

A.N.C.C. - Ed Access

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TO: ED COMMITTEE MEMBERS
FROM: JOHN REPICKY
RE: MINUTES OF MEETING (May 30, 2006 - Westport)

May 31, 2006

Darien:	Vicki MarkAnthony
Easton:	Peggy Sullivan
Greenwich:	Charlie Chiesa
New Canaan:	Roman Cebulski
Norwalk:	
Redding:	
Stamford:	
Weston:	Peggy Jorgensen
Westport:	Candace McGovern
Wilton:	John Repicky
Wright Tech:	
NCC	
Maritime Aq.	
Conv. Of Sac. Hrt.	
Cablevision	Dominic Antonacci

1) Meeting began at 1:45 pm with 6 schools represented. Minutes of April 24, 2006 were approved. Approved minutes will be posted on the ANCC web site.

2) Review Status of 2005 Grants:

- JR noted that 1 grant recipient (NC) has not yet submitted the voucher for funds. (see ANCC website for form)
- Grant reports are due from the following: NC, Norwalk, Conv. Of Sacred Heart. Forms are available on the ANCC website.
- JR reported that there is \$11,989.46 remaining in the Ed Access grant account. \$1800 of that is encumbered for the approved NC grant, leaving a fund balance of \$10,189.46.
- PS presented a request from Easton for production equipment. JR proposed treating the request as a 2006 grant application and borrowing from the remaining 2005 monies to fund the grant. The group questioned the request for \$1000 for "services". After some discussion, it appeared that there was no need to proceed with this grant before summer vacation. Motion: To table this request until the September meeting, but to give JR the discretion to authorize up to \$4000 if it is determined that Easton needs to proceed with this purchase prior to September. Approved. Unan.

3) Discuss the 2006 Grant Program:

- CV has allocated \$100,000 to the ANCC for 2006. Although the ANCC has not yet established the 06 grant program, JR was confident that the Ed Access committee could anticipate at least a \$50,000 allotment for Educational Access. In order to begin planning for the fall, JR proposed the following: create 12 grants of \$4000 each. The application period would be from September 1 until November 15, 2006. JR's proposal was accepted. A motion was made to clarify the following condition on access grants: 1) Grant equipment must be inventoried and equipment remains the property of CV; 2) Grant funds are not to be used for purposes other than educational access; 3) Grant applications will not be considered until all paperwork requirements from previous grants are met. Motion approve: Unan.

4) Access Awards:

- JR distributed a packet with the press release for the 2006 award winners, the rules, and the 06 application. The group then discussed the pros & cons of this year's award program. There were 55 projects entered, involving approximately 130 students. Twenty-one projects were recognized (76 students). In all, \$7,960 was awarded.
- Providing DVDs to the judges was a plus. JR reported that it took a long time to compile the DVD from individual DVDs with one project each. It would be better if each district prepared a DVD (or VHS) of all their entries.
- We still need a scoring rubric.
- There was some discussion of presenting the awards. Some members were in favor of a regional award presentation (evening). Others preferred to keep it local.
- The general consensus was to continue with a program for 06-07. JR suggested reducing the amount of the awards. CC suggested having more projects recognized.
- The group would like to see more towns participate.
- JR thanked Candace McGovern and Dominic Antonacci for their help with the program. JR also thanked CV for providing frames for the certificates.

5) 2006-2007:

- Candace McGovern is taking a new position in Westport and will not be representing Westport next year. JR thanked her for all her help in the past.
- We need to find a new meeting location. (preferably one with ample parking and a central location.)
- **Our first meeting will be at Cablevision on Monday, September 11, @ 1:30 pm.**

Meeting Adjourned: 3:30 pm