

Mission Statement of DATV

DATV is a community forum that empowers all citizens to learn, create and express their ideas through electronic media.

MINUTES FROM THE MONDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 2015 DATV BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING DATV CONFERENCE ROOM – 11:30AM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Talbert Grooms – DATV Chair
Maggie Barlow – Treasurer/Secretary
Marlese Durr
Diane Graham
Verletta Jackson
Commissioner Jeffrey Mims
Randy Phillips
Len Roberts
Chad Snoke

ABSENT

Tom Ritchie
Randy Bellinger – CDTN

ALSO PRESENT

Steve Ross, Executive Director of DATV

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Talbert Grooms called the meeting to order at 5:35pm

ROLL CALL

S. Ross did the roll call.

BOARD CHAIR COMMENTS

T. Grooms mentioned that several important items needed addressed including appointment of Board Officers, committees, and Board membership dues.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

T. Grooms asked for approval. M. Barlow made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by C. Snoke. Motion passed unanimously.

- a. Executive Committee report presented as submitted.
- b. Nominating Committee – one Board position is still open. T. Grooms mentioned the Volunteer Christmas party and encouraged all Board members to attend.
- c. Investment Committee report presented by M. Barlow as submitted.
- d. Personnel Committee – did not meet.
- e. Development Committee – D. Graham presented report as submitted.
- f. Executive Director's report by S. Ross as submitted.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COMMENTS BY THE CITY OF DAYTON CABLE ADMINISTRATOR

None

OLD BUSINESS

M. Barlow reminded Board members to pay their 2016 DATV membership dues. She highlighted the monthly payment options on the DATV website.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of new Board Officers took place. Motion for approval was made by L. Roberts and seconded by S. Snoke. DATV Board Officers for 2016 are;

T. Grooms – Chair
R. Phillips – Vice Chair
V. Jackson – Secretary
M. Barlow – Treasurer

D. Graham suggested that next year the Nominating Committee controls the above process with ballots and nominations well in advance of the Board meeting. All agreed and the process will be updated in 2016.

Committee Chairs for 2016 were also discussed and the results;

Development Chair – Diane Graham
Personnel Chair – Len Roberts
Nominating Chair – Marlese Durr
Investment Chair – Maggie Barlow

S. Ross will send out descriptions of each committee seeking Board participants for each.

2016 Operating and Capital Budgets were discussed. S. Ross mentioned that both budgets were extremely tight due to declining franchise fees.

The idea of working with Good Will's Senior Citizen program was discussed concerning a part-time receptionist. D. Graham suggested researching other Good Will programs to serve this need. M. Durr mentioned Wright State Univ. might offer a program as well.

S. Ross said that he will pull some money from Merrill Lynch gains to cover operating expenses.

D. Graham asked if the line item for Staff Training could be increased to reflect 2015's budget amount. She also asked to reduce the "Board Meetings" line item to \$0 which is for food for the meetings. D. Graham feels each member could sponsor food for the meetings. This would free up money for the "Staff Travel" line item.

S. Ross reemphasized the tight budget and thus the need for reductions. He will revisit the proposed budget for the possibility of modifications.

M. Durr asked about costs for printed newsletter vs. electronic newsletter. S. Ross said that DATV had budgeted for 4 printed versions in 2015 at the recommendation of the Development Committee. He said that only 3 printed versions are budgeted for 2016 and was considering going with an all-digital format.

T. Grooms asked about Donations/Development being budgeted low in income. S. Ross said there's no history of donations coming in at a higher level and that he would leave it at \$1,200. T. Grooms encouraged the Development Committee to bring it considerably more than that to build confidence for future budgets.

C. Snoke asked about DATV being under budget for 2015. Ross explained that a budgeted part-time receptionist was not hired. Also, DATV did better in production for pay and memberships than was expected. And finally, other belt-tightening measures took place. C. Snoke commended S. Ross for his efforts.

D. Graham recommended when the Personnel Committee meets and does S. Ross' review that the budget be revisited to include a raise for Ross.

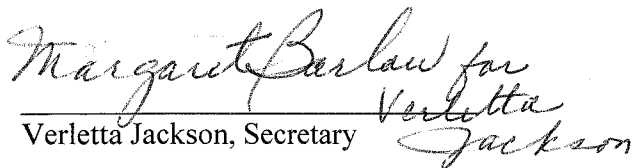
T. Grooms asked for a motion to approve the 2016 budgets as presented. Motion was made by L. Roberts. Seconded by Jeffrey Mims. Motion unanimously passed.

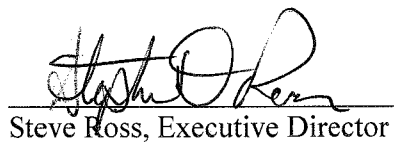
ADJOURNMENT

At 6:25 T. Grooms asked for a motion to adjourn. L. Roberts made the motion and J. Mims seconded. Motion unanimously passed and the meeting was adjourned.

The next board meeting will be **FEBRUARY 8th, 2015 at 5:30pm in the DATV conference room.**

Respectfully submitted,


Verletta Jackson, Secretary


Steve Ross, Executive Director

Submitted
12/15/15 SR