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- DVD copies of shows available for \$15.75
- Recent meetings can be viewed at abmi8.org

Santa's Elves Telethon Raises Over \$2,300 in Pledges



On the night of Tuesday, December 4, 2018 the Bellingham Women of Today held their their annual Telethon at the ABMI studio at 10 William Way in Bellingham, to help raise money for needy area families. Over \$2,300 dollars were pledged over the phones and in person, not to mention thousands of dollars more worth of toys brought in by local scouting groups and youth organizations. Linda Trudeau (white suit, center) once again served as host of the event. Featured were area performers, town politicians, local business people, and charitable groups.



Board Discusses Payment for Crew Members Covering Shoots

The ABMI-TV Board of Directors weighed in on the topic of payment for crew members at the board meeting of Dec. 16.

Board Treasurer Jereme Cooper inquired about the possibility of payment for those who help out on shoots. Board President Nick Russell suggested putting a variance in the budget for a trial period. Fleming raised the issue of specifically whom to pay, what the criteria should be for crew members and whether those with more experience might be paid more. Russell suggested that payment might be offered only if the coverage is specifically requested by ABMI. Russell proposed going through a pilot stage of the program. Fleming said payment might be done on a case-by-case basis. Russell suggested giving Fleming leeway to work out details of the plan before presenting it to the Board for approval. The topic was tabled until the next meeting.

In other business,



Cooper pointed out that 2019 will mark the 300th Anniversary of the Town of Bellingham. Cooper said numerous events are planned for the celebration and ABMI should try to cover as many as possible. Cooper said he would be available to help out on some of the coverage.

Board Vice-President Earl Pearlman inquired about the situation with the Expose company. Fleming said the sign company is called "Expose" but ABMI's bookkeeper mistakenly printed a check payable to "Expert." The bank refused to cash it. So a new check had to be cut.

Cooper asked about the lack of audio on a recent Bellingham Town Meeting that was cablecast live. Fleming said the outage occurred only in South Bellingham.

Board Secretary Diane Mela Souvanna asked how it is decided what category to put equipment expenses under. Fleming said that large expenditures would be listed under "Capital."

Fleming said he is looking at resumes for applicants to the Production Coordinator's position vacated by Jeff Paul.



REGULAR SHOWS

ABMI PUBLIC CHANNEL

MONDAY

10:30am
Train Time

11:30am & 5:30pm
- The D.A. Show

9pm - Mendon Board
of Selectmen

TUESDAY

1:30pm & 6pm - Local
High School Sports

WEDNESDAY

Noon & 6pm
Kev's Korner

1pm & 7pm - BHS Hockey

THURSDAY

10am & 9pm
Local Winter Sports

2pm & 8pm
Real Estate & Beyond

FRIDAY-SUNDAY

11am & 5pm - Some-
thing Special

1pm & 7pm - Lo-
cal Winter Sports

10pm - The Dun-
geon of Dr. Dreck

ABMI BELLINGHAM CHANNELS

Public Channel Verizon47

Public Channel Comcast 8

Education Channel Verizon 43

Education Channel Comcast 98

Government Channel Verizon 45

Government Channel Comcast 11



Lights, Camera, and Action at ABMI-TV

26-year-old Tyler McMinniman took over the reins of Production Coordinator in January.



Host Mike Shain chats with Sue Reider of Keystone Home Inspections during a shoot of *Real Estate & Beyond* on Dec. 17.

Below, outgoing Production Coordinator Jeff Paul directs the Santa's Elves Telethon on Dec. 4. Paul now works for Waltham Cable Access



Station Manager Patrick Fleming (left) and Mike Shain watch monitors as a segment of *Real Estate & Beyond* plays out on Dec. 17

ABMI Volunteer Joe Columbo works the camera during the Santa's Elves Telethon on Dec. 4

2019 ABMI Scholarship Applications

ABMI is offering two \$1,000 scholarships for 2019. One will be awarded to a Mendon resident and one to a Bellingham resident.

Scholarship applicants must reside in either Bellingham or Mendon. The only other requirement is a demonstrated interest in Mass Communications.

Applications are available at local schools and online. Deadline for submission is May 15, 2019. Winners will be announced following a vote by the ABMI Board.

ABMI MENDON

PUBLIC CHANNEL COMCAST 8

PUBLIC CHANNEL VERIZON 47

EDUCATION CHANNEL COMCAST 98

EDUCATION CHANNEL VERIZON 42

GOVERNMENT CHANNEL COMCAST 11

GOVERNMENT CHANNEL VERIZON 41



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Next Meeting

*Thurs. Feb. 7, 2019
6:15 p.m.*

directions to studio

Seven things to know about ABMI

1. You can post free notices for your non-profit organization or activity on our video bulletin board. Best way is to email us at abmi8@comcast.net. You can also phone at 508-966-3234. Or send a fax at 508-966-2321.
2. All our public channel cablecasts stream live at the same time from our website at abmi8.org. Taped public meetings and special events are also available for viewing in the Archive section at our site.
3. DVD copies of ABMI shows are available for \$15.75 per copy. We have shows going back as far as 1985, so if there's a blast from the past you'd like to see again, call us at 508-966-3234.
4. ABMI encourages interested volunteers. Our staff is available to teach basic camera technique and non-linear editing on a one-to-one basis.
5. Station Manager Patrick Fleming, Publicity Director Steve Saraceno, and Production Coordinator Erik Fischer are generally available weekdays by calling 508-966-3234.
6. The ABMI public channel is Channel 8 for Comcast subscribers and Channel 47 for Verizon folks.
7. Live town meetings generally run on



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