

S.C.F.F. TV Club Assessment, Budget, and Restructuring.

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Seriously, I do realize that talking about money during these times is a sensitive issue, and not one that I would do lightly. I have been getting the TV Club books in order the past few months, figuring out a budget, and learning the associated costs of the fund. I was asked to assess how the TV fund is doing and if we need any changes in money. I would like to give the membership some explanation of what I would like to change.

As the club stands now, the income will allow the fund to sustain itself with the monthly bills. However, very little is going into savings every year. TV fun savings go toward more infrequent purchases such as new recliners. Here is a brief summary of my recommendations and how they compare to the current status. I hope this proves to be less contentious than other recently proposed changes.

<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed Change</u>
Every paycheck, union dues are taken out. Of those dues, \$10.50 go toward the TV Club fund.	The proposed change would increase the dues slightly, giving \$14.00 toward the TV Club fund.
Station Kitties: Station kitties receive \$10 per month, per person. The average station receives \$90 per month (3people x 3 shifts x \$10 = \$90), which is made as a quarterly payment of \$270.	With increase of food costs, the kitties would receive about \$13.35 per month, per person. Quarterly payments would increase to \$360
BBQ: Stations accrue \$100 annually for the upkeep of BBQs and eventual replacement.	This would remain the same, however, rather than the \$100 being deposited into the station kitty, it would remain in the TV fund for the sole use on BBQs.
Televisions: Stations are allowed \$705 for the purchase of a new TV every 7 years . Additional costs and upkeep, such as bulbs, are the responsibility of the stations to collect.	TV prices and life spans have changed. Similar to BBQs, stations would accrue \$100 per year for the upkeep and purchase of TVs. Bulbs would be covered in this cost. Money would be kept in fund for the sole use on TVs and repair.

<p>Internet:</p> <p>The TV fund CAN NOT afford to pay for internet/Wi-Fi for the stations</p>	<p>With the increase, all stations will receive wireless internet, separate from the city connection.</p>
<p>Savings:</p> <p>Currently, the fund is saving just over \$1,000 per year.</p>	<p>Savings would increase to approximately \$5,000 per year. This would allow for replacement of recliners in the near future (next few years).</p>
<p>Start Time:</p> <p>Currently, our shifts start at 8am</p>	<p>Under these changes, our start time will remain unchanged. No sleep habit changes required.</p>

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions, want to see the books, want explanation of the projected budgets, or just want to grab a beer (preferably at a place that also carries Zima).

Thank you,

Rodrigo