

ORCA Board Meeting
2/27/2018

Attending: Bill Doyle, Mike Abadi, Rachel Feldman (via phone), CJ Stumpf (via phone), Mike Doyle, Dave Connor

Guest: Susan Bettmann

I. Call to Order at 6:32

II. Public Comments

Susan introduced. From Middlesex, background in film and theatre. Shoots for ORCA. Connected to ORCA since the Adelphia days!

Dave moves and Mike D seconds to include Sue to the Board. Unanimous decision. Welcome to the Board.

III. Approval of Minutes 1/23/2018

Add CJ Stumpf Attending, various commas

Dave C. moves to approve amended minutes, CJ seconds, unanimous

IV. Financial Reports

Mike D reports: spent 42,826. 131,206 cash on hand. Account value 216,721. Last meeting 220K. 50% of equity in bond market. Avoided 10% loss with market correction. We lost 1.2%. Rachel is now on accounts.

Rob: Quarterly check from Comcast dropped. From 112K to 110K.
Cleaning up 2017, preparing tax return. Our accountant MGW will file.

Bill D moves to accept, Dave C. seconds. Unanimous.

V. Exec Director's Report

Rob reports on Jin An, who is interning to see if it a good fit for her to become our new Content Manager. Working very well to date and Rob anticipates formalizing this relationship.

Opiate Crisis panel -- partnered with Times Argus. Streamed, went very smoothly

Comcast suit: granted intervener status. We have access to all filings. And we have standing to appeal. Petition to dismiss pending.

Rule 8 provides for a designated Statewide AMO-- will petition PUC to make VAN the Statewide AMO.

Mike D moves to accept, CJ seconds. Unanimous

VI. Old Business

Off Month meeting will be for committees.

Strategy committee meeting will meet in March-- Rob to send email

April 24 6:30 next full board meeting

May 22 5:30 Annual Meeting

Goodbye to Jackie-- Rob will reach out

Bill D. offers positive comments of John Bloch's dedicated service to our ORCA-- also he is a very good cook. Letter of appreciation. Other ideas pending.

Mike D moves Rachel seconds. Unanimous

VII. New Business

Potential for looking into Randolph community partnerships

Getting close to covering every select board in our service area -- Towns left: Worcester, Braintree, E Montpelier, Middlesex-- long term goal close to realized

Discussion of covering theatre and the arts.

Mike D. moves to adjourn, Sue seconds Unanimous
Adjourned 8:27