

# A9CC - Educational Access Committee

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**To:** A9CC Ed Access Committee Members      **Date:** December 7, 2015  
**From:** Susan Morris, Acting Secretary  
**Re:** Minutes of Meeting (December 7, 2015)

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**Attendance: (yellow highlight & asterisk(\*)) = present)**

<b>TOWN</b>	<b>Member(s)</b>
Darien:	Ivan Crowther
Easton/Redding:	TBD
Greenwich:	Susan Morris*
Greenwich /Sacred Heart:	David Pisani*
NCC:	Stoney Duren
New Canaan:	Roman Cebulski*
Weston:	Kosta Myzithras
Westport:	Jennifer Cirino
Wilton:	Mathew Hepfer*
Cablevision:	Jennifer Young

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Roman Cebulski called the meeting to order at 1:30pm. 4 schools were represented, 4 districts.

## 1. Old Business

- a. Minutes from 10/19/2015 approved . Motion by Susan; seconded by Mathew.
- b. Roman Cebulski gave an update on our efforts to include more town representation. Calls to Kosta @ Weston were not returned. Roman and/or Mathew will contact an individual closer to the video production end.
- c. David Pisani suggested we send an email to A9CC superintendents stating the bottom line of grants allocated and what was left on the table. It may get their attention and inspire directives. Wilton is a great example. We could do this in our January meeting, after 2015 grant rounds are closed.
- d. Roman will contact NCC to see when Stoney returns and if he will be there next year.
- e. Matthew will contact Jennifer Young to expedite Cablevision upgrade.
- f. We are looking forward to Jenn Cirino's return in January.

## 2. Review Grant Process

- a. Roman clarified the last round for 2015 is today, approximately \$56,000 available. Funds remaining after today will be rolled over to 2016 funds. Amounts will be determined in A9CC February meeting and next round of grant requests will be received in April.
- b. Susan reminded everyone to follow-up with reports.

## 3. Round 2 Grant Proposals - Susan will forward to Hal Levy.

- a. David Pisani - Convent of the Sacred Heart: Increase professional video quality by

adding durable tripods, heads, plates, gimbal stabilized cameras and technical operations \$12,129.62. Approved.

- b. Mathew Hepfer - Wilton: Upgrade wires, connections, microphones to provide better quality video of Board of Ed broadcasts, sporting events, installation and technical operations. \$14,005.00. Approved.

#### **4. 2016 AAA Planning**

- a. Roman will confirm with Jennifer Young and Hal Levy that A9CC will support the awards this year.
- b. Roman shared his hope that one day we could produce a red carpet event with Cablevision's backing to include all participating schools.

#### **5. Show and Tell**

- a. Roman showed GoPro attachments and mentioned Costco deal that lasts until until Dec. 14th. 3 max, but you can do separate orders for more. You might even be able to order online.
- b. Mathew mentioned his students sign up to tape events using a shared Google Calendar.
- c. Mathew explained Google Cardboard applications and Youtube#360.
- d. Susan mentioned the advantages of Google Hangout on Air (HOA) for student presence at conferences - eliminating travel expenses and permissions. HOAs can be live streamed on Youtube, recorded, and uploaded for broadcast on Cablevision.

#### **6. Next Meetings**

- a. Testing the Google Hangout process was difficult due to lack of connectivity in conference room.
- b. We agreed to rotate hosting the meetings in our respective districts.

Meeting adjourned at 3 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Morris  
Acting Secretary