

Greenbelt Access Television, Inc.
Board of Directors
Meeting of February 11, 2020, 7PM

Board members present – all but Maria Silvia Miller as she was en route to her trip to Honduras

Guests: Dave McCarty and John Campanile
All Staff were present

Frank Gervasi declare the meeting to begin at 7:07pm

The minutes of the January 14, 2020 moved by Deb Hartwick and Seconded by Bob Zugby were approved.

Renee Treasurer's Report: Checking \$18,306. Will get us through March
When is the next city contribution – April or March

Rene – post discussion (major point raised by Rene was that there needed to be more of a connection between dollars and our goals, still need to have at least the beginnings of a reserve fund dedicated for those scenarios where we need them in emergencies, etc.)

Andy's analysis was that "were floating on the edge".

Andy also reported that one of the production related expenses was \$8400 for our play out system, which is a yearly fee. Additionally, another cost we've had to cover is \$800 for maintenance of info view. Finally, on expenditure matters, Andy also reported the Adobe Contract would come to \$2190. The Board acted on this item in a separate motion by voting in favor to authorize that expenditure of \$2190 to pay for the Adobe contract.

Claude offered the idea of a fund raising event to be held on a regularly occurring basis.

Conclusion: a budget meeting needs to be held sometime in March, prior to the next meeting in March.

Frank's Report's Highlights: Local federal officials (Congressman Hoyer, Senators Van Hollen & Cardin) have been supportive of public access tv operations Which have opposed the FCC's action of last August. Most significantly, reversing The requirements that a percentage of their subscriptions be dedicated to local access entities. Further regarding of our support and 300 public access stations nationally, this will be a major issue at the ACM conference in Chicago.

Frank & Andy also reported that there was one outage which took two hours to fix. Ray raised concerns of a freeze which could take a longer period of time to address it.

Staff Reports regarding productions: 29 GATe programs produced from December through early February. GATe members John Campanile, William Powell, Cyhmnin Swaann have contributed to that number of productions. Additionally, Rene produced a production on KWANZA and "Little Dan" contributed an exercise video.

Claude raised a question which related to classes offered to the public (and potential producers of GATe programs): Andy and Phoebe reported that there have been five classes offered with a total of five students total over the last six months or so.

Geo reported that Pathways Class will open its next session on Thursday, February 13th. Once again, Felix (I did not catch his last name) from his class produced a film shown in a youth festival in Rhode Island, Alexander on in Santa Barbara. Frank expressed his congratulations to Geo for entering the kids in these and other festivals. Additional note: another of Geo's students, Kathy, put together a film on wellness which attracted 500 you-tube followers.

Administration Committee met and proposed that the Board adopt the amendments to the bylaws. Following discussion, **The Board did adopt the amendments to the Bylaws unanimously.**

Maria & Konrad – It was announced that they would co-chair the **Development & Marketing Committees** and merge the two committees into one committee. Konrad also announced that he would report back to the Board regarding grant possibilities with the Prince George's County Arts & Humanities Council.

Claude announced that he would be stepping down as Chair of **the Communications Committee**. Members from the Board expressed thanks for his leadership and the Committee's good work.

Utopia: Waiting to hear back from the Greenbelt Arts Center re: availability to hold the opening reception and several films. Deb proposed the weeks of October 9-15 or October 16-22 or at least the respective weekends. To promote the film festival Andy has been putting together promos. Konrad pledged to check the Maryland Municipal League conference would occur so as to avoid a scheduling conflict with Greenbelt municipal officials.

Additional discussion as to how we can increase citizen participation in access tv productions. John Campanile announced that Bowie State had a class in film making. Andy indicated he would touch base with the University of Maryland contact that Konrad provided who additionally might provide some direction. Bob urged that we set up a time that recur in our scheduling of programs produced by citizen members. John Campanile advocated that a time be set of a half hour each week for kids programs.

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:53pm.

Minutes provided by Konrad Herling, Secretary.

Minutes of the Board of Directors
Meeting of Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 7pm

