PEGAOB: Minutes from February 13, 2013

Present: Cathy Taylor, Joann Crupi, Joe Cunniff

Absent: Andrew Joyce, Jim Miller, Andrew Bechard, Richard Berkley, Joe Bonilla, Dottie Dack

Due to lack of board members present, the members present chose to cancel the meeting.

PEGAOB: Minutes from July 11, 2013

Present: Joe Cunniff, Joann Crupi, Joe Bonilla, Richard Berkley, Andrew Bechard, Mike Yevoli, Cathy Taylor

Absent: Andrew Joyce

Public Comment

John-Jay Steinhart regarding access to editing software at studio. There is only one workstation for editing.

Steve Winters regarding the CSR courses he attended. He feels he needs more guidance and the subject matter is complicated. He mentioned Congressman Tonko has grants available that the board should apply for. He mentioned Albany County legislature meetings have video cameras but the video is not broadcast on PEG in the city of Albany. He wondered how the video was used.

Meeting Agenda

New Business

Board discussed an expedited method for replacing failed equipment. Voted 6-0 in favor of resolution allowing certain dollar amounts ($500 per quarter, $2000 per quarter maximum) to be approved by City without board's approval.

Board discussed meeting every other month instead of monthly. Motion failed, 5-1.

Discussed purchasing new editing system for studio. Passed 6-0.

Discussed creation of email group on gmail where the public could send an email to one email address that forwarded email to board member's individual email accounts. Joe Cunniff to investigate creation of channelalbanyPEGAOB@gmail.com and have a link put on city website.

Discussed annual report to Common Council. Richard Berkley to organizational framework for distribution to board.

Albany City School District – Joann Crupi has had discussions with their video department. They are using Youtube exclusively, but would be will to send video to channelalbany for airing. She suggests the board contact the superintendent and school board to set up a meeting to discuss further.

Reports:

Studio Update:

Internet access and telephone installation complete.

Website development:

Joe Bonilla indicated his firm could not provide hosting of site. Proposed board pursue other hosting services.

Next meeting Thursday, August 8, 2013, 6:00PM, Mayor's Conference Room, Albany City Hall.

PEGAOB: Minutes from August 8, 2013

Present:, Andrew Bechard, Richard Berkley, Joe Bonilla, Joann Crupi, Joe Cunniff,

Absent*: Andrew Joyce, Cathy Taylor, Mike Yevoli, Jim Miller

*There is no appointee from the School District, no 2nd appointee from Mayor's office.

Public Comment

John-Jay Steinhart regarding FCC rulings of which he has informed the Common Council.

Dennis Karius regarding PEG Access channels moved to the digital tier.

Lucille Brewer regarding regarding channels moved to the digital tier.

Gladys Figueroa regarding no agenda on website, video from Council Chambers is aimed at empty chair during meetings. Should fund someone to run camera. New studio equipment is behind schedule, new website is behind schedule, and mentions board can't do business without a quorum.

Marc Gronich regarding the production of Jewish View. He thanks Joe Alindato, volunteers, and the board.

Meeting Agenda

New Business

Reviewed request for new equipment at public studio

Discussed PEG channels now converted to digital tier (116-16, 116-17, 116-18). Some viewers without a QAM tuner or set-top box may require a digital terminal adapter (free for one year, then $.99 a month).

Annual report to Common Council under development.

Reports

Resolution for replacement and/or repair of equipment discussed.

NSRT gave overview of CloudCast and VOD and the status of website development.

Next meeting Thursday, September 12 , 2013, 6:00PM, Mayor's Conference Room, Albany City Hall.

PEGAOB: Minutes from September 12, 2013

Present: Andrew Bechard, Richard Berkley, Joe Bonilla, Joann Crupi, Joe Cunniff, Andrew Joyce, Cathy Taylor, Mike Yevoli, Jim Miller

Absent:*

*There is no appointee from the School District, no 2nd appointee from Mayor's office.

Public Comment

No public comments

Meeting Agenda

Motion to approve of August 2013 minutes.

Passed.

Reports

Channelalbany.org – Board recommends that Chair send a letter to Joe Piazzo asking that the web site be taken down, social networking sites be taken down, etc.

NSRT update:

– Sony camera repair estimated at $600, new camera $1800

- New School is developing and hosting channelalbany.tv
- Producers are not saving their content to their own devices, but will be instructed to do so. There is no guarantee that their content will be saved.
- Michelina investigating an open PO at Best Buy for studio supplies
- New School addressed virus problems with PC at studio, bought new hard drive and installed it using New School IT talent. New School requests that City provide future IT assistance.
- There was a reference to possible changes to St. Rose training to more closely align with equipment/software at studio.

- Live streaming from City Hall was discussed.
- Joe Alindato will receive informal training from Zeb Schmidt.
- The studio requires two tables for additional editing stations, one of which arrived today. Requires copy of Sony Vegas.

Next meeting Thursday, October 10, 2013, 6:00PM, Mayor's Conference Room, Albany City Hall.

PEGAOB: Minutes from October 10, 2013

Present: Joe Bonilla, Joann Crupi (St. Rose), Cathy Taylor (NSTR), Mike Yevoli, Jim Miller, Richard Berkley

Absent: Joe Cunniff, Andrew Bechard, Andrew Joyce

Public Comment

Dennis Karius – 13 York Rd, Guilderland, NY 12203 – Time Warner Cable recently changed their cable station lineup. 40 years ago, there had been a public access station in Albany. Suggested the creation of three additional channels to have programming from across the Capital Region.

