



Community Media of the Foothills
MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
via ZOOM Teleconference
KGEM Studio 626 357-4974
847 East Olive Ave., Monrovia CA 91016
Monday, January 10th, 2022

Convene: Rena Delgado (Chair) 7:05PM

Roll Call:

Rena Delgado (Chair), **Robert Grimes** (Treasurer), **Dirk Beecham**, Ward Calaway (absent),
Barbara Gholar, **Marlene Gibb**, **Chris Loos**, **Douglas McComb**

CMF MISSION STATEMENT: To promote artistry, freedom of speech, and civic engagement by the use of community media.

Rena Delgado wishes everyone a Happy New Year, and acknowledges that meeting is via ZOOM due to the Omicron virus.

A. Liaison Reports:

1. **City of Monrovia – Council member Larry Spicer** (absent)
2. **Community Services Commission – Julie Bank** (absent)

B. Public Input: Public comment will be accepted by e-mail to kgemtv@gmail.com before 5:00 p.m. January 10th, 2022. Public comment may be summarized in the interest of time, however the full text will be provided to all Board of Directors. **No public input was received.**

C. CMF Consent Calendar:

Adopt and file Minutes - December's minutes are not available for the Board of Directors, so we will **table adopting the minutes at the next meeting.**

Receive and File: December 2021 Financial Report - MOTIONED: Doug McComb /
SECONDED: Robert Grimes - **MOTION CARRIES**

Operational Status Report: David Palomares, Executive Director, reported on CMF projects and experiences December 14th, 2021 through January 10th, 2022, which included conducting the second class for Clifton Art Academy on iPhone Moviemaking, the CMF Staff Holiday Party, the studio Christmas closure, the reopening of the studio, the addition of the RING doorbell to the studio, the exposure of OMNIBRON to the studio staff which lead to the depletion of our CoVid rapid test supply, and the temporary 2 week closure of the studio to adjust to the new normal of life with Covid. Also reported server updates with Giggle Fiber, Spectrum, and BTV, reported on upcoming Monrovia State of the City in-person event and streaming, and concluded with happy belated birthday wishes to Marlene Gibb and Robert Grimes. Requested Board members state their birthdays to put on the calendar. New protocol is being discussed on how to move forward in running the studio, events, and programs with the Omicron virus still prevalent. Congratulations to Chris Loos for the 6th show of

Inside Monrovia.

Rena Delgado: Congratulations to **Barbara Gholar** for her output of shows, as well as all our producers/directors, for continuing to produce content through this challenging pandemic.

Also discussed **D&O insurance** policy and the cost analysis. We may not have time to discuss mediation tonight. Board Members have received the one and only proposed quote we could get that shows the increase of insurance costs, the retention fees, and other related costs, and how they effect the agreements with the cities we deal with. Also stated how the current, and future legal fees are, and can be, effected by these policies. Nationwide Insurance has cancelled us, but they will still pay for our lawyers to defend us in the two pending lawsuits:

- 1) **Kelty vs CMF**
- 2) **Kelty vs Delgado with CMF derivatively.**

Results from Nancy Bond Insurance Brokerage lead to only one policy being offered to CMF at this time. **The question proposed to the Board is: Do we decide as a Board to pay both the \$10,150 policy, a deductible of \$100,000, and reduce coverage, or do we designate \$100,000 of current funds in the bank to start a CMF legal fund?** This is NOT the main policy we carry, nor a requirement of our city agreement, this is only 1 policy of 5 that we pay for. The risk is we will most likely be impacted by the lawsuits we are currently facing for at least 5 - 6 more years.

MOTION: To approve paying \$2,600 for 3 months insurance coverage while the Board re-searches options on other insurance plans. MOTION: Rena Delgado SECONDED: Dirk Beechem MOTION CARRIES

RENA DELGADO: States she is unable to speak on the Kelty vs Delgado / Media of the Foothills lawsuits, but she does want to state the lawyers are trying to resolve both cases concurrently. With that in mind, the discussion is started on a project to inform the public of these lawsuits.

MOTION: To approve establishing a committee to educate and inform the public about CMF's circumstances regarding the current lawsuits against CMF. MOTIONED: Doug McComb / SECONDED: Dirk Beechem MOTION CARRIES

Rena Delgado, Doug McComb, Dirk Beechem all agree to be a part of the Public Statement Committee on the Kelty vs CMF lawsuit. **David Palomares** and our attorney can participate, but they will not have a vote.

Rena Delgado: Public statement should be crafted by combined participants devised of approved Board committee, a Monrovia Crisis Management Consultant, and our attorney, so we do not erroneously mention any information that can hurt our case.

D. Board and Staff Reports:

Robert Grimes: Reported on Monrovia Film Festival update.

Chris Loos: No updates to report on the Grant writing. **David Palomares** stated we were turned down by the National Endowment of the Arts.

David Palomares: Looking for volunteer liaison for nonprofit meetings first Monday of the

month on Mondays at 7:30 am.

David Palomares: Update on the Alliance of the Media event to be held in San Jose, CA, in February 2022. Advice is to keep an open-ended budget with an out in lieu of any cancellations due to CoVid restrictions.

Rena Delgado: MOTION - TO ADJORN MEETING MOTIONED: Robert Grimes / **SECONDED:** Dirk Beechem **MOTION CARRIES**

Adjourn Regular Meeting: Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm (PST) The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on **Monday, March 14th, 2022, at 7:00 pm** (PST) via TBA.

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) ADVISORY

As a precaution to protect staff, our constituents, and public officials, in accordance with Executive Order N-29-20, and guidance from the California Department of Public Health on gatherings, there will NOT be a physical meeting location and all public participation will be electronic. Public participation is allowed in the following ways: Public comment will be accepted by email to kgemtv@gmail.com before 5:00 pm, on January 10th, 2022. The full text will be provided to all members of the board prior to the meeting and a summary will be provided during the meeting. Zoom teleconference link will be available by email request to kgemtv@gmail.com, before 5:00 pm on Monday, January 10th, 2022.