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Area 9 Cable Council, 17 Crawford Rd, Westport, CT 06880 www.a9cc.org

TO: A9CC MEMBERS **March 28, 2014**
FROM: Judith Freedman, Secretary
RE: MINUTES OF MEETING (February 19, 2014 at Wilton Library)

ATTENDANCE:

Darien:
Easton: Andy Anderson
Greenwich: Paul Curtis
New Canaan: Paul Sedlak
Norwalk: Erin Herring
Redding: Robert Moran
Stamford:
Weston: Don Saltzman, Harvey Bellin, Erik Haakonsen
Westport: Hal Levy, Judith Freedman,
Wilton: Phil Sharlach, Gary Battaglia
Cablevision: Jennifer Young
Ed Access Committee: Aaron Johnson (Greenwich)

Excused: Jim Cameron, David Dever (Darien); Doug Dempsey (Easton); Stu Reider (Greenwich); Art Scialabba, Herb Grant (Norwalk); Stanley Witkow (Westport)
HL called the meeting to order at 6.00 PM. 8 towns were represented. Thanked Wilton's Philip and Gary for hosting.

1. **The minutes** of November 20 were approved as written.
2. **The Treasurer's report** was presented by Hal Levy and approved. JY presented the Council with checks of \$2,000 to cover the statutory annual funding of the Council operations, \$100,000 for 2014 E&G access funding and \$44,363.60 for U-verse E&G access funding accrued by CV.
3. **Updates on old business:**
 - A9CC appointments: Govt. - No appointments from Greenwich & Stamford; Educ. - No appointments from Darien, Greenwich, Norwalk, Stamford, Wilton & Region 9
 - 2013 Access Report submitted to CV on 1/8
 - 2013 A9CC Annual report submitted to PURA on 1/30 and copied to Town CEO's & School Superintendents
4. **2013 access grant program**
 - \$1,500 Educational Access grant presented by Aaron Johnson for 2013-14 EAAA was approved
 - \$6,424.00 Educational Access grant presented by Erik Haakonsen on behalf of Weston was approved.
 - \$7,285.90 Educational Access grant presented by Aaron Johnson on behalf of Greenwich was approved
 - \$4,497.91 Educational Access grant for New Canaan was approved.

5. **Review of proposed amendments to A9CC By-Laws**

HL read all the proposed By-Laws amendments. Erik Haakonsen had concerns with having grant applications approved by the Educational Access Sub-Committee submitted to the full Council for approval, feeling that such a change would render the committee's action as unnecessary. There was much discussion on how it's the full Council's responsibility for administering the grant program and that in the past, Educational member John Repicky attended all Educational committee meetings as well as all full Council meetings and also administered the entire grant program. This connection no longer exists. The proposed amendment for Educational grants will be modified to address the concerns. The final vote on the By-Laws changes will be made at the April 2nd A9CC meeting. Members may email change requests to HL and he will share with the council prior to the vote.

6. **Review of AT&T sale of CT U-verse to Frontier Communications**

AT&T and Frontier have reached an agreement for the sale of all AT&T wire based operations including U-verse video service. The sale still needs the approval of the regulatory authorities. Frontier announced that it would continue offering U-verse.

7. **Review of Cablevision rate changes**

As of January 1, 2014, Cablevision increased rates of Optimum Economy & Sports and Entertainment Pak for new customers only. HBO a la carte and DVR Plus service increased for all customers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Next meeting: April 2, 2014 in Easton

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Freedman, Secretary