

A.N.C.C. - Ed Access

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TO: ED COMMITTEE MEMBERS
FROM: JOHN REPICKY
RE: MINUTES OF MEETING (March 7, 2005)

March 10, 2005

Darien:	Kelly Duncan
Easton:	
Greenwich:	
New Canaan:	Randy Clark, Roman Cibulski
Norwalk:	Bill DeFelice, Mary Peniston
Redding:	Bob Moran
Stamford:	
Weston:	Peggy Jorgenson
Westport:	Candace McGovern, Jack Culbert
Wilton:	John Repicky
Wright Tech:	Pat Paktinat, Randy Whitman
Maritime Aq.	Andy Bess
Sacred Heart	Brian Highland
Cablevision	Chris Klimek, Dominic Antonacci

1) Meeting began at 1:38 pm with 6 towns represented. Minutes of Jan. 24, 2005 were approved. Approved minutes will be posted on the ANCC web site.

2) Grants:

Grant applications were submitted by Sacred Heart (\$2050); Darien (\$2500); Wright Tech (\$2600); New Canaan (\$2467); Wilton (\$2187). JC Motion: Approve the five grants as described by the representatives. Passed: Unan. Grant recipients should prepare the Grant Voucher form and send it to JR. Also, JR reminded the group that there are still outstanding Grant Reports due on previous grants. **Please note that, according to ANCC rules, reports from previous grants must be submitted before new grants can be awarded.**

MP addressed the group regarding the Norwalk grant that was returned after the last meeting. Mary presented her arguments that the use of a professional was perfectly legitimate for access programming. CK expressed the opinion that access programming should be a "grass-roots" effort, but noted that CV feels that it's up to the Council to expend access funds. CM noted that the spirit of the grant program was to provide the seed money to make it possible for schools to create programming. The sense of the group was that utilizing professional videographers to create access programs would not result in very much programming. MP asked that the group for a one month extension on the grant application so that a new request could be submitted. The group encouraged Norwalk to submit and amended application.

3) Access Awards Program:

It appears that there are fewer entries in the works than expected. KD asked if the "long form" must be at least a 15 minute program, as he had a number of students who could enter shorter videos. It was decided that there was not need to restrict the length. JC proposed extending the deadline and a new date of Friday, May 6 was established. Entries will be judged at the May 9 meeting of the committee. The meeting will begin at 11 a.m. to allow time for judging.

- After some discussion, it was decided to utilize the pilot rubric supplied by PJ, and KD suggested reviewing this rubric after the judging and fine-tuning it for next year. JC suggested changing the timeline for next year, getting an early start in the fall and ending the program by the end of the first semester because the spring semester gets too busy to do the program effectively.

- KD asked if CV had purchased ASCAP & BMI rights for access programming. CK will investigate. BD noted that there were also synchronization rights for adding music to another work. RW asked if animated PSAs were allowable. They are.

4) Dark Access Channels:

There was some discussion of the CV report on dark I-Net channels. It was noted that ANCC rules state that transmission equipment for dark channels can be removed, there is no immediate plan to do so. This would only happen if it became necessary to create new transmission sites. BD noted that Norwalk has no plans to use its 4 middle school channels and they are available if needed.

5) I-Net report.

CK reported that CV received only a handful of I-Net reports. CV is about to submit its report to the DPUC. (JR's record shows reports from Darien, Greenwich, Weston, Westport, Wilton, Maritime Aquarium & Wright Tech; Easton, New Canaan, Redding & Joel Barlow are not applicable; Stamford did not report).

6) Other:

AB: MA has a series of after school programs for students to view on the I-Net. Currently they are doing squid dissection from 4:20 to 5:00 pm. The program airs on CH94 daily.

AB: The MA's harbor camera has been showing as many as 20 harbor seals on the I-Net channel.

- RW again asked to have the head end run the Wright Tech transmission on the Stamford access channel. CK says that CV is ready to make the conversion as long as Stamford Public agrees. It was agreed that this would be done as soon as Wright Tech came to an agreement with Stamford on program times. Wright Tech will take Stamford's signal from the I-Net and re-transmit onto CH 78. JR noted that Wright Tech will also be responsible for running programs submitted by Sacred Heart Academy.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:50 pm