

ONION RIVER COMMUNITY ACCESS MEDIA, INC. (ORCA)
City Center, 89 Main St., Montpelier, VT 05602
Minutes of Meeting **APPROVED**
February 15, 2010

Present: chairman John Bloch, secretary Esther Farnsworth, treasurer Mike Doyle, Bill Doyle, executive director Kenric Kite

Agenda

Approval of minutes of November 15, 2009

Financial report

Executive director's report

Discussion of budget for 2010

Review and update of Employee Policy, 2nd reading

Old business

 Formal approval of City Hall Camera system purchase

 Formal approval of edit system

New business – stipend for Wright Jones

Date and time for April meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:55 PM by President, John Bloch.

Minutes – Date of next meeting was listed as January 18. Meeting was not held in lieu of appreciation dinner on January 11.

Minutes were approved.

Finance – report accepted by the board

 MGV

 Why did MGV ask to have a \$15,000 withdrawal from Edward Jones?

 Finance not easy to follow because of confusing page numbers.

 MGV financial report is late – too late to send out for member's perusal before board meetings.

 MGV has raised their hourly rate for services.

 John and Mike Doyle will meet with MGV

 ORCA received \$5,000 from the City of Montpelier to help with the purchase and installation of the new camera system used to cover city meetings.

Kenric's report

- Kenric presented a budget for capital expenses: field camera and tripod, video supplies and repair, studio chairs, camera system for City Hall, digital projector and screen, MacBook laptop for Statehouse video, edit system, equipment for streaming. Total cost: \$35,579. Unanimous board Approval. Full report on file.

- He emphasized again that ORCA must spend the capital grant from Comcast on capital. It includes repairs to equipment and video supplies.

- National Life has offered studio chairs and computers.

- The new camera uses cards – a saving on tapes.

- Kenric is working with Jeff Farber to change studio lighting to low wattage.

- Meridith is videotaping statehouse reps, senators, etc and sending it home through VMX

- Streaming progressing, not yet complete.

- Complete report on file

Employee policy tabled for next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Stipend for Wright Jones approved.

VAN's opening a docket around issues concerning contracts for public access channels. Total cost \$40,000; ORCA's share \$2,200. Unanimously approved..

John asked to have a resolution introduced in the Statehouse commemorating the 25th anniversary of public access in Central Vermont. Bill said Michael Chernick helps with this. Call 828-2231.

The Board expresses a big THANK YOU to Tim Tavcar for writing and sending out invitations for sponsorship of ORCA programs.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM. Next meeting will be April 19 at 7:30 PM.

Recorded by Esther Farnsworth, secretary