

A.N.C.C. - Ed Access

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

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MINUTES OF MEETING (November 10, 2008)

Darien:		Redding:	
Easton:	Carol Wenshel	Stamford:	
Greenwich:	Charles D. Chiesa	Wright Tech:	
Greenwich-Convent of SH	Karl Haseler	Weston:	Peggy Jorgenson
Greenwich-Convent of SH		Westport:	Bill Derry
New Canaan:	Roman Cebulski	Wilton:	John Repicky
Norwalk:			
Norwalk –NEFINPS		Cablevision	
NCC:	Stoney Duren		

- 1) Meeting began at 1:43 pm with 6 towns represented. (Two more came in later.) Minutes of Oct. 6, 2008 were approved. Approved minutes will be posted on the ANCC web site. Motion to approve:
– C. Chiesa/P.Jorgenson

2) Cable Boxes for descrambling new PEG digital channels

New Canaan, Westport, Greenwich, Wilton did get them.

Bills were accidentally sent out charging for these boxes. Check to make sure you aren't getting charged. You should not be. If you get a second box it is \$6.75/mo. If you elect to rent a box, it will receive all of the digital Family Cable channels, not just the PEG channels.

- John shared a letter from Cablevision which responded to the request for one unrestricted converter box for every school. They responded that they will still provide a free box for one year to "ease the migration of some channels to a digital-only format."

Enough channels are moving to digital that it may be necessary in the future for schools to get at least one box. For schools that de-modulate then re-modulate the CV signal on their own distribution system, this will allow them to send out the scrambled channels on an "as needed" basis. Schools that are fully wired with CV's service will have to have a box for each TV that needs to get digital signals.

Stoney mentioned he is getting the KidsNews and would be willing to put it on the I-Net if schools are interested.

3) Status of the Cable Council

There are two new certificates for companies to operate under: The CVFA and the CCFA (Certificate of Video Franchise Authority and the Certificate of Cable Franchise Authority) – Now a cable company doesn't have to go through franchise renewal. CVFA was for intended for companies like ATT. In the law they thought all the existing cable companies would get a CCFA. Cablevision applied for a CVFA and received it. The CVFA requires a single state-wide cable council, so CV has taken the position that the ANCC (which was required under their old franchise, is no longer CV's official cable council. That being said, CV finds it's relationship with the ANCC valuable and would like to keep it.

The full Cable Council has decided to approach the legislature to get a clarification and a full account of the status of the obligation of Cablevision.

4) The Access Awareness Awards

Cablevision is providing funds for trophies and certificates. (\$1000)

John handed out previous years' Access Awareness Award documents. We started to recreate the new one.... There are three categories in the elementary and middle: PSA, Community Story, Independent . (Only two entries allowed per school.) The same three categories are in the high school, with the addition of ONE news program from each school.

Discussion on the actual awards: Packages have been given to elementary and high school. Roman suggested that there are three packages given to one school at each level.

Motion to put aside \$3000 to purchase equipment for the ANCC Access Awards. R. Cebulski/C. Chiesa

We'll discuss this when it gets closer.

5) Grants:

Final grant applications need to be in at the next meeting on Dec. 8th.

JR will send an estimate of the amount available for the Supplemental grants.

Looking to 2009 -- there is hope that there will be a new grant program.

6) Canon FS-10 Shared by John Repicky

Records as an MOD file but the software that comes with it will convert the file to mpg.

8 GB internal that gives 240 minutes plus an SD card slot for additional storage.

\$360 and the battery life is much longer – USB output.

Meeting adjourned at: 3:06

Next meeting is on December 8th: C Chiesa/P. Jorgenen

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