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UNAPPROVED MINUTES March 8, 2018

Present: Chairman Sol Silverstein, Gary DelPiano, Tina Magyar (via telephone), Michael Papa, Coordinator Ron Davis, Assistant Coordinator Chris Kelly, Recording Secretary Marlene Silverstein

Chairman Silverstein convened the meeting at 7:38 pm.

Questions & Comments: None

Approve Minutes of February 8, 2018: Gary DelPiano, seconded by Tina Magyar, made the ***motion to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2018 meeting.*** The motion carried with the following vote: AYE-Chairman Silverstein, Tina Magyar, Michael Papa; ABSTAIN-Gary DelPiano.

Budget Review: The budget was reviewed.

Coordinator's Report: Ron Davis reported that 15 meetings and 0 events were recorded/shown in February. Assistant Coordinator Chris Kelly reported 315 live hits and 627 Video on Demand (VOD) hits for the month.

Chairman Silverstein noted that the aspect ratio of the picture coming from Altice (formerly Cablevision) seems to be different since the new TelVue server was installed. It seems to be 3x3 rather than 4x3. Other committee members have noticed this also. Assistant Coordinator Kelly reported that he has not definitively ascertained the cause of this issue as of this date. He believes it may be related to the fact that the new server does not have a composite video output. It puts out a 16x9 aspect ratio. It could be that the problem is related to how OGAT and Altice convert the signals to 4x3. So far, Altice has not been helpful in finding a solution. He will continue to look into this problem. Chairman Silverstein suggested that Mr. Kelly contact TelVue to see if they can offer any insight. He also suggested that Mr. Kelly try an experiment using our digital camera to feed the TelVue server a 16x9 image and see what comes back from Altice.

Chairman Silverstein reported that the audio distortion seems to have gotten worse. Mr. Kelly and Mr. Davis have not yet been able to determine the cause. Other committee members have observed this as well. Assistant Coordinator Kelly believes OGAT needs a converter to fix the problem with the audio. He reported that TelVue was supposed to install one but did not do so when they installed the server as we had a TriCaster switcher in the system at that time rather

than our own switcher. (The TriCaster had been borrowed from Woodbridge for a tryout.) Assistant Coordinator Kelly will contact TelVue to request that they provide the converter.

Coordinator Davis reported that he received a trouble notice from AT&T on February 8th. When Mr. Kelly shut down the AT&T equipment to move it into the equipment rack, it seems that it was not properly rewired. Mr. Kelly checked and rewired the unit and it was then operating properly according to AT&T. Mr. Davis reported that on February 23rd he received a telephone call from Frontier informing him that the connection had failed. On February 26th, the AT&T system was rebooted, and he called Frontier to advise them of the reboot and to check it out on their end. Mr. Davis said he received another trouble email from AT&T on March 7.

Gary DelPiano, seconded by Michael Papa, made the ***motion to approve the Coordinator's Report for February 2018 with the following correction to the dates of the Player Hits Report section on page 2: January should be changed to February.*** The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item List: Chairman Silverstein handed out a list of Action Items that Mr. Davis and Mr. Kelly need to handle. The list was reviewed.

OGAT Control Room: Mr. Kelly is in process of making a number of physical changes to the location of equipment in the OGAT Control Room.

Video on Demand & Remote Broadcasting: Assistant Coordinator Kelly's spreadsheet showing the VOD Hit Count List was reviewed. It can be seen that February, 2018 programs were not up and running until the end of the month rather than in a timely fashion. In addition, one December program needs to be retrieved from the Woodbridge TriCaster we had experimented with during that month.

Cable Advisory Council (CAC) Grant: Chairman Silverstein reported that he has received the grant application for the next grant year, and it is due July 15, 2018. He requested that everyone bring a list of items to consider for the grant application to the April meeting.

Bulletin Board & Program Scheduling: Chairman Silverstein requested that the program schedule on the bulletin board be shown for at between 30 seconds and 1 minute, rather than 15 seconds. Assistant Coordinator Kelly will make this change. Chairman Silverstein also requested that Coordinator Davis and/or Assistant Coordinator Kelly remove the TelVue message on the screen when there is nothing showing and replace it with the OGAT logo if possible. Assistant Coordinator Kelly is investigating if this can be done.

Status of Frontier Connection: Discussed as part of the Coordinator's Report

Equipment Inventory: Nothing to report.

Town Talk Program: Coordinator Davis reported that the Health Department Town Talk program is currently running. He also reported that Joan Cretella, Director of Community Services, informed him that she is almost ready to record her department's program.

At 8:53 pm, Gary DelPiano, seconded by Michael Papa, made the ***motion to adjourn.***

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Silverstein,
Recording Secretary