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## **Meeting Minutes**

A meeting was held on Thursday June 5, 2008 at 5:30 PM at the Waubensee Community College to discuss the current status of the Consortium.

### **Board Members present:**

Jane Regnier – Waubensee  
Cara Killey - Sandwich  
Max Herwig – North Aurora  
Scott Mulliner - Plano

### **Other Attendees:**

Mike Rennels – Program Director SWFVCTC

### **Topics of Discussion:**

#### **Meeting Minutes Approval**

Jane made a motion to approve the May 1st meeting minutes and Scott seconded the motion. All Board members present voted yes. Motion passed.

#### **Budget Report**

The checking account has a balance of \$474,317.94 as of 06/01/08.

#### **Payment of Current Bills**

No Bills

#### **Collection of Quarterly Consortium Membership Fees**

First quarter billing fees were sent out. Max brought up the 2% fee vs. the 1% fee. We need to make a decision as to what fee percentage we should be collecting moving forward. There was some discussion around the 1% and would that be enough to pay for all our expenses including another full time employee. Max stated that he would keep the 2% vs. 1% on the agenda to be sure we get it discussed and resolved quickly.

#### **Old Business**

##### **Manager Report**

Mike reported that the June 7<sup>th</sup> class of TVP001 has been cancelled due to lax of students signing up. This could be a result of it being a summer class just after school had let out.

##### **Member Report**

##### **Others**

##### **New Business**

##### **Manager's Report**

Mike reported that AT&T has given a ten day notice to Yorkville which makes them the first Community in the Consortium to receive notice. Max stated that our attorney has been in touch with the Yorkville Administrator and had several discussions with them about the 10 day notice.

Mike handed out copies of a report from Access Sacramento of California on how AT&T was rolling out their PEG channels which was not in agreement with how they are suppose to be doing so. Per the report, AT&T is in violation of the new Illinois law because they are not mapping across access channels with the same channel identity. In our case, they would need to map their channels to channel 99 for education, 10 for government and 17 for public access. AT&T is grouping all the access channels to a single menu-driven channel. In addition they are not showing the programming on a full screen. We need to be sure as they roll out their program and channel assignments with Yorkville that they adhere to the new laws.

Mike stated he is helping Yorkville fill out the AT&T questionnaire around channel assignments for our PEG. He also requested that we activate channel 10 so that it is active when AT&T comes into Yorkville.

Jane stated that AT&T has requested of Waubensee to put their equipment for the public access channel on the Waubensee campus. Jane wanted to be sure that it was okay with the Consortium. Permission was given to do so.

Mike requested a 10 X 10 space at each of the town festivals of the Consortium communities to help promote channel 17 and hand out information on classes.

Mike gave a report on one of the producers who has put together a feature length film around the Star Wars theme. Mike will send out an email with the link to the producer's Blog on the web site of what he has done and the background that has gone into making the film. The producer will be at the next producers meeting and Mike will let us know when that meeting is. He also stated that there was a grass roots movement by the producers from Oswego to address the action by the Village of Oswego from the Consortium.

Mike invited the board to the next producers meeting on July 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

#### **Member Reports**

None

#### **Others**

#### **Audience Comments**

None

#### **Schedule next meeting**

The board agreed to skip the July meeting and meet in August. The next scheduled meeting will be August 7, 2008 at 5:30 PM at Waubensee.

#### **Meeting Adjourned**

A motion to adjourn was made by Jane and seconded by Cara, 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