

**Minutes for the SAPA TV Board of Directors' Meeting January 10, 2019 at the HDEC Conference Room, River Valley Technical Center**

- I. Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by president Marita Johnson. Present were Mark Richardson, Bob Topolski, Jared Gunnell, Bryce Honeywell, Rebecca Tucker and Mark Blanchard. John Arrison and Steve Sysco were absent.
- II. There were no additions or modifications to the Agenda.
- III. Public Comment: Videographer Wes Marshall has been cutting back his activities, but not completely. At Charlestown Senior Center, someone raved about the Osher productions at Nolan Center in Springfield; Bryce's daughter enjoyed the Christmas productions; many noticed the addition of very old silent movies on Channel 160; Kate Adams is a new volunteer.
- IV. Minutes for last meeting were approved as corrected per motion by Mark Blanchard, and seconded by Bryce Honeywell.
- V. Director's Report (attached) Jared Gunnell showed the Board the newest equipment purchased: two microphones, and a "Sling" studio live mixer.
- VI. The Financial Report (attached) was presented, and it was noted that it only runs through November 2018. The Financial Committee will meet in February before the March meeting. Mark Blanchard, Mark Richardson and Marita Johnson are on the committee.
- VII. FCC FNRPM/Comcast \_ Vermont Access Network (VAN) wants Comcast (and VTel) to put SAPA program lists for channels on their customers' TV Guide. There is also a move afoot to allow cable companies to have more control over what kind and quantity of access they allow public access televisions. Jared stated it will be a long time before this subject is settled.
- VIII. Items for the next board meeting - Discussed was possibility of finding a person with underwriting experience to encourage more SAPA underwriters and thereby have a little more money coming in. Next meeting will be March 14, 2019.
- IX. Upon a motion by Rebecca Tucker and seconded by Mark Blanchard the board went into Executive Session to consider the new contract for the Director. After some discussion, the executive session was ended by motion of Bob Topolski and seconded by Mark Blanchard at 6:15. Bryce Honeywell moved we approve the contract as written and seconded by Mark Blanchard. The Director's contract was approved by a voice vote
- X. The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 at motion by Mark Blanchard and seconded by Bob Topolski.

Respectfully submitted by Rebecca Tucker, Secretary for the SAPA Board of Trustees, March 7, 2019.