

Darien TV 79 Advisory Board Meeting  
Tuesday  
September 24, 2013  
7:30 p.m.  
Room 119

Present: Chairwoman Hamlen, Marilyn Hart, Jim Cameron, David Dever, Gene Coyle, and Mike Wheeler

Meeting called to order at 7:34PM.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes were approved.

Lynn Hamlen was unanimously re-elected Chair, Marilyn Hart and Mike Wheeler will share the secretary role.

Programming-Jim Cameron

Jim recognized the work of our summer interns: Nicole Gutierrez and Tommy Festo.

They worked on a couple of documentaries on Town activities and created promos featuring 8 of our viewers and why they watch TV79.

With the cooperation of the Darien Library, TV79 was able to cover the special Sunday district meeting on Syria held by Rep. Himes (and joined by Sen. Blumenthal) and attended by more than 500 people from throughout the district. With the help of First Selectman Stevenson, Jim was able to get the very timely meeting on the air at 7:45pm that same evening. We also made copies available to other TV 79's throughout Region 9.

We will also be covering two debate produced by the League of Women Voters on October 22 (Town Hall) and October 30 (Board of Education forum at the Board of Education Headquarters building.)

Tech Update-Dave Dever

The equipment is running well. We are looking at improving microphones in a couple of rooms. We are also looking for a couple of replacement cameras similar to what we have now to simplify training for camera operators.

The new server should be on line by the end of 4Q13.

The new Board of Education Headquarters has opened. A number of meetings are being held there in what was the old Children's Library. The acoustics are poor.

The BOE owns its audio/visual equipment. They have a new audio system for use for their meetings but they have declined to allow us to use their audio and video systems at the present time when we cover non-BOE meetings. Thus, our audio quality suffers.

We would like to have the capability in the near future to be able to broadcast live from DPL (for events like the special Rep. Himes District meeting) and from BOE HQ (for the BOE regular meetings and other public meetings using their facility).

We need to investigate how we can broadcast live from the Darien Public Library, and the new Board of Education headquarters, and perhaps the Darien Police Department.

New Business

Calendar for 2014: Dates are going to be requested for 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of January, April, June, and September 24.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15pm.