Randall Hogue – SACC/Open Stage Media – co-founded Schenectady County's public access station (SACC), which was acquired by Proctors. Was interested in collaborating with Channel Albany on programming to encourage a regional approach to producing.

Meeting Agenda

Motion to table the approval of the September 2013 minutes.

Motion made by J. Miller, seconded by J. Crupi.

Approval of $710 to purchase four items per Joe Alindato's request from August 2013

Originally presented by Joe Alindato in August, an appropriation of $710 for a shotgun microphone, an audio recorder, boom pole, and noise canceling headphones.

Motion made by M. Yevoli, seconded by J. Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Report to the Council – Richard Berkley is working on first draft.

NSTR – exploring whether CloudCast can be streamed onto ChannelAlbany.tv; Phase II funding has been approved (TWC "happy" with what they saw on the channel), but the funds would be distributed by Time Warner Cable, not the City of Albany; NSTR IT and Joe Alindato are working with the City of Albany's CIO on maintenance process and repair issues; NSTR IT repaired the infected computer in the studio.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Miller, seconded by C. Taylor. Meeting concludes at 6:35 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday, November 14, 6:00PM, Mayor's Conference Room, Albany City Hall.

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Present: Joe Bonilla, Andrew Bechard, Joe Cunniff, Cathy Taylor, Joann Crupi, Andrew Joyce, Richard Berkley

Absent: Jim Miller, Mike Yevoli

Public Comment

Dennis Karius suggests there be more than 3 channels, and at least one more channel to send video to all of capital region instead of individual channels for each municipality.

Marc Gronich commends Joe Alindato of doing a great job at the public studio.

Meeting proceedings:

Joann Crupi reports that they had 18 responses to their survey of people who attended the CSR workshops. Many were there to simply improve the personal video skills. Suggested the board needs to do more to engage the public, wondering if it's the whole boards job or if the initial "core group" was a viable resource. Asked "where are they now?" Suggested getting NA and CANA together along with the school superintendent. Suggested there be a PEG show featuring Common Council Members. St Rose Agency class - students take on clients to promote their undertaking. Spoke with program director, asking if they would take on PEG as a client. Generally, there is no endorsement without a slight promise of success.

Discussion resolved to checking with Cathy about a quick fix for workshops:

10 sessions
4 subjects

2 x 5 classes, last class at library studio

Richard Berkley suggests board meetings should be for executive processes, not working. Suggests sub-committees should be created to work on issues during the month. Proposes we need a technology plan. Also suggest we should ask city for more money, all we are getting is $15K per year for public TV coordinator. Suggested we could use another group as conduit for non-profit contributions.

Sub-committees suggested:

(already formed technology committee - Joe Bonilla, Joe Cunniff, Tom Brownlie, Richard Berkley)

Community Outreach and Correspondence

Joann Crupi
Joe Bonilla

Volunteer Coordination

Jimmy Miller
Andrew Joyce
Richard Berkley

Fund Raising

Andrew Bechard
Joe Cunniff

Motion passed to create above sub-committees.

A motion was passed that new board member must be on at least one committee, committees may have one member of public, citizen of Albany. Passed unanimously.

(Marc Gronich volunteered for community outreach & correspondence committee)

Advertising Channel Albany:

Should address CANA, Channel Albany, city website
Newly formed committees should provide monthly reports

Other issues:

filenames confused server, created blackouts
degraded picture quality, problem at TWC
Phase II funding - final stipulation, New School must provide 30 log of programming, beginning 10/28

Minutes for 6, 7, 8, 9 - 2013 approved

Reviewed report to Common Council, tracking changes, still working on report.

Albany PEGAOB Minutes 12/12/2013

Present: Joe Bonilla, Andrew Bechard, Joe Cunniff, Cathy Taylor, Joann Crupi, Andrew Joyce, Richard Berkley

Absent: Jim Miller, Mike Yevoli

Public Comment

Dennis Karius suggests there be more than 3 channels, and at least one more channel to send video to all of capital region instead of individual channels for each municipality. On could send DVD to that channel for all of Capital District. Dennis wonders if we can't ask for one more channel.

Marc Gronich commented that the Channel Albany logo is too big for the linked in page he is setting up for Channel Albany.

Steve Winters states that basic TV cable doesn't allow you to get PEG channels and has written a letter to the PSC. Steve encourages the Common Council to promote PEG through the University.

John Jay Sheinhart (regarding PEG channels having gone digital) states "the box shows 16, 17, 18, the channels are really 1301, 1302, 1303 and you have to pay extra to get that".

Aimee Allaud wondered if moving the channels was within the scope of the franchise agreement.

Meeting proceedings:

Cathy reported on various activities at the New School.
Sub-committee reports:

technology committee -
Joe Bonilla
Joe Cunniff
Tom Brownlie
Richard Berkley
- no news

Community Outreach and Correspondence

Joann Crupi
Joe Bonilla
Marc Gronlich
- Joann Crupi confirmed the CSR PR class is willing to take on Channel Albany as a client. Needs assurance there's a chance of success, board agreed to become client.
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Volunteer Coordination

Jimmy Miller
Andrew Joyce
Richard Berkley

- Andrew and Richard met electronically to discuss volunteer coordination, college interns with or without credit. They are goin to approach Joe A at studio to discover what's needed at the studio in the way of volunteers.

Fund Raising

Andrew Bechard
Joe Cunniff

- No news

Meeting adjourned 6:35PM