

MGAT

Milford Government Access Television Committee Regular Meeting

Tuesday, Sept 30, 2014 7:30PM

Parsons Government Complex, 70 West River Street

Board of Ed Meeting Room or 1st Floor Employees lounge Milford, CT. 06460

Members attending: Phil Kearney (Chair), Matthew Gaynor, Barbara Genovese, Albert May

Staff attending: Arney Rogoff (Broadcast Ops Mgr)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kearney at 7:38 pm.

Previous meeting minutes: A motion passed unanimously to approve the May 28th minutes.

Public comment: None

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Genovese reported current balances from the sources noted below:

Cable = 501.44. GATA = 79.22, City of Milford = 3,430.10

NOTE: The narrative portion of Mr. Rogoff's report is appended to these minutes.

Chair's Report

Mr. Kearney reported the the GATA Grant request has been approved for the amount of 25,248.78 and the check would be arriving within a week.

Old Business: The Committee agreed to begin a study to assess the feasibility of accepting sponsorships for additional revenue to support increasing programming. Mr. May and Mr. Gaynor agreed to form a sub-committee to establish a protocol for sponsorships.

New Business:

None

NEXT MEETING

the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct 28th.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:32.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Kearney, temporary Recording Secretary

ADDENDUM

Production Report Narrative

Recorded meetings:

In addition to the regular monthly boards' & commissions' meetings, we produced or assisted with the production of videos for the Milford 375th Parade, Milford Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, Milford Prevention Council PSA and Milford Schools Security Training, among others.

MGAT programming has been running online continually throughout the summer, except for the times when the power has gone out in City Hall. There have been several outages throughout the summer, in both City Hall & the Parsons Complex, which required me to completely shut down the systems & test each unit individually, then re-enable them sequentially in order to bring us back on the air. This is obviously not a good practice to perform, even once, and we had to replace our broadcast DVD player because of it. I am working on getting some sort of back-up power source enabled in an effort to try to prevent these outages from affecting us again. Since City Hall is our main studio, with many more electronic units, that is our key objective. The studio in Parsons is a bit less complicated, and thereby better able to be brought back on air once I'm notified of the outage. Available power is still a critical issue in both studios, but especially in City Hall.

Security is also still an issue in our City Hall studio. There have been food & drink spills on our equipment, evidence of people watching & altering our TV monitors and using our equipment.

There have been no noticeable differences in broadcasts since AT&T's sale of U-verse to Frontier Communications. We will continue to be alert to any changes.

We are still waiting for our video production laptop to arrive. When it does arrive I will report on its effectiveness. This will enable us to progress to our video streaming project and our programming of a structured & scheduled broadcast day.