

**Minneapolis Telecommunications Network
Board of Directors Meeting - MINUTES
Thursday, April 21, 2016 - 6:30pm**

Attendance: Jon Thompson, Valerie Lockhart, Lamarr Scott, D.A. Bullock, Mike Reed, CJ Harrison

I. Opening Business - Meeting called to order at 6:36pm (Thompson)

- A. Thompson introduced new Board Member Anna Columba Reyes. She has worked at Latino Radio stations in the city, volunteer at LUCA artist group, works around Lake Street issues, Lake Street Council, former Minneapolis Arts Commission. She is interested in introducing MTN to the Latino community.
- B. Approval of April 2016 Agenda - MOTION to approve D.A., second Mike, vote unanimous
- C. Public Commentary - 10 Minutes - Producer, Ralph Crowder commented on the adjustment / change in leadership, saying he was neither for or against it. He had attended the recent community discussion circle and noticed a change as a correct direction. Crowder in conversation heard from another member a mischaracterization of himself from staff and leadership. He was concerned about character attacks and feels his character has been damaged by past interactions. He hopes the interview process for a new E.D. would vet to understand issues that are still part of the organization, and more attuned to the public mission. Asked to continue to give input channel to the public.
- D. Approval of Minutes from March 2016 Board meeting - MOTION by Lamar, 2nd by D.A., unanimous vote to approve

II. Reports

- A. Treasurer's Report (Lockhart) - Received payment from the city. Expenses per normal month of operation. Audit submitted and accepted by the city.
- B. City of Minneapolis (Harrison) - 4 applications pending for board seats. City would like 6 total applications by mid-May timeframe. Lockhart and Thompson met at City Hall on April 6. May 1 Budget due. Bullock asked about the arbitrary nature of the city's request for more applicants when we have done a public call in all our communities already, concerned we will lose interest from the quality applicants we have ready to serve. CJ will take concerns back to city officials.
- C. Executive Director's Report (Lockhart)
 - Staff is adjusting to change in leadership. Insurance has been renewed.
 - City reporting is currently in process.
 - We have a grant for signage with the Chamber of Commerce.
 - Lockhart will not be applying for permanent E.D. position.
 - Raj has offered more time for volunteer facilitating meetings.
 - Mike asked about status of Studio "C". Lockhart stated that some audio equipment was found to outfit Studio C for potential podcasts.
 - Thompson signed on as volunteer to conduct After Effects class and animation

workshop.

- A list will be provided to Tech Dump for needed equipment

III. New / Old Business

- A. Strategic Plan Update (Thompson) - January 2016 formed committee, due to board turnover have not proceeded or convened. No action on this committee until new ED is seated. L.S.- Asked if there is a history of MTN, full history, so we are working with same info? There is no compiled history only interviews of past board and members can obtain that info Val – Remote van is still available. Has not been promoted, suggest promotion. 2 events contracted and paid for remote van currently. May 4 event with Neighborhood Association through NCR City department. Scott appointed as chair of strategic planning committee, passed unanimous. Thompson will be transferring relevant documents from 2015 committee to Google Drive
- B. Recording of Board Meetings discussion - Reed stated that Producer of the Board Meeting recordings would need to be a board member because of nature of producer owned content. Scott is in favor, but may cause a lack of honesty and sharing if recorded. Thompson opened the floor to public comment. Crowder stated the recordings could be strictly audio recording for simple production. Troy Peterson recommended the meetings occurs in an audio room for less post-production. Reed asked about the costs involved and asked for a cost review of the measure. Scott moved and passed table of discussion to research
- C. Next MTN Board Meeting (All) - The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held Thursday, May 12 @ 6:30pm.
- D. Closed: HR Discussion regarding reviewing of Executive Director resumes.