

Annual Meeting & Awards Night Thursday, June 25 2020 at 6:30PM

held via Zoom teleconference To join online:

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phone:(929)205-6099 Meeting ID: 883 7963 5002**

6:30PM: Welcome / Introductions / Announcements / Producer Awards, Patrick welcomed everyone to the meeting which was held by Zoom and live streamed on youtube and on TV. He thanked Eric Chatterjee for helping coordinate all these pieces to make this work. The agenda was shared with everyone. He thanked everyone for coming to the first virtual annual meeting for OVTV. He introduced all of the participants both those on video and those on the phone.

Patrick announced that this year there are five Producer awards: After the announcement of each recipient there was a small video sample clip of the work that was produced by the recipient.

The Producer of the Year Award went to **Pat Moore**. He videoed the weekly innkeeper ski races, produced travel shows, aerial programs with drones and a variety of other shows. He provided a lot of material for the station this year.

Youth Producer Award: This award is given to a young person under the age of 18 who has produced notably good content over the year. This year it went to the **Mount Holly After School Program. Julie Goraj, Director of the ASP**, accepted the award on behalf of all those who participated in the program. Collectively they produced many great shows throughout the year.

The Outstanding Achievement Award was given to **Susan Haefner**. Sponsored by FOLA, she put together a virtual concert which was aired as a live premier on utube. Susan did a great deal of the work herself. She hopes to do more shows in the future. .

The Community Service Award was given to **Kata Welch**, Librarian in Cavendish. She stepped up during the COVID-19 pandemic to produce content to support the community. She did a regular story time for children and developed a variety of activities/programs to benefit the community.

A new award, The Volunteer impact Award was given to **Dr. Linda Thomson**. She created and read her own book to help kids coping with COVID. It was illustrated by Jane Hart. The views of this program were very high. By sharing her knowledge,

expertise and talents in clinical hypnosis, she hoped it would help someone. The number of viewers of her show certainly impacted the greater community.

6:45PM: Patrick announced the last call for voting via Survey Monkey for new board members. He stressed he polls would close at 7 PM. He urged anyone watching who had not already voted to do so now as ballots are time stamped in Survey Monkey and any received after 7 would not be counted.

7:00PM: Start of Annual Meeting (collect ballots for election)

MEETING AGENDA:

Present: George O. Thomson, Fra DeVine, Don Richardson, Sharon Bixby, Wendy Regier (phone), Noah Schmidt (phone), Patrick Cody, Executive Director, Okemo Valley TV, Eric Chatterjee, (OVTV).

Public: Gregory Higgins, Patrick Moore, Penny Trick, Julie Goraj, Lisha Klaiber, Fred Marin, Cara Philbin, Linda Thomson

- I. **Call Annual Organizational Meeting to Order (7:00PM):**
President Fra called the annual meeting to order at 7:06
- II. **"State of the Station"**- Annual Summary - Patrick presented the five-page State of the Station Annual Summary. It is available on the website okemovalley.tv. It will also be sent out to all board members. He expressly thanked Fred and Eric as they worked very hard during the challenging times of COVID. Ed McEnaney was also recognized and appreciated as he stayed on longer than expected which was a great help. He also expressed his thanks to Fra and Sharon who are retiring from the board at the end of this term.
- III. **FY'20 Budget Presentation & Vote** – Patrick presented the proposed budget for FY'20. Due to the uncertainty of the times, funding etc., the board decided to present a level funded budget for FY'20. Patrick shared that today there were some ongoing legislative issues which might impact us.

At the Senate Appropriations Committee meeting, they discussed the House's recommendation of \$466K to VAN, to be distributed to all of the members, for operating expenses related to COVID. This is from the CRF (COVID Relief Funds). This is a large amount of money to be distributed to all the

stations and would certainly impact our budget. We should know where this stands by tomorrow.

There also was some discussion of inclusion of the funding for the expert analysis & funding study for a new broadband-based source of funding for PEG Access. This appeared to be less sure as the state is having to cut things from the budget as a result of COVID.

Fra suggested we recommend a level funded FY 19 budget and make adjustments when we find about the legislative action. Wendy made the motion to level fund the budget for FY'20 and review after three months into the year. The motion was given a second by Sharon. It passed unanimously.

- IV. **Review Meeting Minutes May 14, 2020** - Sharon made a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting of May 14, 2020. Second by Wendy: Approved unanimously.
- V. **Election Results** – There were 45 ballots cast on Survey Monkey. The unofficial winners are: John Cama, Sharon Huntley and Pat Moore. The nominations committee will need to verify the votes and will officially notify the all those nominated tomorrow. For those who were not elected, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved. The board will be discussing the possibility of creating a community advisory committee which may be one new way to get involved.
- VI. **Set Date for July Re-Organizational Meeting** – It was determined the next meeting will be July 22, 5:30 pm via Zoom
- VII. **Other Business** -

It was announced that Sharon E. P. Bixby who was a founding board member who served in every capacity imaginable during that time would be recognized by having the Digital Learning Lab named in her honor. A permanent plaque inscribed as such was viewed by all.

Sharon indicated some people do not know where we can be found on the TV now that the channel numbers have changed. She wondered if it was possible for Comcast to do something. Patrick said they did a message on the physical bill. The possibility of another press release was discussed. Sharon thanked the board for a great

20 years and reflected on all that was accomplished during those years. She said she will be back to video meetings, etc.

- VIII. **Adjourn** – Wendy made a motion to adjourn at 7:36. The motion was seconded by Noah and approved unanimously.

Respectively submitted: George O. Thomson, Secretary