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

TO: A9CC MEMBERS
FROM: Judith Freedman, Secretary
RE: MINUTES OF MEETING (November 20, 2013)

November 25, 2013

ATTENDANCE:

Darien: Jim Cameron, David Dever
Easton: Andy Anderson
Greenwich: Chris Von Keyserling
New Canaan: Paul Sedlak
Norwalk: Erin Herring, Art Scialabba
Redding: Robert Moran
Stamford:
Weston: Don Saltzman, Harvey Bellin
Westport: Hal Levy, Judith Freedman, Stanley Witkow
Wilton: Phil Sharlach
Cablevision: Jennifer Young
Ed Access Committee: Aaron Johnson (Greenwich), Ivan Crowther (Darien)
Public: John Amarilios, Mike Wheeler, Marilyn Hart (Darien TV79)

Excused: Doug Dempsey (Easton,) Paul Curtis & Stu Reider (Greenwich), Herb Grant (Norwalk), Gary Battaglia (Wilton)

HL called the meeting to order at 6.05 PM. 9 towns were represented.

1. **The minutes** of Oct 16 were approved as is.
2. **The financial report** was presented Hal Levy and approved.
3. **Updates on old business:**
 - Missing Government and Educational appointments are status quo from that reported at last meeting. HL asked attending Ed Access committee members to bring it up at their meeting.
4. **2013 access grant program**
 - \$829.90 Educational Access grant presented by Aaron Johnson on behalf of Redding was tabled pending receipt of programming statistics.
 - \$6,984.00 Educational Access grant presented by Aaron Johnson on behalf of New Canaan was approved.
 - \$6,566.96 Educational Access grant presented by Aaron Johnson on behalf of Westport was approved
 - \$6,500.00 Educational Access grant presented by Aaron Johnson on behalf of Convent of Sacred Heart was tabled pending a plan of distributing programming to the access channels.
 - \$5,987.90 Educational Access grant was withdrawn by Aaron Johnson of Greenwich.
 - \$7,000.00 Educational Access grant presented by Aaron Johnson on behalf of Weston was rejected.
 - \$2,685.31 Government Access grant presented by Paul Sedlak of New Canaan was approved.
 - \$1,995.00 Government Access grant presented by Dave Dever of Darien was approved.
 - \$3,000.00 Government Access grant presented by Hal Levy of Westport was approved.

- \$1,500.00 Government Access grant presented by Phil Sharlach of Wilton was approved.
- \$3,000.00 Government Access grant presented by Erin Herring of Norwalk was approved.
- \$1,990.00 Government Access grant presented by Andy Anderson of Easton was approved.

5. **Review of 2013 Grant program**

- HL will work with Cablevision to apply some of the approved Government grants to direct equipment purchases by Cablevision, thereby freeing up cash to be rolled into the next grant program.
- HL again noted that \$100,000 in U-Verse access funds still need to be considered for a grant program. Ideas from Council members for an integrated system-wide project was again solicited.

6. **Other Business**

Two council reports will be filed before the next meeting. The 2013 Grant program report will be made to Cablevision in January and the Advisory Council Annual Report to PURA will be made under Docket 130106 by January 31, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM

Next meeting: February 5, 2014 in Wilton

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Freedman, Secretary