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Meeting summary for Thinking Out Loud w/Friends (02/29/2024)

Quick recap

The meeting covered a range of topics, from technical difficulties experienced by team members to discussions about professional projects. curt shared his system setup and management for shows, and the team discussed potential issues with David's computer. They also explored the challenges of running audio and data monitoring, and the need for further independent verification before making final decisions. The conversation ended with a discussion about the unique challenges faced by lottery winners and professional athletes in managing their wealth.

Summary

Technical Difficulties and Potential Upgrades

The meeting involved technical difficulties with audio and video equipment, with SoundBroker-Jan experiencing problems with his microphone and camera. Despite these issues, he managed to send out emails and discuss potential upgrades to his Mac computer. There was also mention of a program called 'Setapp', but no details were provided.

Technical Issues, Concert Tickets, and Airbnb Location

David experienced technical difficulties with his computer and had to use a temporary MacBook Pro. The team discussed potential issues with David's computer, including its memory and motherboard, and the operating system. David confirmed his computer was still under warranty and he was waiting for Apple to repair it. He planned to restore his computer from a Time Machine backup once it was fixed. The team also discussed the cost of a contact management tool and curt's recent project sales. Ken inquired about ticket availability for a concert in Bend, Oregon, and curt suggested he could arrange tickets. They also discussed a unique Airbnb location, a former Blockbuster video rental store.

Curt's System Setup and Bend Travel

curt shared about his system setup and management for shows, which involves renting a 26-foot box truck that houses the system when not in use. He also mentioned his frequent travel between Seattle and Bend, Oregon, where he rents a house and stores the system for the contract season. Bend was described as a hub of activity year-round, with its proximity to a ski resort and various outdoor activities. curt also mentioned his professional relationship with Marni, the owner of the amphitheater in Bend, and her family's significant influence in the region's real estate development. The discussion ended with curt providing advice on where to stay in Bend, recommending the Hilton Garden Inn due to its proximity to everything.

Technical Discussions and Concerns

The team discussed a variety of topics, from personal anecdotes to technical issues. SoundBroker-Jan experienced difficulties with Zoom, while curt and Christopher focused on technical aspects of line array boxes and Cisco's catalyst product line. Concerns were raised about the temperature rating of switches, with Christopher suggesting a presentation by a former Cisco employee. The team also discussed the challenges of running audio and data monitoring, with curt expressing concerns about heat, vibration, and weather resistance. Ken shared his experience with a successful data monitoring solution, sparking further exploration. The team agreed on the need for further independent verification before making a final decision.

Switching Challenges and Port Security

Christopher, Curtis, and SoundBroker-Jan discuss the challenges of using net gear switches and the need for a separate power brick for smaller switches. They consider using Polycom's conference phones and port security on advanced Cisco switches. Christopher explains that port security means only Mac addresses can send and receive packets over the switch, and any foreign Mac addresses are blocked. They also mention that high-end Ethernet boxes can be used on low-end net gear.

Music, Humor, and Discoveries

The team discussed various topics, including switches and a super busy individual who enjoys building things. They also shared updates about a potato joke and found Paul McCartney's bass used to record classic Beatle tunes. The conversation then shifted to cover bands, with SoundBroker-Jan sharing his experience of seeing a cover band in Thailand. Ken told a story about Billy Joel hiring a lead singer from a Long Island cover band to do sound checks for him. The team also shared stories about musicians discovered through YouTube videos.

Scam Alert: Film Industry and Monte Carlo Apartments

The team discussed various scams, highlighting the case of the "Con Queen" who targeted individuals in the film industry by offering job opportunities in Jakarta. The scammer would gradually convince the victims to send money for various reasons, accumulating millions of dollars from many people. The team also discussed another scam where a person advertised affordable apartments in Monte Carlo and collected money from unsuspecting victims. The conversation emphasized the importance of vigilance against such scams and the tactics scammers use to exploit people's desires and greed.

Financial Challenges of Lottery Winners and Athletes

The team discussed the unique challenges faced by lottery winners and professional athletes in managing their wealth. They noted the prevalence of theft and poor financial management leading to loss of wealth. The conversation also touched upon the potential difficulties college students might face if they started making significant money without proper financial education. The team was intrigued by John Oliver's offer to Clarence Thomas, which led to a discussion on the importance of financial education.

Pet Loss and Music Sharing

The participants shared personal stories about their pets, with a focus on the loss of a beloved pet. They also discussed songs and music related to pets. The conversation was emotional, with several people tearing up as they recounted their experiences. No specific decisions, next steps, or action items were identified in this segment.

Politics and Business: Trump and PA Boxes

The conversation was a mix of politics and business. The participants expressed their views on the current political climate, with a focus on the potential for Donald Trump to be found ineligible for office. They also discussed the implications of this scenario on society and the Supreme Court's role in it. Towards the end, they shifted their discussion to a business-related matter, specifically about the potential sale of some PA boxes. The conversation concluded on a light note, with the group discussing the story of the camel and the tent.

Team Supports SoundBroker-Jan's Challenges

The team's discussion started with light-hearted banter, with Curt and David sharing jokes. However, the mood shifted when SoundBroker-Jan shared his health issues and living situation concerns. He revealed that he has a health issue, needs to find a new place to live by May, and his partner is applying for a US visa. He expressed his frustration about his inability to influence change and the potential risks of moving to Canada. The team expressed their support and concern for SoundBroker-Jan. There was also a discussion about a technical issue with the screen display causing confusion. SoundBroker-Jan also shared his feelings about a woman he's in a relationship with and a friend named Max who has not been in contact lately.

