

A.N.C.C. - Ed Access

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

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MINUTES OF MEETING (October 6, 2008)

Darien:	Ivan Crowther	Stamford:	Mike Pensiero
Easton:		Stamford:Wright Tech:	Pat Paktinat
Greenwich:	Charles D. Chiesa	Weston:	Rich Blozie
Greenwich-Convent of SH	Karl Haseler		Peggy Jorgenson
Greenwich-Convent of SH	Ellyn Stewart	Westport:	Bill Derry
New Canaan:	Roman Cebulski	Wilton:	John Repicky
Norwalk:			
NCC:	Stoney Duren	Cablevision	Jennifer Young
Redding:			

1) Meeting began at 1:42 pm with 8 towns represented. Minutes of Sept 8, 2008 were approved. Approved minutes will be posted on the ANCC web site. Approved – C. Chiesa/P.Jorgenson

2) Cablevision Educational Access Fund Grant:

Darien and Weston grants are still not completed.

Proposals from 3 schools to review at this meeting.

- Sacred Heart: E. Stewart – 1 MacBook Pro, iMac, hard drive, FlipVideo, Ram, cameras..\$5998.50 (suggest that AppleCare is added to include the iMAC as well) Motion to accept increase. Revised to \$6198.50.C Chiesa/R. Cebulski
- Norwalk Community College: S. Duren – 4 HP Avid Computers - \$6056 (Spec sheet and model with cost per to be provided.) Motion to accept, pending arrival of equipment specs. (R. Cebulski/C.Chiesa)
- Wilton: J. Repicky – Equipment for Board Meeting (4 B&W monitors; 1 color; 3 PZM microhones to improve audio - \$200@; Panasonic DVX 100 Camera - \$2600 for one of the other schools; \$302 tripod; 2 new JVC mini-DVD decks -\$1700: Total: \$5950.00) Motion to accept P.Jorgenson/S.Duren
- New Canaan: R. Cebulski – Focus Recorder, Battery, Canon GL-2 mini DV 3CCD camcorder, Canon MA-300 Mic adapter, Slik/Daliwa DST-Tripod, Apple Macbook Pro with protection plan and shipping: \$6058 Motion to accept: K. Haseler/R.Cebulski

That is the end of round one in this process. There will be money left over. Looks like \$20,000 left from the first round. Exact amount will be e-mailed out. In the second round we set a date and consider them all at once. Target of \$2500 – ***If we do want to do equipment packages for the awards we need to take the money from this amount.*** We will review second round grants at the Dec 8th meeting, but they should be sent to J. Repicky by **December 1st**. (Must have the grant report in BEFORE submitting second grant.)

3) Meeting dates for the rest of the year.

Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan 12, Feb. 9, March 23, May 4, June 1

4) Status of Petitioning Cablevision for Boxes – Mike Pensiero

Went well, very well accepted. (At the Sept. meeting Mike garnered the support of this committee to petition Cablevision to receive a bare minimum of one cable box per school to receive the channels that have been moved from analog to digital.)

5) **STATUS: Getting a PEG box to ensure that PEG can be shown in the schools.** Some have done it and some have not. 78 will be moving to a digital format. (One thought is to get a flat screen TV that has a digital tuner in it – then you will have a monitor for 78, without having to get a box.)

- 6) **Annenberg is GONE**. J. Repicky reported that the Annenberg channel ceased broadcasting via satellite on Sept 30. We had been distributing Annenberg on I-Net CH 50 from Middlebrook MS. JR is investigating other sources of free-to-air programming for CH 50. One possibility is Deutsche Welle, a German language channel. SCOLA was also suggested.
- 7) **ACCESS AWARDS**: J. Repicky asked, "Is it happening again?" Some OPTIONS:
E. Stewart suggested limiting entries to the 3 best from each school in each category. Maybe let them know that we will only watch the first 5 minutes.
C. Chiesa—Show your best and there is no judging.
B. Derry -- reviewed the new Westport Schools Film Festival.- The Westy Awards "A Celebration of Westport's Student Filmmakers" Stated that Westport hopes the contest continues as it motivates kids to create video and does get video on Channel 78.
Maybe the judging could be done in small groups rather than everyone judging all categories.
Maybe just a 1st and 2nd prize rather than a 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

The following was decided: There will be only 2 entries max in each category except News which will be limited to 1 entry.

High School (4 categories)

INDIES, NEWS (1 per school), Community/School Story, PSA

The NEWS show will be scanned with about 5 minutes of actual viewing. It is possible that one piece in a news show could be submitted as a Community/School Story as well.

Middle School and Elementary (only 2 categories)

PSA and INDIE (length appropriate to topic* -- can be community/school story or independent film)

Big discussion on the purpose of the Educational Access Awards contest. J. Repicky stated that the contest is designed to generate awareness for the Local Access Cablevision channel and motivate kids to create videos which run on Channel 78.

April 3rd is the due date.. Between the 20th and May 1st we will judge these. The May 4th meeting will pull it all together.

M. Pensiero: Can we get Channel 12 to do a story or be a judge on the contest? J. Young said she would talk to Channel 12 to determine if they can have a representative to judge the contest.

- 8) E. **Stewart** : How do your students see your work?
I. Crowther – every two weeks 10-20 minutes.
New Canaan: every two weeks
R. Cebulski: Can we share at every meeting again. Yes.. starting at the next meeting.
B. Derry: Communication times – 3 mornings a week – 20 minutes.

Meeting adjourned at: 3:15.

Next meeting is on November 10th: