

Gateway Chapter
Society of Cable Telecommunications Engineers

Monday, July 13, 2009

Location: Suddenlink Corp. offices, St. Louis, MO.

Meeting started promptly at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Directors present: Larry Stiffleman, Todd Arnett, Len Schwartz, Pam Kramer, Kevin Goetz, Dick Beard, Mike French, Gary Vaughn, Tom Jokerst, Sean Gallagher, Tom Williams, Andy Parrott. On the phone were Cary McClure, Jason Jones, and Chris Kramer.

Excused/Absent: Patrick Hunter, Rick Sullivan, George Hillier, Don Lynch, Dan Smith, Mitch Kilgore, Kenneth Williams, Gary Alexander.

Prior meeting minutes from April 13, 2009 were read by Sean Gallagher. Minutes were accepted through a motion by Mike French and second by Dick Beard. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was read by Pam Kramer. After paying hotel bill, balance is \$16,949.87. There is \$9,215.72 in outstanding revenue (Vendor Day invoices), which will give us a total of \$26,165.59 after receipt of same. Motion to accept Financials by Jason Jones and second by Andy Parrott. Motion carried

Pam also noted that Brent Nealey from Belleville is the recipient of the SCTE Expo trip this fall. (Note: Pam noted in an email on July 14, that the correct recipient for the trip is Tim Crangle from St. Peters.) Jamie Alavarado was last year's recipient.

Pam also noted that the Cable Games team of James Norris, John Robinson, Jim Schmitt, and Dave Walker are the Mid-America Cable Games team representing Gateway and will participate on Sept. 23. Sean Gallagher will head up the scheduling of hotels and/or flights for the participants in both Mid-America and Expo.

Charitable Contributions: Jason Jones told the board that Robin had sent him a list of approved charities and only three on the list that were acceptable based on our list: Reading is Fundamental; R.I.T. (Rochester Institute of Technology); SCTE Foundation. We already provided \$1k to the foundation and provided \$250 to the closing event at CLS (not sure if this is considered a charitable donation or not). Andy Parrott made a motion that we donate \$350 to Reading is Fundamental and send it to the O'Fallon Child Care Learning Center. Larry Stiffleman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Committee Updates: Gary Vaughn noted that Aurora is scheduled to provide the training for the August 19 and 20 Technical Seminars on fiber. Larry Stiffleman will work with

the Aurora team to also provide a portion of the session on fiber-to-the-home technology. Gary is also working with Cisco for the fall event.

Tom Williams discussed adding more of the Charter techs to the membership and Sean Gallagher noted that 60% of technical seminar participants are not members. He also challenged the Board members to get at least one more member each. Andy Parrott suggested that we have several PCs available at the technical seminars so that techs can sign up for membership right at the event. We could use company P card or other credit card to get them on board. Tom also suggested that Sean send an email of welcome to each new member.

New Business: The Christmas board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Dec. 10 (Thursday). There is no place set as yet, but we need to reserve a place soon before everywhere is booked. Larry Stiffleman will check with Meadow Brook to see if they can accommodate. We will need a count of who will be attending (include spouses/friends). Then we need to verify date and location and vote on the final arrangements.

Pam reported that the Vendor Day netted us \$8,384.60 and the golf outing was \$1,600.

Sean has the medals and the list of winners from Cable Games and will distribute them.

We need someone to submit some “appropriate” pictures and a news article to the Interval to promote our vendor day and chapter. There was no assignment for this task but we need someone to step forward and provide this info to national soon!

The meeting was adjourned by President Sean Gallagher at 6:15 p.m. with a motion by Mike French and a second by Kevin Goetz.

Meeting notes taken and presented by Tom Williams.

WILLIAMS NOTE: THE APRIL 13 MINUTES ARE NOT POSTED ON THE WEBSITE AND THERE ARE DUPLICATE JANUARY MINUTES POSTED.