

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
MONDAY, October 12, 2020
DATV BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT

Randy Phillips - Chair
Marlese Durr— Vice-Chair
Maggie Barlow – Treasurer
Jodi Owens – Secretary

Rev. William Harris
Commissioner Jeffrey Mims
Joyce Willis

ABSENT

Erica Fields—excused
Willie Walker

STAFF

Rosemary Bradley

CALL TO ORDER

R. Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm.

ROLL CALL

Phillips performed the roll call. Erica has an excused absence. We haven't heard from Willie Walker. Commissioner Mims was at DATV today and reminded we had a Board meeting today. Joyce will join later as she is in the Board of Elections training.

BOARD CHAIR COMMENTS

N/A

A) Approval of Board Minutes

Phillips called for approval of 10 August 2020 board minutes. Barlow moved to accept; Harris seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

- B) Committee Reports
 - a) Executive Committee: N/A
 - b) Nominating Committee: Attached
 - c) Investment Committee: Attached
 - d) Personnel Committee: N/A
 - e) Development Committee: N/A
- C) Approval of Treasurer's Report: Attached
- D) Executive Director's Report: Attached

Phillips called for a motion to accept the Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D. Harris moved to accept; Durr seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Randy reminded us that there are three board members whose terms are up at the end of 2020. These are Randy Phillips, Rev. Harris, and Willie Walker. For these members, a written notice of continuation on the board is required, should they so wish to continue. Marlese asked Randy and Rev. Harris if they were interested in continuing, to which they replied in the affirmative. Discussion ensued regarding Willie Walker. Marlese volunteered to work with Rosemary to send out formal requests to terminating board members. Marlese also suggested we send Willie a letter thanking him for his service, and not invite him to continue serving on the board. Willie has been unresponsive and absent without excuse for several board meetings and according to the by-laws, this constitutes grounds for termination. Commissioner Mims indicated he believes Willie to be overextended which is probably why he has been inconsistent with his participation on DATV's Board.

Bradley reported on CoVid-19 updates. DATV had its first incident of CoVid-19 positive cases involving a member producer and one of his crew members. Once informed, we notified those members who were also on the production crew on the day of shooting advising them to get tested. Melissa and Eric were also affected and were told to get tested and not report for work until they got their results back. We then contacted a professional cleaning and disinfectant company to come out and treat the TV Studio, Sub Control, Green Room, Volunteer Lounge, all hallways and reception area. We closed the building on the afternoon/evening of Monday, 10/5/2020 so the facility could be treated and we reopened on Tuesday, 10/6/2020. Subsequently, both Eric and Melissa tested negative and have returned to work. We will have the entire building cleaned and disinfected at a future date, one that we can be more planful for. Marlese moved that Rosemary set a date to have the building cleaned and disinfected. Maggie and Commissioner Mims seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Rev. Harris asked if we were taking temperatures of people as they entered the building. Bradley indicated no, we were cautioning people to not come in if they were not feeling well. Email blasts were to be sent out advising members of our concerns for their (and our) safety. But we determined that temperature-taking was a little too invasive.

Maggie congratulated Bradley on securing \$50K from Montgomery County in a CARES grant. Bradley reported that she was in the process of applying to the City of Dayton for additional monies from their CORF funds.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bradley explained that DATV staff would be filling in for Andrew Estevez at Dayton Government Television while he is out on sick leave. We will be taking on as many tasks as we can, while still trying to maintain our own schedules and tasks here at DATV. The bulk of the workload falls to Steve, Dale and Eric, with Steve coordinating with Toni Bankston, the City's Communications Manager, and the Mayor's Office. Because of this, we will not be taking on any additional projects at DATV so as not to overwork staff.

Bradley shared DATV's involvement in the collaboration between the Dayton Daily News, the Mayor's Office, UD, the Public Library and others on a project called, The Roots of Racism. We were invited to be the videographer for the project which will be played for three consecutive weeks on the DDN Facebook page, exploring the origins and subsequent consequences of racist decisions embedded in the culture and institutions in Dayton and Montgomery County. Once each of the episodes has run on the DDN's page, we will run the entire series on DATV for the rest of the year. Marlese expressed her concern that there are other resources in the area other than UD that can lend their expertise to these kinds of projects. Commissioner Mims related that UD often offers their services and archives for free in these projects before other institutions are invited. Bradley suggested the project could serve as a jumping off point for DATV to produce its own series of discussions featuring viewpoints that perhaps were not so mainstream.

Jodie asked about our efforts in reaching out to area non-profits to assist them with technical presentations and outreach. Bradley and Phillips explained that we reached out in an email blast explaining what DATV could help


with regarding Zoom meetings, webinars and conferences. Bradley reported we did get some responses, just not an overwhelming number of them. Five Rivers Health Centers reached out to us as did The Great Miami Riverway. Both have become Non Profit DATV members as a result and we'll be working more with them into the new year. The Dayton Art Institute also approached us to produce their virtual October fest, but we couldn't make the logistics work. Their event had a 3-week turnaround and they had a grandiose vision but nothing fleshed out. Bradley was disappointed but realistic about turning them down.

ADJOURNMENT

Phillips called the meeting closed at 6:41pm.


The next board meeting will be **14 December 2020 at 5:30pm via Zoom.**

Respectfully submitted,



Jodi Owens, Secretary

Submitted 12/07/2020 - RB



Rosemary Bradley, Executive Director