

A.9.C.C.

TO: A9CC MEMBERS **September 23, 2021**
FROM: Hal Levy
RE: MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 MEETING VIA ZOOM

ATTENDANCE:

Darien: Jim Cameron, Joan McGettigan
Easton: Doug Dempsey, Andy Anderson
Greenwich: Craig Jones
New Canaan: Bob Doran, Roman Cebulski
Norwalk: Irene Dixon, Mark Minnock, Andy Garfunkel
Redding: Bob Moran
Stamford: Bob Lion, Eric Morson, Alec logman
Weston:
Westport: Hal Levy, Stan Witkow, Natalie Carrignan
Wilton: Gary Battaglia, Jeffrey Boehme, Fran Kompar
Region 9: Mike D'Agostino
Altice: Esme Lombard
Ed Committee: David Pisani, Julie Casper Roth
Guests:

Excused: Horst Tebbe (Greenwich)

Hal called the Zoom meeting to order at 5:04pm with nine towns represented. New members Andy Garfunkel from Norwalk G, Eric Morson from Stamford G and Alec logman from Stamford E were welcomed to the Council.

1. **Minutes** of the May 26 meeting was approved.
2. **Financial Report** was approved..
3. **Old Business:**
 - A9CC appointments through 6/1/23: Appointment letters were sent to town CEO's and schools superintendents in June and follow-ups in August. No appointments from G->Greenwich, Weston, Wilton; E->Greenwich, Norwalk, Weston. Those members were asked to touch base with their appointing authorities. Check A9CC.org for status.

4. **2021 Round 1 grant program:**
The following applications were reviewed:

Town/School	Amount	Ops	Notes/Status
Darien E	\$2,314.00	0	Approved
New Canaan E	\$10,220.50	0	Approved
Region 9 E	\$9,995.00	0	Approved
Westport E	\$8,135.76	0	Approved
CSH E	\$10,556.85	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	Andy will f/u with Jonathan
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New Canaan G	\$6,250.00	3/25/2021	5/25/2021	Extended to next meeting
Redding G	\$3,750.00	6/2/2021	8/1/2021	Received after meeting
Westport G	\$3,750.00	6/2/2021	8/1/2021	Hal will f/u with Eileen

5. **2021 Round 2 Access Grants:**

	Educ.	Govt.
Round 2 Uverse Alloc.	\$6,384.27	\$6,384.27
Round 1 unused	\$8,733.82	\$28,750.00
Funds returned	\$0.00	\$0.00
Available for Round 2	\$15,118.09	\$35,134.27
Normalized Available	\$15,000.00	\$35,000.00

\$15,000 for Educ. grants, \$35,000 for Govt. grants. 10 grants of \$3,500 on the Government side were created. The breakdown of the Educational portion is to be determined by the Ed Committee. A maximum of \$1,500 for each grant can be allocated to operations. The deadline for submitting grants from the towns & schools is 12/8/2021.

6. **Programming ideas for the access channels:** Jim spoke to an initiative to expand programming on the E&G access channels through a number of means. One is the sharing of programs amongst the Area 9 channels. An example is to make available the fine programs produced by Convent of Sacred Heart and Norwalk Community College. Dave P. will check about sharing his Google Drive of programs. Over the past year Jim found more than 200 "evergreen" shows from local libraries, non-profits and NGO's. Most reside on their YouTube channels where they can be easily downloaded using an app like [Vidly](#). Jim will continue to email members on program availability.

7. **Other Matters**

- Esme announced some community initiatives by Altice. She will email details to A9CC members.
- Jim complimented Esme for disseminating detailed storm preparation during weather events.
- Roman announced that an Area 9 student participated in an MLB game on ESPN due to skills developed through our Educational Access activity.
- Bob D. announced that NCC students are available to operate access channels through internships. Contact Julie if interested in this service.

Future meetings: 10/27/21, 12/15/21, 2/2/22, 3/23/22, 5/25/22. All 5:00pm via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 6:16 pm