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Mount Mansfield Community Television



Board Meeting

4/9/24

Board Attendees: Jay Furr, Tim Chamberlin, Theodore Lyman, Gregg Stevens (Zoom), Kate Blofson

Other Attendees: Angelike Contis, Jim Hering, Ruth Miller, Erin Wagg

Called to order: 6:30 pm

Brief Introductions.

Minutes - Motion by Ted to approve 1/30/24 and 2/19/24 special meeting minutes. Seconded by Tim. Passes.

Review 1st Qtr Financials. We are within budget. Only big capital expense was a new Panasonic camera. Discussion of the possibility of moving funds that are not being used immediately (Money Market at about \$150,000) into a CD with high (5%?) interest. Kate suggests looking into a local bank instead of TD bank. It is administratively easier to have all in one bank, but perhaps we can consider a bigger shift down the road; we will research options.

Motion by Tim to move \$50K into a 6 month CD at TD Bank (assuming 5% return).
Seconded by Ted. Passed unanimously

VAN Legislative Update - There has been a lot of activity, as S.181 passed unanimously in the Senate and is now going to the House. Though we had originally proposed a pole tax, the Senate seized on an idea also seen in NY of a streaming tax. VAN is hoping this funding will take care of the cable gap and preclude us having to ask for funding each year.

Municipal/Production News - Short update on working with municipalities and recap of the previous day's eclipse. Ruth fitted welders' glass to camera and Ruth/Erin filmed people in Volunteers Green. We had an Underhill (Mt Mansfield view) live stream (as a preview to our permanent mountain cam stream). Madeline created two versions of a poster re: recording in progress to warn participants they are "live" during meetings.

Outreach and training updates

- Starting MMU spring sports tomorrow, with several videographers on board, seeking more to offer better home game coverage. We enlist parent commentators. We'll likely have 2 weeks of summer TV camp.

LPFM Updates

- FCC - will notify us in May re: evaluation. Unfortunately we learned that another group (proposing a Catholic radio station) had also applied, but hopefully we will have more points in the FCC's point system and win out.
- We have been creating our first audio podcast with Mary Hill. Hopefully there will be more. There's been a tech learning curve.
- Kate noted an opportunity to request funding from Bernie Sanders' office, which we can look into.

Motion to adjourn by Ted. Seconded by Tim. Passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7.20pm.