

CACSCC Annual Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 19th, 2013
GCTV, Guilford

The Cable Advisory Council of South Central Ct Meeting was called to order by Michael Maturo at 7:15 p.m.

Meeting Quorum: 8 Members/ 5 Towns

Those present were: Mary Bigelow, North Branford; Terri Fiondella, Madison; Bill Biski, Michael Maturo, North Haven. East Haven; Joanne Wentworth &, North Branford; Chad Roy, Branford Ed: Laura Parisi, Wallingford; David Weinberg, Guilford; Steve Fuest, Branford: Margot Hardenbergh

Those absent were: J.T. Tenczar, & Terri Cain; Guilford, Thomas Dacey and Steve Fuest.

Guests in attendance: EHTV Cameraman;

Michael Maturo welcomed the council and thanked Guilford TV studios & asked if there were any public comments with no response made. Called up John Berios Representative for Comcast. A Quorum was made with 5 Towns represented, stated by Mary Bigelow, Vice-Chairman.

COMCAST REPORT:

Michael Maturo, moved onto the Comcast Report, John Berios, representative for Comcast announced that every year Leaders in Achievers Scholarships award graduating high school seniors that fill out application packets sent to guidance counselors, last year 40 students statewide given scholarships. Packages sent out so remind your board of Ed reps and schools to look out for it, Award ceremony in May. Other thing is channel line up, last week music choice made some changes to their music selections on Dec. 10th. Mary Bigelow asked service question. Margot Hardenbergh asked about getting statistics for declining number of subscribers with Chad Roy. John Berios was not able to answer questions. Michael Maturo next topic will move review of minutes to back end of meeting, not ready yet. Will move on to Chairman's report but would like to formally introduce hiring of

Board Recording Secretary, put ad in Craigslist, narrowed down choices, decided to contact 4, out of that 2 were interested and then hired Jaki Lauper formally introduce her, look forward to her help, thank you to all involved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Move on to PEGPETIA Campaign as referenced in agenda. Michael Maturo sent out letter to 23 cable advisory councils in state, indicating in letter what our intention was and asking for their support, 2 responses so far, Nutmeg TV and one other interested, sent letter on behalf of council to 7 executive branch officers included on list (distributed) down from governor down to secretary of operations/policy mgmt. then sorted complete list of general assembly given sorted by leadership in both houses, party leadership in both parties, Senate or House positions represented is on list, send it as council letter and coming from him as a person, lastly also sent it to chairmanship of 5 committees represented here appropriations, education, energy and technology, finance revenue, bonding and the legislative mgmt. Not much response yet except Senator Bob Duff and Senator Edward Meyer responded positively to our letter and indicated agreed with our position and will try to raise subject at the general assembly convening in February. Chad Roy mentioned he received 2 replies as well, but Ed Meyer was the 2nd so only counts as 1. Numbers game we all need to reach out personally to our representative. David agreed needs to see numbers Senator Meyer received at least 3 of our replies and then responded to us. If we can all do this it helps greatly. Michael Maturo on personal level sat down with superintendent of schools in North Haven solicited his participation; he's also directing him to director of education program at high school and middle school to help get them to sign up. So if we can all do this it helps, Chad Roy did it with his board of ED and superintendent as well. Michael Maturo opening letter from Mr. Peter Seelman, Salem CT also responded positively and wants to help distribute it. Michael Maturo says responses starting to trickle in, he was conflicted with timing because general assembly not in session, maybe too early but counseled by his rep and senator, Len Fasano and Dave Yakarino, said you don't have to do it just once. You can initiate it and get to their offices. Mr. Yakarino helped him hand deliver to offices save on postage. He had rep thru general assembly outreach office hand deliver them. Mr. Yakarino suggested we get on a committee hearing and speak in front of the committee so Michael Maturo will pursue that if council agrees.

Motioned entertained to do that,

David Weinberg motioned,
Laura Parisi second it, everyone in favor.

Now to Treasurer's report, Tom was unable to make it tonight, wishes Happy Holidays to everyone.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Respectfully submitted by Thomas E. Dacey 12/19/13

Michael Maturo of North Haven, reviewed the following balances:

Checking Account \$5380.65

CD Account \$14,653.94

Total Cash Assets \$20,034.59

Interest on CD .62 for 10/31 and .60 for 11/30

Michael Maturo explained that Tom wrote him a check for \$37.16 for PEGPETIA LETTER and \$39.98 (2) months host fee and that everything was in place. Margo Hardenbergh made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Laura Parisi, Wallingford, second. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Steve Fuest is not here and not yet a voting delegate due to technical difficulty letter not sent to him yet. Status of Steve is we have to get to the ATT council a copy of the minutes where we elected him to the position. Revote in October to elect him. Lauri made a motion to revote again to Steve Fuest, David second it. All in favor. Officials in these minutes to send to ATT council.

NEW BUSINESS

Website email access problem resolved. Mark Minatti says Hello.

TOWN REPORTS

North Haven: Michael Maturo said that North Haven did receive a grant for \$71,000 and they have concluded their fruit/fudge/cookie dough fund raiser and being distributed to everyone and Walter on vacation.

Mary for **North Branford:** there was a dust up but it's all resolved and we have a new chairman for the pig. Bill Chody from Wallingford TV and we

signed AT&T contract and moving channel 19 out of the school with approval of school into Totucket studio, got a grant from Perpetua for \$14,000. Thank you Walt.

Dave from **Guilford** welcomes us sitting at talk show table that was custom, hand made. Had 2nd quiz bowl, got equipment from PEGPETIA grant, replace computers, switched over from final cut to adobe suite in the cloud, some dispute in last party about parties being treated fairly and outcome with new equipment could show that republicans were treated more then fairly.

Bill from **East Haven**, election was covered, trying to get more producers, not having much luck it's too bad, Michael from **East Haven** added we had tree lighting it was very successful event, we could really use content though and producers. ETV tapes tree lighting that question was asked.

Other towns represented did not have any updates.

Correspondence:

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

- Minutes from Dec. 19th, 2013 were reviewed. Laura Parisi made a motion to review the 8/22 and 10/24 meeting minutes by email and to accept them at the February 27th meeting.

David Weinberg seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

A vote was taken on the motion with the following results: No abstentions; 8 votes in favor; 0 votes opposed; the motion was adopted unanimously.

Other Business:

There was no other business

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

Election of Officers:
None

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Laura Parisi made a motion to Adjourn.

Chad Roy seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

Respectively submitted,
Jaki Lauper