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Meeting Minutes

A meeting was held on Thursday March 5, 2009 at 5:30 PM at the Waubonsee Community College to discuss the current status of the Consortium.

Board Members present:

Gary Golinski – Yorkville
Jane Regnier – Waubonsee
Max Herwig – North Aurora
Scott Mulliner – Plano

Other Attendees:

Mike Rennels – Program Director SWFVCTC

Topics of Discussion:

Meeting Minutes Approval

Gary made a motion to approve the January 8th meeting minutes and Scott seconded the motion. All Board members present voted yes. Motion passed.

Budget Report

The checking account has a balance of \$252,519.14 as of 03/01/09.

Payment of Current Bills

None

Collection of Quarterly Consortium Membership Fees

Max reported that the 4th quarter fees have been billed. A discussion on the AT&T U-Verse

Old Business

Manager Report

Mike reported that the TVP001 class will be over Saturday March 7th and five of the ten students are signing up for the advanced editing class. He reported that the new computers can in and look great.

Jane reported that the interviews were complete and that it was decided to hold off on any hiring until the economy turns around.

Member Report - None

Others - None

New Business

Manager's Report

Mike presented the proposed new budget for 2009-2010 a copy will be sent to each member. It was decided to increase the streaming video expense from \$10K to \$20K. Gary made a motion to approve the budget of \$200,423.00 and Scott seconded the motion. All Board members present voted yes. Motion passed.

Max talked about the 4 channel encoder and reported that Comcast will not pay for the encoder which will cost about \$12,000.00. They stated that if and when another community needs channels Comcast will have that community buy the channels from us so we will be reimbursed up to \$6,000.00. They mentioned that Montgomery would be a possibility in the near future. Scott made the motion to approve the purchase of the encoder and Gary seconded the motion. All Board members present voted yes. Motion passed.

Mike talked about starting up channel 10 as our government channel and to help promote the channel he is taping a couple of new monthly programs that will be on channel 10. The first is Fox Valley in Focus, hosted by Cindy Bravo from Comcast. The first taping will be March 14th and the guests will be Trustee Max Herwig from the Village of North Aurora and Police Chief Steve Eaves from the City of Plano. The second new program is called Meeting with the Mayors. Mike handed out a letter/survey that he will be sending to all of the community leaders. The letter/survey is seeking input from the community leaders on what types of programs would they like to see on the government channel.

Mike reported that the new computers are in and that there has been no interest from the consortium board on wanting the old Macs. Mike proposed to sell four of the computers and use one as a prize for the producers.

Mike reported that on March 12th a crew will be shooting the candidate forum in North Aurora and on March 26th in Plano.

Member Reports

Gary asked about the telecommunications tax. Scott explained that the telecommunication tax is part of the overall utility tax and includes cell phones.

Other

The schedule for the next meeting was discussed. The Board agreed on having a meeting April 2 at 5:30 PM at Waubensee.

Audience Comments

None

Schedule next meeting

The next meeting will be at 5:30 PM on April 2, 2009 at Waubensee.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion to adjourn was made by Jane and seconded by Gary, All Board members present voted yes. Motion passed.

Please direct any corrections or question on the above to Max Herwig via email or 630-697-5285.

Respectfully,
Max Herwig