



Administrative / Organizational

- Remaining FY 08-09 board meetings: April 29, May 27 (both at 5PM); Annual Meeting Thursday June 25 at 7PM
- Board needs to begin work on development of questionnaires & surveys for upcoming Strategic Planning
- Finance & Nominating Committees need to meet during the 1st / 2nd week of May.

Production / Programming

- Sue Pollender had 2 students working together on a video project for History Day this year, Noah Schmidt & Newton Rose, who produced a video on Calvin Coolidge
 - * the video won its category at Vermont History Day and will now be among the contestants at Nat'l History Day in DC!
- I will be working on a "video tour" project with the Ludlow Town Office in May, which will essentially be a "meet & greet" for Town departments & employees, explaining what they do & how to get hold of them
- We are in the middle of a Roaty Club production, for which we are receiving some funding. A video will be completed in June.

Equipment & Technical

- The live remote origination feed at Ludlow Town Hall was successfully used this past week for That Was the Week That Was (Ralph & Leo's show), which means that the work Comcast did on that Saturday in March did fix the problem
- Our laser printer has been out of service for over a month now; as I reported to you last month, it had been shipped out for repair and then damaged by FedEx; I was able to get some money from FedEx through a damaged goods claim, but it covered only about 1/4 of the repair job. The printer is back in Londonderry, NH being serviced and will be returned to us late next week

Outreach & Fundraising

- The new brochure is complete and has been printed (200 copies to start) - copies to be sent out to local businesses, non profits, Town offices, & schools
- We now have 50 "friends" on Facebook - have been using our Facebook presence as a means of outreach & for sharing new local programs
- Michelle helped the Cavendish Community Association by recruiting videographer volunteers during its "Earth Week" festivities - Joanna Bombadil, Jay Jurkoic, and Nancy Timmerman each videotaped 1 event
- We are completing the video / puppet project with Mount Holly School next week, which has been a successful partnership - Michelle & I shot the puppet performance in the classroom last month- and all were happy. Lots of positive feedback
- I am working on another project at MHS - this one with 6th graders- a retrospective project upon their graduation

Vermont Access Network (VAN) Update

- We need some presence at the VAN Annual Meeting - Friday, May 8th in Hyde Park. I will be away that day and will not be able to make it. Michelle will most likely be going. Any board members able to go should plan on it as well. It would be great, in general, to get additional participation from our org. in VAN activities
- VAN is completing work on revisions to Annual Reporting (as required by VT Public Service Board Rule 8), & is preparing to share & discuss with the Dept of Public Service & cable providers (Comcast et al). This will be happening in May.

Space

- The Buildings Cmte. looked into some space in the Black River Produce and walked away with a general consensus of it being a great space but unaffordable. Asking price for monthly rent (incl. utilities) is \$1600. It is, however, the best "move-in ready" space we have seen in the 4+ years we have been looking.
- The general feeling on the Buildings Cmte is that the Ludlow Armory garage presents the greatest possibility for us. The Town of Ludlow is currently putting together a committee of citizens to explore the possibilities for the Armory. Jean Morrill (who is also on our Bldgs. Cmte) has volunteered to be on that Town cmte, as has Ralph Pace.
- I recently met with Claudio Veliz, a Chester-based architect who volunteered to put together a digital model of our plans for that space that we could present to the Town Cmte at an appropriate time. This could be very helpful - showing how we envision the space to look, how we would use it, etc.

Professional Development & Networking Opportunities

- Michelle & I will be splitting some time in Burlington on May 21 & 22 at the Alliance for Community Media northeast region conference
- I would like to also attend the Alliance for Community Media national conference this year - to be held in Portland, OR..It's been 3 years since I went to one of these. I will split the costs with LPCTV.
- I am now involved with the Rotary Club through the production of the promo video, which could help us gain more exposure in the business community