

August 14, 2019 Communication Commission Meeting

Members Present: Bill Morris, Sara Thurston, Jim Michaelson

Members Absent: Dave Ferrucci, Eric Fisher

Alternates Present:

Alternates Absent: Tina DeSilvio

Liaison Present: Dave Deegan

Liaison Absent: Mary Petsch-Wilson

Guest Present: Kevin Thibault

Jane McCormick was absent, so Sara Thurston took minutes

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There was no quorum, so the committee decided to take advantage of Kevin Thibault's presence to ask questions about the Channel 9 system.

Kevin was asked about knowledge of Channel 9's website. Delsea hosts it – positive he has access code.

Best idea is to do it ourselves so we don't have to rely on Delsea.

Sara mentioned that Radnor Township uses YouTube for all meetings.

David Deegan asked who used to put birthday notices, etc. on Channel 9. Who received email? It goes to support at Franklin Township TV Google account. Also stores all Google Drive folders.

When he was channel operator, he responded to emails. When hired back, told someone else would do that – Kevin would post meetings and maintain equipment. Anything outside of that "we'll talk again." Kevin never heard again.

Committee trying to find out who has access, how to get it, etc. Is it possible to give to Sara? Sara said she'd like to swap out the tree for something that complements the website.

Programming request on website – formatted to fit perfectly on slides. Can copy and paste.

When we bring stuff over

Kevin: Main component is Nexus – bought in 2007. No longer supported and getting close to next to life. Kevin got replacement quote and will forward. We purchased it with Comcast money. Videos play on, schedule. New one has HD and standard output – costs about \$10,000.

Televue: Supplies PCs and box and does slides and little infomercial things. That's what Barb updates. Nexus has switcher between sources that switches back and forth.

Bill said Comcast has us on two different channels (9 and 97?). Kevin says question for them – they provide fiber handoff, etc. we may have ability to clean up.

Comcast provides fiber transmitter and receiver. Kevin thinks Comcast cable modem is also there. Just got replaced last year. Standard business connection. Can hook modem to TV? Just internet connection. Might be coaxial TV box. Dave Deegan will ask for TV box. There is one for music, tuned to channel 4. New box will have two outputs, can use splitter (FIOS).

Dave Deegan will ask FIOS for startup money. Will request that we buy it now. If current one goes down we have nothing without replacement.

Best way to reach Kevin is email if Channel 9 goes down

Find out how to link website to YouTube channel – Kevin will move 2019 to YouTube and will get numbers of audience.

Kevin will reach out to Televue to see if they make an all-in-one solution to upload everything at once. Bill Morris asked about ability to live stream – Kevin says it does.

Dave Deegan has request for videographer to do editing – we want more things like PSA about History Center, or interview police chief, recycling, film Pitman center and video process so they can see why it's important to recycle properly, etc. Hoping to give Kevin more content.

Kevin will sent Televue and Nexis quote to Dave Deegan. "All in one channel."

Dave Deegan asked Kevin to put up something for library book sale. Need to get Barbara to do a slide to say the event is coming. Kevin would handle the video. Keep schedule generic ("library video") – Kevin says he should make more descriptive.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.