

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, December 19th, 2022
DATV BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
DATV CONFERENCE ROOM – 5:30 PM

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Marlese Durr, acting chair
open , vice chair
Jodi Owens, Secretary
Maggie Barlow, treasurer

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joyce Willis
Amaha Sellassie, attempted via zoom – zoom was not working properly.

NOT PRESENT:

Rev. William Harris, excused We congratulate Rev. Harris on his recent nuptials.
Erica Fields
Mayor Jeffery Mims
Judy Johnson, excused

CALL TO Discussion:

Marlese Durr called the meeting to discussion at 5:40pm since we did not achieve a quorum.

BOARD CHAIR COMMENTS:

M. Durr welcomed everyone and we began discussions.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FROM October 10th, 2022 meeting.

Randy will email a ballot to ask for approval.

CONSENT AGENDA

We were not able to adopt the consent agenda due to lack of quorum.

- A) Committee Reports
 - a) Executive Committee: attached
 - B) Nominating Committee: None
 - C) Investment Committee: Attached
 - D) Personal Committee: None
 - E) Development Committee: None

- B) Approval of Treasurer's Report: Attached treasurer report
- C) Executive Director's Report: Attached

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers, Candidates are:	Committees are: (each board member is required to serve on a committee)
Marlese Durr as Chair	Nominating Committee
Joyce Willis as vice chair	Investment Committee
Jodi Owens as secretary	Personal Committee
Maggie Barlow as treasurer	Development Committee

Randy will send out and email asking each person to sign-up for a committee

Discussions: Persons present expressed great concern with what was happening with the city and the turmoil over the 2023 budget and how it may affect our discussions in our contract renewal. Randy hosted City manager, Shelly Dickstein at DATV to offer a tour of our facility and acquaint her with the offerings of DATV. She said she would send over a 1-year contract the next week, extending the current contract for the year 2023.

We have sent each commissioner a history of franchise fees, the how's and whys, and our relationship with the City of Dayton as we support them and aid in public relations for the City of Dayton. We also discussed a threat to DATV in the number of people cutting ties with cable TV and thus reducing our share of the franchise fees. There was some discussion on try to reverse the effects of SB 117 (2007) when the Cable companies, mainly AT&T, lobbied and won the right to not pay franchise fees on internet services, only on cable TV. Even with them being transmitted through the same wires strung overhead as cable TV.

In our history packets, sent to each commissioner, we asked them to amend our 1-year agreement with the city manager to extend it for 10 years. We also suggest they once again offer us 40% of the franchise fees, with the city retaining 60% but suspect they will adopt the current level of 30.25% which was adopted in 2012.

If we do not receive the contract from the city by Wednesday the 21st, it was suggested that we ask for a meeting with Mayor Jeff Mims on December 28th. The question was asked about the 19 million the City received for revitalization noting we are a part of that revitalization as we are an educational center offering support and training. It was also suggested that we offer to take over Andrew Estevez job with the city, saving that expense and enhancing our contact. Or at least

allow us to program their second channel that the city currently has in which the city does not use at all.

We also discussed how we might curb absenteeism with our board members. Our current by-laws state that if anyone misses more than three un-excused board meetings then we should treat it the same as their resignation. It was noted that we have two board members endangered by this rule. We are seeking new board members as we do have open seats available. We do have an addendum to our contract which allows employees to live outside the city, yet by board vote led by Tom Richie and seconded by Diane Graham, the board upheld the rule for board members. This board may want to revisit this rule.

Randy also suggested we keep in mind our board metrics as we seek new board members

Budget

We also discussed the proposed budget, which is the same as previous years. The only major difference is the amount we pay for employee insurance. We have 5 full-time employees, two have waived our insurance which means we insure 3 employees. Our new policy with Anthem BC/BS will cost us 42,000 per year. This policy has a 2,250 deductible and then is an 80/20 policy with a stop loss of 4,250. In the pasts DATV has paid the deductible for each person, but with this increase in premiums, I do not feel we can continue to maintain that, so it will be passed on to the employee.

Wrap Up

Randy will send out to all via email and ask all to vote on the Budget before 2023, nominations/candidates for our officers, and ask everyone to volunteer for a committee. Watch your email for voting to begin.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting will be held on February 20th, 2023, at 5:30 pm in the DATV Conference Room. At this meeting we will be welcoming new officers. Please be sure to attend!

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Owens, Secretary
Submitted 10/11/2022 - RP

Randy Phillips, Executive Director