

NORTHWEST ACCESS PEG-TV

Board of Directors Meeting
November 18th, 2013 4:30 pm
Minutes

Call to Order: David McWilliams. 4:30pm.
Present for a quorum: David McWilliams, Joey Russo, Tyler Comeau, Rick Tatro, Gregg Gervais, Joe Halko, Elizabeth Malone, Virginia Holiman, Jill Snapp. (missing, Marilyn Grunewald)

Request to the board to send Brianne a baby gift. Board agreed.

Program Report: Kris Hoyt
Best of Franklin Northwest Supervisory Union.
Carol Lizotte discussed the "Crossroads" after school programming with Kathy Kneebone.
Long River Lake Between with Dr. Fred Wiseman introduced Kekawogan: The Abenaki Harvest.
BFA Football
Lorraine's Creations: a new show on crafting in Franklin County.

Treasurer's Report : Elizabeth Malone
KBS is paid. 6,750.00. Audit was successful.
Question: would it be cheaper if there were more frequent audits? No.
Discussion: We do have Marilyn, Gina, and Elizabeth looking over the books.
Greg suggests an audit on a regular basis. Suggested every 5 years.
David asked Elizabeth to find out how frequently VAN members do theirs.
Motion to pay the checks, Greg. 2nd, Joe. Motion passes.

Executive Directors' Report: Elizabeth Malone.
Northwest Nightmares a Great Success! Nearly full house at the cinema.
Expenses: broke even, made about 50.00.
David suggests a thank-you to the Police Dept. for their support.
Rick adds that the quality of Production was Great, expect a large turnout for next year.
Joe asks, "Could another film event be in the future?" Perhaps a CD release?

Grant Status: Elizabeth Malone
Northwest Regional Planning Commission: Emergency Preparedness
Purchase of equipment, which would enable Town Managers and Public Works to text updates in the event of floods, blizzard, power outages, etc. to scroll across the bottom of ch. 16. Local Emergency information could also have instant streaming on the internet.
Grant amount: \$15,500.00.

Joey- Mmake sure staff is trained and ready to operate the equipment.

Rick- Are we working with the local officials emergency plan?

Elizabeth- We would hope to have our own generator to use in case of a power outage to reach all of our 5500 homes.

Old Business: Elizabeth Malone

The Swanton Camera is up and running. Discussion on the lighting, Swanton is darker, Joey has installed new lighting for Highgate. Police can view our coverage if needed.

2014 Budget handed out. Projected (without a building).

Joey- on the 990. Should have a 3rd party do this. (1000.00)

Elizabeth- We could also have the financial review. (3500.00)

Can we get internet revenue? The Negotiating Committee has decided to wait on this until Vermont Access Network (VAN) takes it on when Comcast renews its Certificate of Public Good with the State of Vermont.

Joe- we should earmark 1000.00 to the VAN Legal Fund.

David- we should support it.

Elizabeth- it will save us negotiating dollars.

Health Care Committee will meet Wed. at 2:00.

Negotiating Committee will meet Wed. at 3:30.

Discussion of online broadcasting....Will the towns pay 50.00 per meeting

Elizabeth will ask them this month.

Motion to approve Oct. 7 and 21 minutes: made by Virginia...2nd Greg. Motion passes

Motion to go into executive session: Joe...2nd Greg.

Motion to adjourn made by Joey, 2nd by Rick

Submitted by interim minutes taker: Jill Snapp