

Minutes for the regular National Finance Committee meeting November 15, 2022.

Meeting convened at 8:38 PM (ET) a quorum being present, the Chair and Secretary being present.

Attending: Grace Aaron, Chris Cory, Elizabeth von Gunten, Kamau Harris, Julie Hewitt, R. Paul Martin (Secretary), James McFadden, James Sagurton (Chair), Susan Young also attending was Pacifica Executive Director Stephanie D. Wells.

Agenda:

1. Convene meeting 8:30 PM (ET)
 2. Roll Call
 3. Adopt Agenda
 4. Chair's Announcements (2 minutes)
 5. Minutes (3 minutes)
 6. Report from the Executive Director (10 minutes)
 7. Adjourn to Executive Session
 8. Rise and report
 9. National Office Budget review (20 minutes)
 10. Business Plans needed in place before any sale of any major asset. (20 minutes)
 11. Adjourn no later than 10:15 PM (ET)
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Motion: (James Sagurton) "To adopt the agenda." (Passed without objection as amended)

The Committee discussed the motion.

Amendment: (Elizabeth von Gunten) "To include 'Rise and report' after the executive session." (Passed without objection)

The committee discussed the amendment.

Amendment: (Julie Hewitt) "To put 'Adjourn to Executive Session' after 'Report from the Executive Director.'" (Passed without objection)

The committee discussed the amendment.

Amendment: (James Sagurton) "To make item 11 'Adjourn no later than 10:15 PM (ET).'" (Passed without objection)

Chair's Announcements 8:54 PM (ET)

"Tonight we will hear a report from the Executive Director and review and discuss the

continuing cash flow and payroll crisis.

“We will also review the Pacifica National Office Budget which was postponed at our last meeting to tonight.

“We will also discuss how funds from any sale of a building might be allotted, including what business plans should be developed before any such action is approved.”

Minutes 8:54 PM (ET)

There were no public session minutes available.

The Secretary noted that he was not at the August 30, 2022, NFC meeting and recommended that someone who was at that meeting should put together minutes for that meeting.

Report from the Executive Director 8:55 PM (ET)

The Executive Director told the committee that the Pacifica Radio Archives (PRA) was having a national day of fund raising that day from 9:00 AM (ET) to midnight (ET). She said that the PRA Director had told her that before noon they had raised about \$20,000. She said that she was working on a national fund raising event featuring the work of Bob Dylan. She said that KPFT had been wanting to do it and now she and they were looking at making it a national event. She said that they were considering making it a New Year’s Eve or New Year’s Day event. She said they were still organizing the Pacifica General Managers on it. She said the event would need volunteers. She said that musicians would perform some of Dylan’s music. She said that they were trying to get Dylan to permit his interviews to be aired as a part of the on-air fund raiser. She said that she was able to attend a workshop on underwriting thanks to the National Educational Telecommunications Association (NETA). She said it was very interesting, and that she had just gotten a copy of the training video that afternoon along with *Power Point* slides. She said that she would forward some of that to some committees. She said that NETA had also helped with some *Great Plains* problems. She said that the National Business Manager couldn’t access some files and when she was able to get into those files they were empty. She said that NETA had helped us and as a result the National Business Manager had gotten the financials she’d needed. She said that NETA had done a quick September financials for us and she said that the National Office would format and clean it up and get the financials to everyone on a more regular basis. She said she’d spoken to the CEO of *Allegiance* and they’d had us on their “do not serve list,” but that after she’d talked to them she’d been able to negotiate payment plans with them. She said that she was still working on it but that as a result *Allegiance* did not cut Pacifica off from the donor database and did not shut down the “donate” button, and other features of the software. She said that they were sympathetic to our problems.

In answer to a question the Executive Director said that the September financials she’d gotten from NETA were very rough and that she had to speak with the National Business Manager about them after which they’d have a better idea of when they could get those financials out to everybody.

In answer to a question the Executive Director said that it was her intention to report to the NFC so that the National Business Manager wouldn't have to, but that if the NFC needed to have the National Business Manager talk to us she was more than willing to come to meetings.

Adjourn to Executive Session 9:04 PM (ET)

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The Chair reconvened the open session at 10:37 PM (ET)

The Secretary read the report out, "The NFC met in executive session to discuss contractual and financial matters of a confidential nature. No decisions were made."

Adjourned 10:38 PM (ET).

Submitted by R. Paul Martin, Secretary.