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TO: ANCC MEMBERS September 16, 2009

FROM: Carole Young-Kleinfeld (Via Geza Ziegler)

RE: MINUTES OF MEETING (September 9, 2009 at Cablevision)

ATTENDANCE:

Darien: David Dever

Easton:

Greenwich: Stu Reider, Christopher von Keyserling

New Canaan: Paul Sedlak

Norwalk: Phyllis Bolden, Diana Paladino

Redding: Robert Moran Stamford: Geza Ziegler Weston: Harvey Bellin

Westport: Hal Levy, Judith Freedman

Wilton: John Repicky
Cablevision: Jennifer Young

Public: Dolly Curtis from Easton, John Savarese from Wilton

Chairman Hal Levy called the meeting to order at 6:05PM at Cablevision Norwalk, with 9 towns represented. Jim Cameron (Darien), Paul Curtis (Greenwich), Herb Grant (Norwalk), Don Saltzman (Weston), Carole Kleinfeld (Wilton) and Lisa Bogan (Wilton) were excused. Dolly Curtis and John Savarese from the public were welcomed. Hal thanked Geza Ziegler for recording the minutes in the absence of Carole Kleinfeld.

- 1. Hal Levy welcomed the new Council members Phyllis Bolden and Diana Paladino from Norwalk.
- 2. The minutes of June 4th meeting were approved
- 3. Received the financial report from Assistant Secretary John Repicky Approved.
- 4. Updates and old business:
 Letter sent to Paul Giguere thanking him for his presentation at the annual dinner.
- 5. 2009 Access Grants:

The 2009 Educational & Government Access grant program was reviewed. The plan is to combine equipment & cash grants to enable higher ticket items in order to upgrade the channels with new digital equipment. The manufacturer, Tightrope Media was not an approved CV vendor so Tightrope hardware will come from an approved distributor. Equipment grants will be distributed to Norwalk, Redding, Easton & Weston in lieu of cash grants.

Applications for 2009 grants for a maximum of \$6500 each may be submitted by Darien, Greenwich, New Canaan, Stamford, Westport, & Wilton no later than 10/16 to be considered at the October 21st meeting.

Darien, Easton and Redding still owe reports for their previous grant. An application from Darien in the amount of \$4000 was received and presented. (\$4270 value). Moved, seconded and approved.

- 6. Status of member appointments reviewed: Carole Young-Kleinfeld Emailed members whose appointment letters were not yet received. Members should remind their CEO's to send letters to Carole.
- 7. Renewal of Alliance for Community Media membership for annual \$100 considered. Moved to renew, seconded and approved.
- 8. Instructive programs for ANCC meetings proposed and ideas were solicited.
- 9. Other matters: Public Access will move from Channel 77 to Channel 88 on 9/16. It was suggested that Cablevision put a notice/crawl on 77 and that Towns post a notice on their Channel 79 bulletin boards.

Dave Dever noted that some towns that do little video production of local programming are receiving grants. Hal Levy suggested that a question about this issue be discussed by the Council when funds are requested. Chris von Keyserling moved that we require a list of how many programs were produced and the program hours at the time of application for a grant. The motion was carried as a suggestion.

Paul Sedlak has a list of equipment which New Canaan is not using. He will submit it so that other Towns or Schools may be able to utilize the equipment.

Jennifer Young announced that Myles Rich is no longer in local programming. At this time it is unclear who his permanent replacement will be.

Future meetings: 10/21 (Westport); 12/2 (Wilton); 2/10 (Darien); 4/7 (Easton); 6/2 (TBD)

Meeting adjourned at 7:42PM