

**WMHT Educational Telecommunications
 WMHT Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
 May 26, 2016**

A Meeting of the WMHT Board of Trustees was held on May 26, 2016 at WMHT, Troy, New York. Karen Hitchcock of the Board of Trustees, presided.

Present

Dr. Karen Hitchcock	Susan Novotny
Robert Altman	Karen Opalka
Eileen Bagnoli	William Picotte
Prentiss Carnell	Joseph Raggio
Gloria DeSole	Joseph Richardson
H. Graham Jones	Carl Shuster
John Kolb	Richard Taylor
Dr. Lee A. McElroy Jr.	Eugene Zeltmann
Steady Moono	

Excused

Jane Altes	Harry Rutledge
Annemarie Lanese	Shelby Schneider
Doris Fischer Malesardi	Jan Smith
Scott Rajeski	Maggie Vinciguerra

Also Attending

WMHT Staff: Sandra Beer, Val Belden, Bob Cummings, Mary Gribulis, Katherine Jetter, Julie Raskin, Scott Sauer

Ms. Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM.

Call to Order

***Consent Agenda
 Items***

On a motion by Mr. Picotte seconded by Dr. McElroy the consent agenda of minutes and notes listed below were unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees.

Minutes and Notes

- March 24, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes as amended
- March 29, 2016 Governance Committee Meeting
- April 7, 2016 Investment Committee Meeting
- May 19, 2016 Finance Committee Meeting
- May 19, 2016 Audit Committee Meeting

**Corporate
Resolution to
Lease**

Ms. Bagnoli presented the corporate resolution to authorize entering into a lease on a Honda van.

On a motion by Mr. Carnell, duly seconded by Ms. DeSole the Corporate Resolution to enter into a Closed-End Lease with HVT, Inc was unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees.

On behalf of the Board Mr. Altman and Ms. Raskin were signatories on this motion and Mr. Shuster as Secretary signed off.

***Finance
Committee Report***

Ms. Bagnoli shared that the Finance Committee reviewed the numbers last week and as of the end of April, Net Income before Depreciation is \$93,953 better than budgeted. Operational Income is \$76,618 below budget but due to expenses better than budget, we have a positive net position. All the key financial indicators are very, very good.

On a motion by Mr. Zeltmann, seconded by Mr. McElroy, the board unanimously approved the financial report.

Mr. Jones reported that WMHT invested funds were promptly transferred per the direction approved at the last board meeting.

FY17 Draft Budget

Ms. Bagnoli introduced the first draft of a budget for the new fiscal year starting on July 1. It is a conservative budget, including a 4% increase in income from Membership and a 7% increase in Corporate Support. The expense side includes a modest increase in employee salaries and benefits and a couple new staff positions. Ms. Bagnoli also presented the proposed capital budget.

***Election of
Community
Advisory Board***

Mr. Altman presented the slate for this federally mandated committee that advises the station on programs and services. After a discussion about the criteria used to select members on this advisory board, there was a request for more information in the future about the ways the proposed slate represents the communities we serve. On a motion by Mr. Richardson seconded by Mr. McElroy, the following slate was unanimously elected to serve on the Community Advisory Board for the next year.

WMHT Community Advisory Board - 2016

- Richard Beach
- Cliff Bird
- Kenneth Braswell
- Nancy Chiarella
- S. Neal Currie Jr
- Paul Fahey
- Dr. Mark Fruiterman
- Steve Janack
- Allen Kovler

- Aileen Leventon
- Clif Mark
- David M. Rooney
- Ellen Sinopoli
- Elmer Streeter
- Mary Beth Wenger
- Thomas Witz
- Kathryn Zox

President's Report Mr. Altman shared the success of recent television programs including Jackie Robinson, Call the Midwife, Stephen Hawking, and Wallender. The station is hosting screenings of our own productions about Olana and SPAC. Rob Brown has started as our afternoon host on the classical station and the addition of this radio position will allow WMHT to work on more local connections. WEXT has launched its own YouTube channel. Last night WMHT was the host for the Upstate Creative Community gathering. WMHT announced the new brand to the staff a couple of weeks ago. Mr. Altman noted that Katherine Jetter will be retiring at the end of this fiscal year. Mr. Altman and Mr. Sauer attended the annual PBS meeting last week where the overall mood was positive.

There are some new fabulous programs in the pipeline for the upcoming years. The biggest one is Ken Burns' upcoming documentary in 2017 about the Vietnam War.

Chair's Report Ms. Hitchcock welcomed Mr. Steady Moono to the board and thanked Mr. Jones and Mr. Carnell for the Board social gathering they planned. She noted that WMHT is at the end of the fiscal year and we have nearly 100% Board participation in Annual Giving. She emphasized the importance of full board participation in our fundraising efforts. In the fall, the board will start working on a new strategic planning process. Dr. Hitchcock noted that Mr. Altman will be honored by the community foundation on June 1st. She reminded the board members about the survey they have been requested to fill out.

Executive Session The Board met in executive session beginning at 5:18 and adjourned at 5:45 pm.
Adjournment