

NECAT Board Minutes
May 25, 2021

Regular/Special Meeting?	Regular Meeting
Proper Notice Given?	Yes
Directors in Attendance:	Sheyla Paz, Seannalyn Brandmeir, Big Fella, Lindsey Ganson, Jen Jen Lin, Dana Schroering (virtual – can't vote),
Directors NOT in Attendance:	Brian Mansfield, Brian Rosman, Brynn Plummer
Others in Attendance:	Cameron McCasland, Rachel Kenyon, John Ferguson, Chris Singleton
Quorum Established?	No

Meeting called to order at 11:12 AM Roll call taken

Review & Approve February meeting minutes:

Motion:	Quorum not established
Approved?	NA

Review & Approve February Financials:

Motion:	Quorum not established
Approved?	NA

Chair Report –

- We heard from the mayor's office that NECAT will partner with and help fund NECAT
 - Deal should be done before June
 - Need to get a list of expectations to MTSU, and they will give us a list of expectations, too
 - Need to sign a MOU with Metro
 - Schedule meeting in June to discuss – come ready with questions
 - Cameron writing a manual of day-to-day activities
 - How does NECAT's board still operate with MTSU
 - MTSU will cover basic costs, but NECAT fundraises anything beyond that
- RJ Young Invoice

- The Big Payback – raised more than \$1K
 - Continue to push Big Payback year-round so we can reach our goal
- Feel Good Friday Update
 - Several episodes in production and the team is scheduling air dates

NECAT Report – Cameron McCasland

- Studio will reopen soon!!!
- Still renting out equipment and meeting with producers
- Nashville Predators Grant came through and they presented Cameron with a check for \$4k
- May 5 – Raised more than \$1K from the Big Payback
- May 12 – did a mail checkup and got bills to Rachel
- 48 Hour Film Festival Partnership
 - Cameron is a judge
 - Working on airing films and hosting a Q&A
- We Foster Film – Big Fella is working on next episode
- Nashville Public Library is providing us content to run on our channels
- Need to set a date for Predators TV Camp

Studio Manager Report - John Ferguson

- Nashville State going to Phase 4 on June 1 so the studio will reopen!!!
 - Putting cleaning and sanitizing protocols in place
 - Bookings – how do we open it for members? John and Cameron are putting a plan in place. Start booking on June 9.
 - Need to train producers on new equipment, aiming for first week of June.
 - Need to extend membership to adjust for pandemic and time the studio was closed.
 - June 5 at 5:00 – board member training
- Planned to hire two contract employees to fill the gap until the MTSU deal is finalized. However, this plan is changing, and we want to discuss with MTSU. We may be able to use their resources instead of hiring contract workers.

Group Discussion:

- Big Fella talked to the Frist about creating content
- Big Fella talked to African American Museum of Music, and they have content to share with NECAT
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Middle Tennessee interested in partnering on grants and educational opportunities for their programs

Meeting adjourned at **12:37 PM**