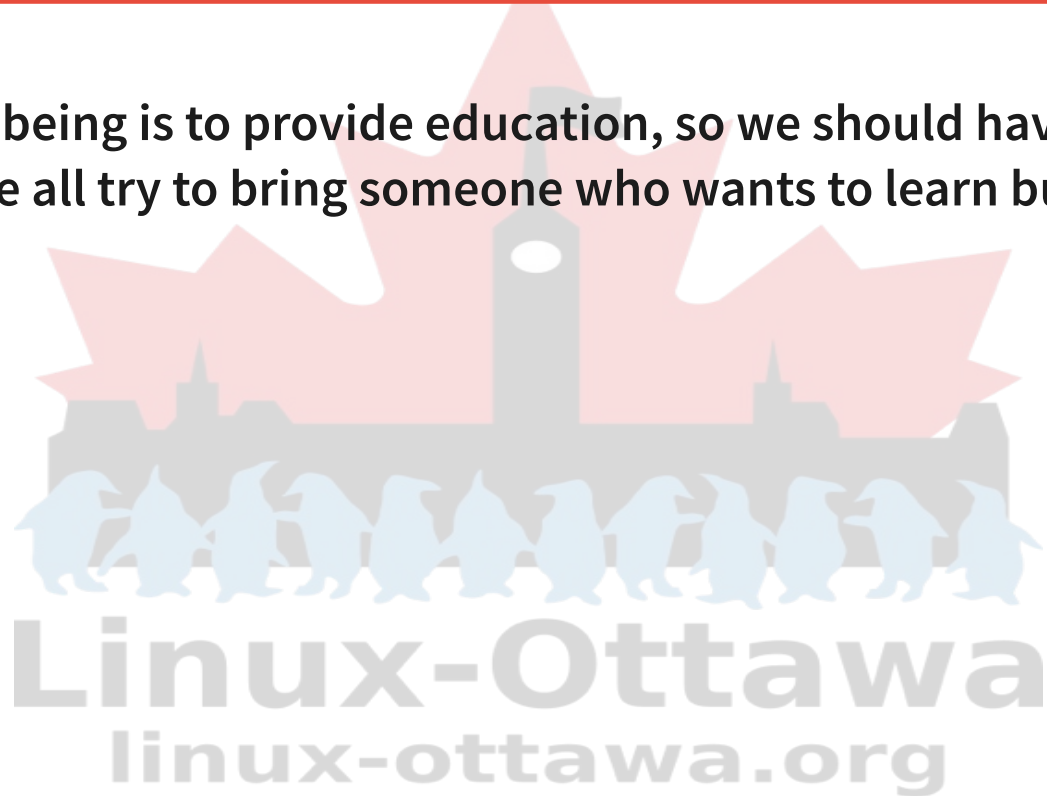
Cost recovery for the room:

Donations: Passing the hat.

Our current cost is low, so picking up ~$20 will cover rental. Anything above that goes into the bank for future expenses.

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Ideas for future talks

Part of our reason for being is to provide education, so we should have an "Intro to Linux" night where we all try to bring **someone who wants to learn but doesn't know** where to start.

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Ideas for future talks

Favourite program that you can't get along without & why.

Example candidates:

- *Utility software*
- *Email client*
- *Browser extension*
- *Something unexpected?*

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Ideas for future talks

Crypto...

What are people using?

Why?

Why not?

Open discussion

Encrypted files

Encrypted filesystems

Encrypted email

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Getting started with Linux

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What is Linux?

An Operating System for lightbulbs?

An alternative to Windows/macOS/chrome/etc.?

A way to make old computers useful again?

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Why use Linux?

You do not like Windows (or other OS)?

Cost?

Security?

Privacy?

Reliability?

Look & Feel?

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How do you pick a distribution (distro)?

Trick question. What is a distro?

> *Effectively the kernel and a set of packages bundled together to provide functionality*

> *Remember dos?*

Getting started with Linux

How do you pick a distribution (distro)?

Level of expertise

Ease of use

Personal requirements

Hardware limitations

Look & feel

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Getting started with Linux

How do you get Linux?

Download

Pre-installed

Buy media

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What do you do with that download/purchased media/whatever?

Boot from it!

Play with it

Run it live

Install it

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Where do you find distros?

There are many places to find them. An aggregator would be a place to start for new people so that they can get some choice.

Aggregator site:

https://distrowatch.com/

Other references:

https://www.techradar.com/news/best-linux-distro

https://itsfoss.com/best-linux-beginners/

https://thishosting.rocks/best-linux-distros-beginners/

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