

A9CC - Educational Access Committee

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To: A9CC Ed Access Committee Members **Date:** December 8, 2014
From: Susan Morris, Acting Secretary
Re: Minutes of Meeting (December 8, 2014)

ATTENDANCE: (yellow highlight & asterisk(*) = present)

TOWN	Member(s)
Darien:	Ivan Crowther*
Easton/Redding:	TBD
Greenwich:	Susan Morris*
Greenwich /Sacred Heart:	Karl Haeseler*
NCC:	Stoney Duren*
New Canaan:	Roman Cebulski*
Weston:	Erik Haakonsen*
Westport:	Jennifer Cirino*
Wilton:	Ken Boehm
Cablevision:	Jennifer Young

JC called the A9CC Ed Access Meeting to order at 1:42pm. 6 towns were represented (7 districts).

Minutes from 11//14 approved (with one/two corrections(s), ...). Motion by Ivan ; second by Erik.

1. Old Business
 - a. Mentioned that we briefly discussed the AAA Awards at the at meeting, but that we need to start working on the 2015 contest.
2. 2014 Education Grant Requests - 2nd Round
 - a. NCC 2nd Round - \$7,673.46
 - i. Sony NX3 camcorder; Blackmagic device;
 - ii. Roman motion to approve; Ivan seconded. Approved
 - b. Weston 1st/2nd Round - \$13,862.00
 - i. 5 4TB HDs to handle the DEVOS On Demand content that also broadcasts to Channel 78 via the Mini-T.
 1. Could also host the AAA Awards to this system.
 - ii. Additional equipment also requested for video mixers and studio equipment.

- iii. Discussion about the new attendance rule and communication if cannot make meetings. Need participation from all members to keep the council going.
 - iv. Susan motion to approve. Roman seconded. Approved
 - c. New Canaan 2nd Round - \$12,438.06
 - i. Wireless intercom system for broadcasts.
 - ii. Additional studio equipment.
 - iii. Stoney motion. Erik seconded. Approved
 - d. Westport 2nd Round - \$7,714.93
 - i. Karl motion to approve. Erik seconded. Approved.
 - e. Convent of the Sacred Heart 2nd Round - \$799.00
 - i. DSLR
 - ii. Stoney motion to approve. Roman seconded. Approved.
- 3. 2014 AAA Contest Debrief
 - a. Jenn: Last year's contest needed more external input, like Bill Derry.
 - b. Eric: remote judging would bring in more perspective
 - c. Karl: put at end of piece a web address where they could vote (Eric - devos can do that and add comments)
 - d. Jenn: Google Form. How to keep credibility
 - e. Ronan: Ellen mentioned that process is cumbersome. I wonder if we're the right people to be judging - like Westport Film Festival. We could weed, then hand over to prof. judges
 - f. Ivan: agrees - we are not the ones to be judging.
 - g. Karl: we would still be part of judging - do we want to add more layers.
 - h. Jenn: we could pre-screen
 - i. Stoney: for NCC he is the judge, according to class rubric
 - j. Stoney: Solution: Have the Gov't group screen - than have a compilation meeting
 - k. Jenn: Eric has streamlined process but uploading to Devos
 - l. Ronan: Students judge? NO students gone
 - m. Karl: Let's distribute chores for the process
 - n. Jenn: someone needs to work on copyright form - Ronan volunteered
 - o. Jenn: details, errors in form need to be cleaned up
 - p. Devos system, streamline the form, tell Hal we would like to spend \$ on promotion, announcing the contest with a press release (different from the one we release after we have chosen the films)
 - q. Additional category of open entries? Narrative? Short Film? Clarify - with Ellen
 - r. Animation, stop motion, category. Open Entry
- 4. 2015 AAA Contest Discussion
 - a. Timing for Contest.

- i. Last year worked well
 - b. May 03: submission deadline
 - c. May 04: Regular Meeting
 - d. May 07 our deadline
 - e. May 08 we start watching : Pre-screening asynchronously
 - f. May 12 - Tuesday - full day of judging - Eric will be hosting in Weston 9am-3pm
 - g. Karl: everyone commits to bring an additional judge (professional OK)
 - h. Jenn: we need to figure out logistics for funding - Hal?
- 5. Show and Tell - Roman
 - a. Manfrotto Monopod for DSLR - about \$80
 - b. Adapter for iPhone to Gorilla Pod (\$20-\$30) - great for slo-mo feature (parcore?)
 - c. Lab mics - Poulson, battery powered (\$40)
 - d. Rode app, plug into mic? - Great for announcing at games
 - e. Waterproof kit for carrying components: (\$10)
- 6. Next Meeting
 - a. January 12, 2015 at Cablevision in Norwalk.
 - i. Moved from Jan 5th to Jan 12.

Motion to adjourn by Ivan; second by Stoney.
Meeting adjourned at 3:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Morris
Acting Secretary