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Area 9 Cable Council

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TO: A9CC MEMBERS
FROM: Hal Levy
RE: MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2020 MEETING VIA ZOOM

December 17, 2020

ATTENDANCE:

Darien: Jim Cameron, Dave Dever, Joan McGettigan
Easton: Doug Dempsey, Andy Anderson
Greenwich: Craig Jones, Barbara Heins
New Canaan: Bob Doran, Roman Cebulski
Norwalk: Mark Minnock
Redding:
Stamford: Bob Lion
Weston:
Westport: Hal Levy, Natalie Carrignan
Wilton: Jeffrey Boehm, Fran Kompar
Region 9: Mike D'Agostino
Altice:
Ed Committee: Julie Casper Roth (NCC)
Guests:

Excused: Stan Witkow (Westport); Paul Sedlak (New Canaan); Bob Moran (Redding); Harvey Bellin (Weston);

Chairman Hal Levy called the Zoom meeting to order at 5:03pm with eight towns represented. He announced that longtime A9CC government member from Westport, Judi Freedman has moved to Fairfield and resigned from A9CC. We thanked Judi for her many years on the Council and past service as its secretary.

1. **Minutes** of the October 28 meeting was approved.
2. **Financial Report** was approved.
3. **Old Business:**
 - A9CC website upgraded to unlimited plan from \$8/mo to \$9.90/mo. The new plan is far more robust than the previous plan. Unlimited storage provides an opportunity to store shared video content.
 - Hi-Def PEG channels: Nothing to report from the committee.
 - TiVo vs Switched Video: Cable cards are no longer supported on Optimum. Bob Lion was able to obtain 3 tuning adapters from Optimum to get his TiVo's to work. However, there does not appear to be a consistent message from Optimum Customer Service on the support of TiVo boxes as some subscribers are told that TiVo's are not supported and they need to rent Optimum set top boxes.
 - Err 21 problems for some subscribers on some Optimum TV channels appear to have been resolved.

4. **2020 Round 2 grant applications:**

Town/School	Amount	Ops	Notes/Status
New Canaan G	\$3,937.15	\$1,500.00	Approved
Redding G	\$3,700.00	0	Approved
Darien G	\$2,376.67	0	Approved
Region 9 E	\$4,000.00	0	Approved
Darien E	\$3,836.20	0	Approved
Wilton E	\$4,196.32	\$1,500.00	Approved
New Canaan E	\$4,020.88	0	Approved
Weston G	\$4,000.00	0	Approved
Westport E	\$3,980.00	0	Approved
Easton G	\$2,500.00	0	Approved

Delinquent Grant Reports

Town/School	Amount	Date Paid	Date Due	Notes/Status
New Canaan E	\$2,000.00	11/4/2019	5/2/2020	Extended to next meeting

5. **2020 Round 3 access grant funding:**

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Round 2 Allocation	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00
Round 2 Granted	\$20,033.40	\$19,513.82
Funds returned	\$0.00	\$0.00
Available for Round 3	\$-33.40	\$20,486.18
Normalized Available	\$0	\$20,000.00

There is approximately a \$25.5K balance in the grants account after disbursement of the approved grants in item 4. Education has spent all its available grant funds. Government is \$20+K under. It was moved and approved that eight \$2.5K Government op grants be made available to eligible towns on a 1st come, 1st served basis. Applications along with vouchers must be submitted by 12/27.

http://www.a9cc.org/Report_Checklist.xls to check eligibility

6. **Other Matters**

- 2020 I-net reports are due 2/1/21. Hal will send an email requesting submission of 2020 I-net reports to Altice and A9CC.
- The 2020 A9CC Annual Report will be filed with PURA by 1/31/21
- Invoices will be sent to Altice in early January for \$2,000 in council funding, \$100,000 in access funding, \$25,000 in supplemental access funding and 2/3 pass through of U-verse access funding.

Future meetings: 2/3/21, 3/24/21, 5/26/21. All 5:00pm via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 6:11 pm