Cumberland TLT Meeting May 15, 2003

Present: Yvonne Earvin, Lois Lee, Bruce Robinson, Doris Seal, Liz Jamerson, William Bagley, Jon Johnson, Jaime Shetrone, Van Petty.

Minutes: Minutes of the last meeting were approved as distributed.

Permission Signature: Van Petty informed new TLT members that a signed permission signature form was required of all new TLT members before their names can be put on the Community web page.

Name the Web Page Contest: Van Petty give the results of the Cumberland Patriot Day voting by county residents for the web page name. The winning selection was "Cumberland First for Independence". It won by a 50 vote margin. The second runner-up selection was "Patriot Place". Jovan Petty, an 8th grader at Cumberland Middle School, submitted the winning entry. She will receive a \$100 gift card donated by the Farmville Wal-Mart Store.

Designing the County Web Page: Jaime Shetrone and Jon Johnson, VA Tech Technology Specialists, led the TLT through the steps for designing the county web page. After reviewing examples of several community web sites, and a lot of discussion, the following actions resulted:

Title Page Name: Cumberland County

"Cumberland First for Independence"

Web Page Topics: Subheadings

People

Village Mall

Community Churches, Youth Groups, Services etc...

Government

Education/Libraries

Recreation/Leisure Services

Discussion Board

Emergency Services

Calendar

Quick Links:

Weather

Obituaries

Newspapers

Directions

Horoscope

Bruce Robinson agreed to get a User Agreement Statement for community groups/individuals that wish to host their web page on the community web site.

Van Petty will work with Jaime Shetrone and Jon Johnson on getting the Cumberland web page domain name registered. The TLT agreed to use the domain name *Cumberlandfirst.net*. Jaime suggested that we also register the .org and .com to prevent someone else from getting them and using Cumberlandfirst.org or .com. There are costs associated with the registration of a domain name(s). Van said he will discuss the cost with Judy Hollifield, County Administrator. King and Queen County registered their domain name for around \$15.00 per .net, .org, .com. which totaled \$45.00 a year.

Jaime suggested that we get a color scheme for our web page. The TLT agreed to use blue/gold.

The TLT agreed to rotate pictures of government buildings, schools, agriculture, historic interest, etc... on the community web page.

Conduct Fall Business workshops on how to design a web page for businesses with 5 or fewer employees. Jon Johnson agreed to assist with these workshops.

Conduct community awareness workshops in the fall on use of the community web pages for interested groups and individuals. Jon agreed to assist the TLT in getting speakers.

The cost for hosting a web page on the Cumberland community web page is \$20.00. Groups and organizations are not required to have a computer with an ISP to host a web page on the Cumberland community web page. Any group, church, etc... can have a web page for \$20.00 a year.

If you would like to look at some examples on the World Wide Web of community web pages, I suggest that you view the following:

Kqinfotrail.bev.net or Louisa.bev.net or bev.net or chills.net
Username: toptlt
Password: pass4top

As you can see, the community web page is becoming a reality. We invite all TLT members and those who participated in the Take Charge sessions to participate with the design of the web page. The next meeting of the Cumberland TLT is June 17th, 7:00 p.m. at the Cumberland Extension Office. If you have questions, give me a call at 492-4390 or e-mail me at vpetty@vt.edu.