

A.N.C.C. - Ed Access

Area Nine Cable Council, PO Box 1144, Weston, CT 06883

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MINUTES OF MEETING (June 2, 2008)

Darien:		Stamford:	
Easton:	Carol Weinschel	Weston:	Ritch Blozie
Greenwich:	Charles D. Chiesa	Westport:	Bill Derry
New Canaan:		Wilton:	John Repicky
Norwalk:		Wright Tech:	Pat Paktinat
NCC:		Sacred Heart	Karl Haeseler
Redding:	Evelyn Reeve	Cablevision	Jennifer Young

- 1) **Meeting began** at 1:41 pm with 7 towns represented. Minutes of May 5th of were approved. Approved minutes will be posted on the ANCC web site. Approved – R. Blozie/C. Chiesa
- 2) **SET MEETING DATES for next year:** 9/8, 10/6, 11/10, 12/8 (Absolute deadline for grants on 12/8, since report has to be given by the 15th)
- 3) **Deadline for Grant Applications next year?** Application deadline is 10/2. Applications submitted prior to Sept 5 will be considered at the 9/8 meeting.
- 4) **2007 Grant program reports:** Still need Darien, Norwalk Community College and Weston. Ritch talked about returning money from a grant that was not used. Taking Weston's grant and modifying it to reflect equipment changes, Rich will send in a modified grant proposal form.
- 5) **Next year's grants:** Under the assumption that there is \$60,000 to work with. [Government Access is buying some equipment that many of us might be interested in. Ex --DataVideo Switcher – 4 camera SE-500-\$1000. John will send out a list with specs on all the equipment.] **There will be 10 grants at \$6000 each.** Do not exceed the \$6000 limit.
- 6) **ACCESS AWARDS:** Four equipment packages are going to Weston (2) and Westport (2)_Determined that the 2 remaining packages will be part of the Redding/Easton grant...

John gave a report at the Cable Council meeting on the access awards. 60 kids in the 21 winning categories. Extrapolating – about 180 kids were involved. Ended by saying this was the last year, but people are trying to come up with another way to keep it going. John suggested petitioning the DPUC to include money for the certificates and trophies. Also it would be possible for Cablevision to put money into this line item.

Discussion on next year's contest (if it happens): Charlie suggested we **move toward an exhibition** with much less (to no) competition. Rich thought that there needs to be something tangible at the end, as it will not be differentiated from kids regular work. Maybe keep the competition element in, but feature it during a given month. John mentioned that several people have asked for a **compilation of all the entries.** We would need to **redo the matrix and look at the categories** if we continue. John suggested that maybe the entries will only be a select group. Limit the entries to "the best" from each school. This award is to raise awareness of the Access Channel. Carol thinks that if there was a way to see what other schools did it would raise awareness about the contest.

John said that in Wilton, they are at the point now that people are so used to Channel 78, that after they see something, they want to know when it will be on Channel 78. He has shows from 1995 of the graduating seniors that he is planning to market and show before the end of the year.

THINK ABOUT THIS OVER THE SUMMER.

- 7) **OTHER:** Carol asked if Cablevision will start to charge now for channels that have been migrated to digital boxes only. John replied that we might need a digital box to get those channels, which would be \$6.00 per month. We may have to purchase one digital tuner that will get the channel, since he doesn't think the channels that are moved are scrambled. John is going to look into this further.
(NB: It has since been determined that the A&E and TLC are scrambled and cannot be retrieved with a digital tuner. At this point the only solution is a cable box. We will re-visit this issue in September.)

Meeting adjourned at: 3:03 next meeting is on Sept. 8th, 1:30 Cablevision!

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