

**Cable Advisory Council Area 2**  
Bridgeport, Fairfield, Stratford, Milford, Orange, Woodbridge  
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**Meeting Minutes**

September 19, 2024, via Zoom

Attendance - Ron Davis, Chairman, Marlene Silverstein, Vice Chair – Orange, Janet Montalbano, Kara Flannery – Milford, Cindy Gerber – Woodbridge, Susanne Teitell – Fairfield, Esme Lombard - Altice

Call to Order – 7:35 P.M.

Minutes Marlene announced that the first item on the agenda was approval of the April 2024 minutes. Ron made a motion, seconded by Janet to approve the April 25, 2024 minutes. All present members voted in favor with an abstention from Susanne.

Treasurer's Report Janet reported that the balance in the bank account is \$10,764.45 and includes all expenditures through the end of September.

Howard Jacobson Scholarship Marlene gave some background regarding the scholarship to the membership and explained that the Council has been unable to get applicants. After discussion, Cindy motioned, seconded by Ron, to expand the scholarship criteria to include journalism and e-media. All present members in favor. The deadline for the next scholarship applications will be May 1, 2025. The council members will work together to compile a scholarship press list to use going forward.

Membership Cindy said she has been in touch with the First Selectman's office in Woodbridge and has been told they have a candidate or two for council membership. She will confirm after the town meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Kara and Marlene are planning on meeting with the Milford Mayor to discuss additional members.

Towns Kara reported that MGAT had recently applied for and received a PEGPETIA Grant. She added that she would highly recommend this source of funding and offered to send the membership a link with information.

Election of Officers Janet motioned, seconded by Cindy, to nominate Marlene for Chair. All present members in favor. Marlene motioned, seconded by Cindy, to nominate Kara for Vice Chair. All present members in favor. Marlene motioned, seconded by Cindy, that Janet remain Treasurer. All present members in favor.

Altice Esme reports that Altice is currently hosting the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Hispanic Heritage Contest.

Adjournment Cindy motioned, seconded by Kara, to adjourn. Adjournment at 8:06 PM. The next meeting will be October 17, 2024.