

Early Television Foundation
Board Meeting
February 11, 2020

Members present: Dave Abramson, Geoff Bourne, Chuck Conrad, Bob Dobush, Steve McVoy, James O'Neal, Dave Sica, Ray Sieracki

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Reports:

Financial

There is about \$12,000 in the bank. Approximately one third of our income has come from our membership drive. We've been selling a lot of CRTs. Bob Dobush had picked up a second load of 146 tubes and we've been renting a storage locker for them.

There have been 112 membership renewals to date. There were a few new members, 7 new lifetime members and 21 sustaining members including 5 new sustaining members. We typically get more new members at the Convention.

Equipment donations

There were four significant donations of equipment so far this year:

1. A Zenith 15" color set with a good Zenith Rauland 15GP22 picture tube. The only disappointment is that the set is missing its bottom chassis. The donor is also bringing a bunch of good stuff to include in the auction when he delivers the set in June or July.
2. A Col-R-Tel adapter. It may or may not be missing the wheel. It will be dropped off at the museum by the donor later this year.
3. An early (1949) Teleprompter system, donated by a person in Connecticut whose dad originally owned the system. Includes the special large-font typewriter used to type up the paper rolls. We plan to accession 2 displays and Chuck Conrad is interested in the remaining items for the Texas Broadcast Museum. Dave Abramson has a photo of that prompter in use.
4. A 1948 Vidcraft black-and-white tabletop set. The set has been donated by a person in Toms River, New Jersey. Dave Sica will arrange to pick it up and get it to the museum.

Major expenses

We spent \$1,200 on furnace repair.

We expect to spend approximately another \$1,000 remediating fire code violations.

Old business

Convention progress: Steve has reserved the Hilliard Cultural Arts Center for the day of the Convention presentations.

Advertising

Steve has arranged to run an ad in two local publications. Total cost will be approximately \$800.

Fire Inspection

We've made a significant amount of progress in remediating all the fire code violations that were discovered in the first inspection a few months ago, thanks to all the work put in by Bob Dobush. The results of the most recent inspection were encouraging. There are five things left to deal with prior to the next inspection, scheduled for February 27. Primarily, we need to install a couple more smoke detectors and move a few more things around. Bob also plans to wire up an exit sign lamp that is currently unlit and to secure the the high pressure gas tanks in the CRT room to the wall with straps. Bob has removed the deadbolts on two doors that were not up to code, gotten rid of a lot of cardboard and moved around CRTs as needed to conform to fire code storage requirements. The CRTs and all material stored overhead need to be two feet or more from the ceiling to be in compliance. We have revised the wall in front of circuit breakers to allow better access. We may have to replace some Romex power cable with conduit.

Sweepstakes

Last year the sweepstakes with the CT100 as a prize raised over \$12,000. We need to find something appealing to offer as a prize for this year. Steve sent out an inquiry to our mailing list a while back but there was only one response. Wayne Abare offered to sell his TRK-120 for \$10,000. It was decided that this was too expensive to work.

Suggestions: One suggestion was that perhaps Ed Taylor could be persuaded to donate his scanning TV system. There is a Western Television in Michigan that the owner is considering selling. Luc Sirous has a Western Visionette that he would sell for \$5,500. Steve is following up on these possibilities. John Dilks has a scanning disc TV in New Jersey and has been selling off a lot of his stuff. Dave Sica will check with him. It was suggested that we might just raffle another CT-100. Everyone agreed that this might be a good idea.

Convention Planning Schedule

Revised dates of when things need to be done are in the Google Doc.

Other Events

A suggestion was made that we consider hosting a swapmeet this year in the spring or early summer. Perhaps tie it in with the Dayton Hamvention?

TK-41 Restoration

Status? No news. Steve will check in with people working on it.

Convention Presentations

James O'Neal noted that it is about time for us to send out an email blast with a call for papers. He needs to start finding out soon who might be interested in doing a presentation.

Next Board Meeting

The end of March/first week April looks good. Next meeting tentatively scheduled for March 31 unless there are any schedule conflicts reported.

A motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Submitted by Dave Sica
Secretary, Early Television Foundation