

Meeting Minutes 6/25/2015

Present:

Bill Choti-North Branford
Alden Mead-North Haven
Nick Ripa-Guilford
David Weinberg-Guilford, Chairman
Mary Bigelow-North Branford
Laura Parisi-Wallingford
Steven Fuest- Madison
Chad Roy-Branford
Margot Hardenbergh-Branford
John Bairos- Comcast

Secretary: Stephanie Scott

Part I

David introduced the GCTV facility and that the facility was put together with help by volunteers.

David asked for public comments:
None.

No minutes to review and accept because previous minutes are locked. To be pursued post-meeting.

Motion to move the Treasury report.

Action: Motion passed: Laura, Steve seconded

David announced that Scanlon's interview is available online. Scanlon opposed the budget and is in favor of "lock boxes." Hopefully this will help with Senator Kennedy. David will send out a prepared statement to please oppose the "sweep" on behalf of the committee and as president of GCTV. If you know your representative and want to reach out to them for this cause, you are welcome to use David's letter.

John arrived 7:26

David introduced Nick Ripa as a new board member and his role as a media educator.

Nick Ripa Segment

Nick is a tech-ed teacher at Guilford High School with experience in TV production courses. He got new technology in the classroom including new Mac computers and

video editing software FinalCut 7. Since his start, the school now has FinalCut 10. Nick is trying to engage the high school with GCTV. A new high school is being constructed and will include a new TV studio. Nick introduced a program called Celtx, a free scriptwriting program. This is a good program to help students organize and structure their films before working with major technology.

Nick showed a sample film.

After viewing the film, Nick broke down how the students created the film and recommended B&H equipment for ease of access and cost. Students use SDLRs and a few shoulder mount cameras at the high school for their projects. This is growing in popularity for students and parents. The major problem is that this is a time-consuming art (1-3 minute film takes about 4 hours of work).

Nick showed another student sample film for a college application.

There is a need for a studio space in the high school and hopefully this need will be addressed with the new school facility in addition to GCTV.

In response to this need Steven recommended a source from Daniel Hand High School to help develop the production team and high school studio.

Margot asked about using cell phone technology to offer more accessibility for students. Unfortunately, most camera phones do not have great quality cameras. There are a few apps that are helpful, but the footage typically becomes grainy when applied to larger screens.

Laura asked what kinds of cameras are used at Guilford High School:

Nick: T-5I is one recommended camera, but recommends exploring B&H and customer reviews on the site for additional insight.

Comcast Report

John addresses the report:

WFSB and Cinema de Fica are being added and will take effect on July 16.

Leaders and Achievers Scholarship-For graduating high school seniors, 47 statewide. This is a scholarship based on leadership and community involvement. Winners included a student from Lyman Hall and Notre Dame High School.

John reminded the committee of Comcast's commitment to hire veterans. Comcast is committed to hiring 10,000 veterans over the next three years.

John reminded the committee of Comcast's commitment to enhance products, including a voice controlled remote.

John requested an updated member list.

Motion

Laura made a motion to review previous minutes at the August meeting, seconded by Bill.

Motion passed, none opposed.

Transmittal Letters

David recommended John e-mail Shannon Gale for correspondence letters.

Correspondences

David:

Letter request from Wallingford ,WPAA, Titled: First Ambassador of Free Speech:
Does the ability to switch from any of the 21 Branford service channels exist?

Author of the letter is interested in switching to CTN with router instead of through DropBox.

Resolved. The response from Comcast is no.

Sidebar

David: Is there an opportunity to use filmed Unity Peace Day broadcast program on router?

John thought that this could be a possibility without using the switcher.

Insurance Renewal

David addressed that the insurance renewal was not completed. Currently not covered by insurance for broadcast liability.

Old Business

Wallingford and East Haven did not turn in their annual reports to Mary. John received a copy and will forward the materials.

Steven will get his reappointment letter for next meeting.

Mary received Chad's reappointment letter..

Agenda Review

Nominations reviewed.

Motion to accept the nominations:

Passed: Laura, Margot seconded.

Now up to hosting PEG to provide secretary. Secretary's will be paid \$90 per meeting.

Each station will have the option of providing a speaker.

Town Reports

Branford

A festival for the local road race happened recently and BCTV filmed the event. BCTV had a tent at the event and sold raffle tickets. Before buying a raffle ticket you had to sign up to participate in the Tour du Branford, which helped build BCTV's audience and community development. In previous years everyone was watching the road race on BCTV.

BCTV is welcoming a younger crowd and maintaining their previous board members.

Chad is working with the Branford Board of Ed.

North Branford

Received grant and put \$38,000 into the education side for North Branford students to learn how to produce their own shows.

The station is always encouraging community members to join the public station and to become interested in developing their own shows.

Thanked Comcast for getting the high school connected and back online.

North Haven

Everything is going well. They filmed a major Spelling Bee at the school.

Guilford

Slowly adding new producers.

There has been a lot of activity following American Idol winner Nick Fradiani.

Recently hosted their fifth Quiz Bowl.

There could be renewed interest in the education side of programming. Intern program is growing and is going well.

Currently have a VISTA student who is excelling in the program.

Sundays are also a good day for activity in the station.

New lectern was built at the high school.

Sidebar

Margot recommended contacting Walter for VISTA intern.

Wallingford

No new updates.

Final Part

Steve moved, seconded by Alden to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Motion passes.