

Darien TV 79 Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday

September 9, 2014

7:30 p.m.

Room 206

Present: Lynn Hamlen, Jim Cameron, David Dever, Gene Coyle, Nanci Natale and Mike Wheeler

Absent: Marilyn Hart

Meeting called to order at 7:35PM.

Approval of Minutes

Moved to approve by Jim Cameron, Seconded by David Dever, Minutes were approved.

Welcome and introduction Nanci Natale -

Election of Officers – Mike Wheeler nominated Lynn Hamlen for Chair, Seconded by Jim Cameron, approved by all. Mike Wheeler nominated Nanci Natale for Secretary, Seconded by Jim Cameron, approved by all.

Programming

- We are now able to air 6 different meetings in our weekly replay rotation, allowing us to cover more meetings which can be covered live while replaying other meetings
- Received money from Town \$11,100.00 for camera operators, supplemented by a Grant from Area 9 Cable Council of \$2,000.
- Requests have been made for “on demand” replay of programs on the web, (Moderator of RTM etc.) – too laborious (doubles our workload) and time consuming (production through uploading etc. Need to go to BOS for more money to do this.
- “YouTube” – Upload time depends on band width etc., Jim Cameron to investigate further
- DVD’s currently made of recorded meetings - \$25.00 per DVD goes to Town Fund, not to TV79
- Looking for camera operators – we now have 2 fulltime/part time guys. Pays \$25/hour – flyer to be distributed to Darien High School to generate interest. Mike also suggested we distribute the flyer to the Senior Center.
- October 21<sup>st</sup> is League of Women Voter’s “Candidate Night” – we carry it live, replay in heavy rotation through day before the election.
- Quiet Season begins now – no interviews of individual candidates other than coverage Boards and Commissions on which they serve.

## Tech

- Channel 79 grew from 2 cameras with VCR Recording/playback in 2006 to 7 remote control cameras in three rooms – 206, 213 and auditorium, today
- New Set Up – neater and easier to operate – push a button and the room is live
- New audio monitoring will be finished by week of 9/15
- 2 portable cameras for field recording are edited in same room
- Thank you to “Area 9” for new equipment & grant – no money comes from the Town budget for capital equipment
- Streaming: offers from various companies to stream programming live on the Internet but also add “video on demand” costs 4 figures/month; looking at companies that will stream Channel 79 24/7 and can be watched any time – Earthchannel.com will give us what we are looking for, if we find the budget
- AT&T sending us a contract to review – previous contract offered required indemnification clause that will hold the Town responsible for anything that goes wrong – Town Counsel said no to signing.
- 700 families currently subscribe to the weekly Program Guide for Channel 79 – limited to Cablevision and just in Darien.
- BOE does their own programming with their own equipment, gives us a DVD to stream. Discussion on wiring BOE building and eventually airing their meetings live. Costs to wire BOE building should be included in budget presentation.

## Budget

- Chairman to speak to BOS for larger budget request for streaming, archiving, “on demand”
- Improve PA system in Auditorium
- Include BOE money to wire for live programming
- Budget to BOS – date TBD – Lynn will draft a request to BOS

## Other

Nanci moved to adjourn – Jim seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted  
September 13, 2014  
Nanci Natale, Secretary