

**WMHT Educational Telecommunications
WMHT Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2012**

A Meeting of the WMHT Board of Trustees was held on March 22, 2012 at 4:07 pm held at WMHT, Troy, New York. Eugene Zeltmann, Chair of the Board of Trustees, presided.

Present

Eugene Zeltmann	Bonnie McGuire Jones
Robert Altman	Graham Jones
Sarah Boggess	Caroline Mason
Carolyn Callner	Paul Powers
Doris Fischer (by phone)	Joseph Raggio
Leonard Gaines	Shelby Schneider
Karen Hitchcock	Sarah Slingerland
James Hoehn, MD	Richard Taylor

Excused

Jane Altes	Paul Fahey
John Baackes	Patrick Kehoe
Karthik Bala	Joseph Richardson
Robert Bullock	Jan Smith
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Also Attending

WMHT Staff: Val Flouton, Paul Hoagland, Katherine Jetter, Scott Sauer, Anthony Tassarotti, Sandra Beer, Julie Raskin, Mary Gribulis and guest, Mr. McGrath, Partner BST Advisors.

Call to Order

Mr. Zeltmann called the meeting to order at 4:05PM.

***Consent Agenda
Items***

On motion by Mr. Jones duly seconded by Dr. Hoehn, the consent agenda of minutes and notes listed below were unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees.

Minutes:

- January 19, 2012 Board Meeting
- January 19, 2012 Development
- February 22, 2012 Community Advisory Board
- March 7, 2012 Finance Committee Meeting
- March 12, 2012 Governance Committee Meeting

On motion by Ms. Mason duly seconded by Dr. Hoehn, the consent agenda of notes listed below were unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees.

Reports:

Executive Committee
Strategic Planning Notes

990's

Mr. McGrath, Partner BST Advisors presented the draft 990 for FY10 and confirmed that WMHT is in full compliance with the requirements of the 990.

On motion by Ms. Jones duly seconded by Mr. Taylor, the following resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution

The Board of WMHT Educational Telecommunications approves WMHT's FY11 990 submission with a minor amendment clarifying lobbying activities.

**Finance
Committee**

Mr. Altman presented for Ms. Chrys.

As of February Net Income before Depreciation is \$146,000 better than budget, offset by the timing of one major bill. We are close to our budget for the year. We still anticipate a significant operating surplus, cash positive but that we will not reach our budgeted net income and thus do not expect to have \$50,000 extra for increasing cash reserves.

Individual support continues to be strong, corporate support is soft, and other areas of income are doing well so the general picture is basically the same as when we met in January.

**Governance
Committee Report**

Dr. Hoehn reported that the Governance Committee is working on identifying potential new board members and welcomes suggested names. The Governance Committee is also reviewing the by-laws.

**Development
Committee**

Mr. Powers reported for the Development Committee. He shared a Capital Initiatives Summary and asked Board members to make sure that we reach 100% board participation by the end of April. There are a number of anniversary events and other opportunities for the Board to meet with community supporters. Everyone is encouraged to make sure that they renew their Edison Society membership to ensure there is 100% Board support the annual operating budget.

Community

Ms. Jetter presented new initiatives in her area. With the help of a new staff

Engagement

member, her department is increasingly reaching out and deepening our relationships with the community. WMHT plays a co-facilitator role, partnering with other organizations in the region to host community conversations.

President's Report

Mr. Altman reported that it has been a great winter on the air – highlighted by *Downton Abbey* which has garnered significant multi-generational, national attention. Bill Moyers is back on the air, we held our fifth Exit Dome concert, premiered *Our Town: Schenectady*, and hosted a screening for the *American Experience* show on President Clinton. He introduced our new webmaster, Mary Gribulis. WMHT has received NY Emmy nominations for *New York Capital Fire* and for the second year in a row, *New York NOW*. WMHT hosted a community conversation around STEM education in our region, in alignment with the interest that came out of the board retreat.

Government funding looks good at this time on both the state and federal level.

Chair's Report

Mr. Zeltmann thanked those responsible for the success of the Board reception on Tuesday night. He reiterated the Development Committee report, confirming the hope that we will finalize 100% Board participation by the end of April.

Mr. Zeltmann reported on his trip, as Chair of the Board, to Washington DC where he and Mr. Altman met Senators Schumer and Gillibrand and the three local Representatives in a series of very supportive meetings. He noted that this organization is held in high regard for what it does for this community- and it is not going unnoticed.

Executive Session

Executive session began at 5:28 pm. No action was taken.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.