

A.9.C.C.

TO: A9CC MEMBERS
FROM: Hal Levy
RE: MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2022 MEETING VIA ZOOM

March 26, 2022

ATTENDANCE:

- Darien: Jim Cameron, David Dever, Joan McGettigan
- Easton: Doug Dempsey, Andy Anderson
- Greenwich: Craig Jones, Barbara Heins, Horst Tebbe, Don Conway, ~~Michael Reid~~
- New Canaan: ~~Paul Sedlak, Bob Doran~~, Roman Cebulski
- Norwalk: Irene Dixon, Mark Minnock, ~~Andy Garfunkel, Trevor Kline~~
- Redding: Bob Moran
- Stamford: ~~Bob Lion, Eric Merson~~, Alec logman
- Weston: ~~Don Saltzman, Gabe Tully~~
- Westport: Hal Levy, Stan Witkow, Natalie Carrignan
- Wilton: ~~Gary Battaglia~~, Jeffrey Boehme, Fran Kompar
- Region 9: Mike D’Agostino
- Altice: Esme Lombard
- Ed Committee: Julie Casper Roth (NCC)
- Guests:

Excused: Paul Sedlak, Bob Doran (New Canaan); Andy Garfunkel (Norwalk)

Hal called the Zoom meeting to order at 5:03pm with nine towns represented.

1. **Minutes** of the February 2 meeting was approved.
2. **Financial Report** was approved.
3. **Old Business:**
 - 2021 I-Net Reports / Programming Logs: No new grants awarded without report. Reports have not been submitted by Greenwich, Norwalk, Weston & CSH Education and Weston Government. Greenwich E has not taken grant money since 2019 and has been advised to submit programming information in lieu of logs for 2020 & 2021 on its grant request.
4. **2022 Round 1 grant program:** Round 1 grants totaling \$132,000. Unused Round 1 funds + UVerse funds will be used for round 2 grants. \$66,000 each to E & G, 10 grants of \$6,600 on the Government side, Breakdown of the Educational portion to be determined by the Ed Committee, A maximum of \$2,500 for each grant can be allocated to operations, The deadline is May 11 for submitting Government grants and 1 week before the September meeting (TBD) for submitting Educational grants (as amended by Roman’s request). Unused Round 1 funds retained separately in E&G funds for Round 2 grants.

The following grant applications were considered:

Town/School	Amount	Ops	Notes/Status
Darien G	\$2,694.12	0	Approved
Wilton E	\$9,812.50	0	Approved

Delinquent Grant Reports

Town/School	Amount	Date Paid	Date Due	Notes/Status
Weston G	\$4,000.00	12/21/2020	2/19/2021	J. Luiz will submit
Weston G	\$2,500.00	12/29/2020	6/27/2021	J. Luiz will submit
New Canaan E	\$10,220.50	10/1/2021	11/30/2021	Roman will submit
Westport G	\$3,399.50	11/15/2021	1/14/2022	Extend to next meeting
Redding G	\$2,000.00	12/17/2021	2/15/2022	*Report submitted after mtg

5. **Annual Meeting Planning:** The Annual Meeting will be held on 5/25 at 5:00pm via Zoom. Officers will be elected. The Council voted Bob Moran and Doug Dempsey to the nominating committee to present a slate of nominees for Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary & Treasurer at the Annual Meeting. The Education Committee will be resuming the Educational Access Awareness Awards (EAAA) and will make a presentation at the Annual Meeting.

6. **Other Matters**

- GCTV – Barbara brought up concerns about a proposal made by a Greenwich based Marketing firm to the Board of Selectman, which would utilize the Greenwich Community Television Government Access Channel as part of an effort to promote Greenwich Town and businesses. She pointed out aspects of the proposal which appeared to violate several guidelines of the *Cablevision Guide to Producing Public, Educational and Governmental Access Programs*. This document reflects standards put forth by the FCC for Public Access channels. It is out of date on technology aspects of program production but probably current on acceptable programming content. Esme will look into updating the document. Some members expressed concern on the commercialization of access channels. Bob Doran, who was not at the meeting, emailed to offer help with how New Canaan Public Television is set up and is within the guidelines. Bob and Barbara will have a conversation and we will review this in future meetings.

Future meetings: 5/25/22. Annual Meeting 5:00pm via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 5:48pm