

A9CC - Educational Access Committee

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To: A9CC Ed Access Committee Members Date: June 6, 2016
From: Jennifer Cirino, Acting Secretary
Re: Minutes of Meeting (June 6, 2016)

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

TOWN	Member(s)
Darien:	Marc Marin*
Easton/Redding:	Damien Russell
Greenwich:	Susan Morris*
Greenwich /Sacred Heart:	David Pisani
NCC:	Stoney Duren
New Canaan:	Roman Cebulski*
Norwalk:	Kyle Seaburg
Weston:	Kosta Myzithras
Westport:	Jennifer Cirino*
Wilton:	Mathew Hepfer
Cablevision:	Jennifer Young

Roman called the A9CC Ed Access Meeting to order at 2:03pm. 4 towns were represented (4 districts).

Minutes from 5/9/16 approved. Motion by Jenn to approve the minutes; Susan seconded.

1. Old Business

- a. Government Meeting was held on June 1st
 - i. Discussion about grant deadlines
 1. Expressed concern about the recent and sudden change of the grant deadlines and how it is not conducive to an educational environment
 2. Confused when "extra money" was mentioned at the June 1st meeting because in the past extra money has been given to the full council
 3. Understand the concern of a concern for a June 1st buyover of Cablevision by Altice, but money had already been allocated to the Ed Access committee
 - ii. Motion by Roman to recommend to the full council that those deadlines are not conducive to Education and we'd like to return to the previous policy of first round grants in September and second round in October. Seconded by Susan. Discussion ensued. All in favor. Approved.

iii. Roman will follow up with Hal

2. 2016 Spring Grants

- a. The first round of grant requests needs to be limited to the amount ceiling decided on by the Ed Access committee.
- b. Discussion about Darien educational grant situation.
 - i. Mentioned that it helps to keep the INET report updated each time something is added to Ch 78 content

3. 2016 AAA Contest Debrief

- a. Continue with the venue switching of each year. Excellent job by Matt for hosting this year.
- b. The videos this year was overall good quality - some categories better than others.
- c. The spreadsheet works well for judging together and ensuing discussion. Voting together is very effective.
- d. Need to give additional time between the due date and the judging; has to be at least a week between.
- e. Need someone else to burn a compilation DVD of winners.
- f. Work with Cablevision and other news outlets to get more professionals to help judge the News Shows.
- g. Purchase new hard drives for each Ed Access member each year.
- h. Copyright - create a copyright document for students and teachers to reference and mention the elements that are needed (titles, picture / video credit)
- i. Re-examine the rubrics to see if there's a better way to account for the points
- j. Ensure we have enough meetings prior to awards to address changes and needs; explore possible online meetings

4. 2016 Awards Distribution Info

- a. Handed out the certificates that were needed for attending members
- b. Trophies were requested by Roman a week ago; hopefully will be ready by mid-June

5. Ed Access Leadership Positions

- a. Need to find someone to fill in for the secretary position
- b. Also discussed having people stay in the position for two years
- c. Should have write-ups about what the positions entail and list current members on our website

6. Meetings Schedule

- a. Continue with meeting the first Monday of each month so that we meet before the Government meetings?
- b. Proposed meetings:
 - i. September 12th
 - ii. October 17th

- iii. December 5th
- iv. January 9th - online
- v. February 6th
- vi. March 6th
- vii. April 3rd
- viii. May 8th (compilation)
- ix. May 15-19th (one day for voting)
- x. June 5th

Roman to adjourn by Marc; Susan seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 3:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Cirino
Acting Secretary