

CTAC Minutes for Special Meeting on May 26, 2022

The meeting was convened at 11:34. Lane Joel, George Vawter, Steve Mehlman, Pat King (Board Liaison), Marcia Casem (Board Member), Christine Rodgers (Acting GM), Amanda Morgan (Recreation Director) Alex Avila (Facility Monitor), Dave Paredes (Facility Monitor), Eric Evans (Sr. Strategic Account Manager | Technology Group for One Workplace) and I (Dennis Rice) were in attendance.

I introduced Eric Evans and, then, all other participants introduced themselves.

I reviewed the purpose of the meeting which was primarily designed to generally discuss and consult with Eric Evans regarding potential A/V system enhancements in the OM1-3 rooms and potential enhancements to video and sound quality when broadcasting and/or recording meetings and events. *(NOTE: Mr. Evans was invited to participate since he is thoroughly aware of the current A/V system, due to his substantial knowledge on the subjects being addressed and due to the fact that any enhancements will likely have to be done in such a way as to be compatible with the current system.)*

Lane Joel did a quick review of all of the activities that take place in the Oakmont “Multi-Purpose” Rooms in order to assure that enhancements discussed would meet the needs of all individuals or groups using the rooms.

There was a quick review of the A/V panel along with a short discussion of the concept of having an outlet that could be used for external speakers. Eric commented that having portable external speakers was problematic due to the work required to set them up, “tune” them, etc.

There was an extensive discussion on best ways to reduce sound reverberation in the rooms. The concept of having high quality speakers mounted on the walls near the ceiling of the rooms was discussed as a way to make some substantial improvements in sound quality. While Eric commented that acoustic artwork/panel/plants etc. would make some difference, having these absorbent materials would not make a substantial amount of a difference by themselves. Lane discussed his efforts regarding sound absorbent shades and his belief that they would make a substantial improvement due to the area that would be covered.

Eric indicated that he could, along with some possible assistance from SnowSound (www.snowsoundusa.com), evaluate our situation and make some recommendations or a proposal on how to solve or substantially mitigate our acoustic problems by using speakers and other mitigating methods or materials.

We discussed best methods that could be used to broadcast Board Meetings; ways to assure high quality video and audio. Eric indicated that continuing to use Zoom is a good choice. He indicated that the best way to assure high quality audio is hook up a computer (for this use

only) to the A/V rack in the storage room. We also discussed having a high-quality camera with zoom/tilt/rotation capability in the ceiling. Eric indicated that he could put together a list of equipment to accommodate what we had discussed.

We discussed the issue surrounding the use of lapel mics vs gooseneck mics and concluded that lapel mics are a good choice, cleared up most of the confusion about the issue, and Eric indicated that he would make sure Amanda got the information that she needed to order those mics. Once the mics are available they will simply have to be “synced” with the A/V system.

I inquired of Eric as to whether or not he could assist with the setup of our Spectrum TV Channel. He indicated that he could not.

There was a short discussion around the possibility of having an outlet that could be used to plug in an iPod or cellphone for the purpose of broadcasting music. It was decided that this was a mute-point since broadcasting music can be accommodated by using Bluetooth equipment which could be acquired and maintained by the HOA.

There was some discussion about how we could broadcast Board Meetings on the new TV that was acquired for the Great Room. No conclusions were reached.

Eric was thanked for his participation in our meeting and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:15.

NOTE: After the meeting adjourned, Eric posed the idea to me of creating some kind of ongoing service agreement with One Workplace. This will be put on the agenda for discussion at our next CTAC Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Rice
CTAC Chairman