

TWICE

May 12, 2003

1:00-2:55

Members present: Sue Porter, Eric Packer, Wanita Kampmueller, Terry Harrington, Janine Lim, Arnie Comer, Michael Maison, Jerry Allen, and Debbie Glasgow

Absent: Bruce Pawlowski, Michael Richardson, and Diane Zoellmer

The TWICE video was presented by Mike, Terry, Sue, and Jerry from St. Clair ISD. Comments and suggestions were made. Mike will send a copy via email. Board members will have until Friday to make suggestions. The final copy will be completed by May 21st to be used by Janine for the ATA design team meeting. This 9-10 minute video will be a wonderful tool for promoting the use of interactive distance education. Thank you for a job well done.

It was suggested that each regular member of TWICE receive a copy of the video when dues are paid for 2003-2004 and that additional copies be sold for \$15.

TWICE Retreat

We will meet at 7:00 PM on June 10th at the Fifth Third Baseball Park. We will be on the grass and are welcome to bring our own lawn chairs. Rooms will be reserved near the ball park. The work sessions on June 11th will take place at the Kent ISD. Elections will have taken place by this date and we may have new board members attending.

Committee Reports:

PD / Eric and Bruce/ no new information

Shared Classes / Sue and Terry / Comment on the use of the list serve. Sue has received calls and questions about shared classes and she refers them to the list serve however the list serve does not get used.

Special Projects / Deb and Diane/ A written report about Read Across America will be handed in at the TWICE retreat. Michigan Collaborative is taking place. Approximately 70 connections have been registered for this project.

Field trips / Jerry and Janine/ They requested time on the TWICE Retreat agenda to work on the fieldtrip database.

Tech Support/ Mike/ He will revisit the database. Discussion on how budget cuts are affecting distance learning.

Communications/ Terry and Deb/ no new information

Dues and Treasury / Terry

32 regular members, one member in Indiana has already paid membership for 2003-2004.

Election of board members opened today and will end May 23rd. Discussion about full or regular members, and associate membership. It was suggested that the TWICE Retreat agenda include a clarification of the constitution as it refers to membership and participation on the TWICE board.

Terry asked how others pay for virtual fieldtrips.

- Chippewa funds the conference and phone lines but not bussing. They have a budget of \$15,000 for the year.
- St. Clair has a budget of \$13,000 for the year. They have paid for the conferences.

- Kent has a variety of options. They pay half in some cases. Some schools collect \$1 from each participating student. They recommend PTO support and business partnerships.
- Berrien County pays for projects and line fees. They have no budget for fieldtrips. They apply for local foundation grants and have building write mini grants for the money.
- Midland has a superintendent's fund and they set aside \$10,000 for distance learning this year. They do not pay for busses.
- Wexford Missaukee ISD pays all line charges. CTC has provided career funds for fieldtrips.

Round Table discussion:

COSI Toledo is very pleased with the number of conferences scheduled by TWICE members.

Diane Zoellmer has submitted two presentations for the MAME Conference October 29-31, 2003 in Grand Rapids. Diane and Wanita will present one session on ASK and the second session will focus on TWICE and the variety of applications for distance learning.

WMU Ed Tech Pre-Conference was well received. It was suggested that we add conference presentation planning to the agenda for the TWICE retreat. Included in the discussion needs to be the policy and plans for presentations at tech conferences and other conferences.

Sue suggested that the three MCODEC content providers be featured at all conferences next year. The three sites are:

Gerald R. Ford Museum in Grand Rapids (Would like to stick to Michigan connections only. There is no fieldtrip cost for Michigan schools, line cost only.)

Michigan State Museum in Lansing

Cranbrook Center in Detroit

Agenda for the TWICE retreat needs to include plans for next year. Possibilities suggested by Janine are:

A virtual college fair

Where in Michigan

Reorganize board committee structure around events.

TAPPED IN an online community based in California.

TWICE meetings for 2003-2004 will be from 1:00-3:00 on the second Monday of each month from August through May. (March meeting is held at the MACUL conference)

Next meeting is the TWICE Retreat June 11th.

Respectfully submitted by Wanita Kampmueller Secretary