The primary agenda item for this week's meeting is sorting out the library book orders for the 2008-2009 school year.

It was agreed at last week's meeting that we would buy a few books suggested by students and alumni. This left just under $1,400. We decided that each faculty would generate a list of between $400 and $500 of books, and we'll pool those lists today and generate the final order list.

Probably the highest priority will be books that directly support courses we're offering next year.

Another important goal is to make sure we have some breadth in the list, and make some effort to cover areas that are important in the field, but not necessarily areas of special interest for any of us. Broadly speaking this would include, for example, the systems area and more specific topics such as OS, DB, and networking.

To catch everyone up, the 6 computers, the 10 monitors, and the iMac have all been ordered. I have no news on any of the other lab purchase ideas, but we'll need to be moving on that quickly.

There are a bunch of minutes floating around. I'll try to collect at least some of them together before the meeting so we can approve a few sets. Eli, for example, posted the minutes from the last week on the Agendas & Minutes wiki page

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Thanks,

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