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Subject: Exploratory Meeting Minutes

Dear Linux Cert Study Group,

Today Justin Ehrlichman, Brandon Poyner, and I met for two hours at Panera's in Oakland to discuss potential activites for the Linux Cert Study Group. We met by the fireplace since a card club had the VIP room. Panera's was pretty busy. I noticed a couple other groups in various corners, but it worked out very nicely. I appreciated the free wireless Internet access.

Salient items of discussion:

- We should establish a blog, or discussion board of some sort for exchange of ideas, observations, etc. Justin offered to host some sort of service.
- We should try to set up a WPLUG mail list, if possible so we are not dependant on replying to group emails, which can't easily be maintained.
- There is still some level of interest in Redhat certification, but it seems that LPI is the more logical starting point - especially for WPLUG since it is distro neutral.
- The WPLUG wiki (http://wplug.ece.cmu.edu/wiki/index.php/Study_Group) should be a useful mechanism for exchange of information. I have posted links I have received from others in the group. Vance also posted a resource.
- I learned from Vance that Ohio Linux offered a reduced price LPI exam on site. It would be interesting to learn how they did it. Is WPLUG able to offer something similar?
- Perhaps the study group could make lightning talks or present topics at GUMs, which would be of interest to the membership. Justin said he is willing to make a presentation.
- If somebody comes up with an idea for a lab, we have 3 possible facilities where we could offer them: Scott McFall offered Protech in Monroeville; Mike Griffin offered Newport Business Institute in Lower Burrel and I offered the PC lab at my church in Carrick. Depending on the type of lab, one location may be preferred over another.

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ps. Justin and Brandon - If I left anything out, please respond.