

MMCTV Board Meeting

July 11, 2017 at MMCTV

Board Present: Ron Rodjenski, Peter Wolf and Theodore Lyman.

Staff Present: Angelike Contis, Jim Hering and Ruth Miller.

Meeting called to order at 6.30pm.

Minutes – *Peter makes a motion to approve the minutes of 4/11/17. Ted seconds it. Motion passes.*

2nd Quarter Financials – We are under budget spending overall, as Jim opted to reduce his hours and we haven't made our big capital purchase for the year.

2nd Government Channel Followup – Comcast has informed us that instead of a radiant transmitter like our existing one, there would be a \$7800 IP-based encoder for the second channel; Comcast will cover half of the price. They are awaiting our schedule for the channel activation. Bill Cairns believes the IP system should work. CATV has such a system, which works for their channels. MMCTV needs to select a new server platform, but in the meantime, board recommends we should ask Comcast to start moving on steps for channel activation. Fall is new channel target date.

20th Anniversary Events & Fundraising – Our budgeted goal for the year was about \$5,000. To date, we have about \$500 in donations. Brewery fundraiser projected to earn between \$500 and over \$1000 (if second batch made, at \$2 per episode). Save the date for October MMCTV Local Harvest Dinner: Thurs. October 5th at West Monitor Barn; hope to make about \$2,000 if have about 50 people at \$50 each. Local sponsors include Hatchet, Sweet Simone's, Richmond Community Kitchen, Maple Wind, VYCC, Jericho Settlers' Farm, NOFA-VT. We need volunteers to help serve. Ken Nussbaum may join our fundraising committee; Angelike to set up meeting.

Lease Renewal – We will be signing a new, 3-year lease, as our lease is up in August, with the idea of expansion project still continuing.

Other Business – Ethical (privacy/legal/AMO editorializing) issues brought up by the recent decision by Richmond Police Chief to have MMCTV edit in police footage (body cam/cruiser) in June episode of Richmond Police Beat. Staff chose to hold off on using footage until more research is done on its use. Angelike will meet with Chief next week to learn more. Board proposes that a policy needs to be instituted once the research is completed.

Motion made by Peter to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Ted Lyman. Meeting adjourned at 7.52pm.