

SAPA Board Minutes December 14,2017

Attending: Marita Johnson, Bryce Honeywell, Becky Tucker, Mark Blanchard, Jared Gunnell

Meeting called to order at 4:34 pm

There was not a quorum present so no actions were taken and this meeting was informational only.

Public Comments

People talking about senior songsters Christmas program at senior center at the RVTC Cafe potluck dinner.

Minutes will be approved at next meeting

Jared Presented the directors report. Document attached to meeting minutes

Committee Appointments

The board discussed possible committee appointments. These appointments will be presented at the next SAPA TV Board meeting.

- Financial Committee
 - Mark Richardson, Mark Blanchard, Marita Johnson
- Policy Committee
 - John Arrison, Mark Richardson
- Personnel Committee
 - Becky, Mike, Mark Richardson,
- Facilities Committee
 - Bryce, Mark Richardson, Bryce
- Negotiations. Committee
 - Mark Blanchard, John Arrison

SAPA TV 20th Anniversary

Jared presented the idea of holding a community media festival on October 20 2017. There were concerns that trying to do a large type festival would be to much of a task for SAPA and the board to take on. Consensus from the board was to look at holding a smaller farmer market/bazaar style event. Jared will put out feelers to local media outlets about participating in the event.

Items for next meeting - February 8, 2017

Review of Committees

Update of 20th Anniversary community media event.

Audit Update

Executive Session - ED Evaluation/Contract Negotiations

SAPA TV Directors Report - November 2017

The month of November came and went fast. This month is always a busy month for SAPA TV. The staff and volunteers have been busy covering all the local holiday events. We appreciate the time they give to the community.

I was able to attend the ACM-NE Conference (Alliance for Community Media) the first week of November. SAPA TV received a scholarship from ACM that covered the conference fees. I was able to attend several forums and meetings during the two days I attended the conference. A lot of the discussion focused on collaborating with community members and local non profits. There was also discussion about concerns of current and changing FCC regulations that could affect community television in the future. A lot of great ideas were shared throughout the conference. SAPA TV hopes to incorporate some of these ideas into training, community outreach and more.

Asah provided camera training sessions at the Springfield Senior Center on the first and second Tuesday in the month of November. No one attended the sessions but SAPA TV will continue to provide training and look for other opportunities to work with the Springfield Senior Center.

On November 29th I attended a meeting in Montpelier with the VT Department of Public Service. They invited AMO directors to be part of a forum to give input on the new Vermont Telecom Plan. Concerns about future community television funding was the big focus of discussion during this meeting. The VT Telecomm plan is not policy but is a document that is referred to or used as a guide when creating telecom policy on the state level.

SAPA TV state annual reporting was finalized in the month of November. Reports were sent to the Public Utility Commission, cable providers and Vermont Access Network. A printed copy of the report is available at the SAPA TV offices.

On December 6th the SAPA TV staff attended a VAN-Bi Regional meeting in Ludlow, Vermont. Local AMO's discussed collaboration opportunities, production training and practices, and current regulatory affairs. There were some great conversations on how we can collaborate with other stations through marketing and other outlets. Kevin Christopher, President of VAN presented the options or steps VAN is looking at as the Comcast lawsuit moves forward.