

Minutes

WPFW- LSB Regular Meeting Minutes February 8, 2023

Teleconference via Zoom Washington, DC

Dennis Williams – Chair, Minerva Sanders – Vice Chair

Kamau Harris –Treasurer and Ellen Williams Carter - Secretary

I. Call to Order started at 6:40p.m.

2. Logins/Greetings/Roll Call

- Members that were present:

16 – Sarah Brown, Ellen Williams Carter Non-Voting, Bill Curtis, Sue Goodwin, Kamau Harris, Minerva Sanders, Violetta Diamond, Dennis Williams, Thomas M Blanton, Vanessa Dixon-Briggs, Julie Hewitt, Irene Anita Adams, Arthur Hyland, Yaw Agyei, Maxx Myrick, Wayne Bruce, and Donna Grimes

- **Unexcused absence:** Adele Stan

Parliamentarian: John Tatum

3. Resignations: Frank Stearns has resigned.

4. The agenda was approved.

5. January 11, 2023 minutes were approved.

6. Management Reports:

Jerry Paris, General Manager, reported:

- A Minute of silence for Lorne Cress Love.

Programming

- The station carried the state of the union address. HD1 is on line and it sounds great. We still need to add other HD channels.

Pledge Drive

- The pledge drive will occur February 19, 2023 through March 11, 2023. The goal is \$300,000. We will have phone service for this pledge drive.

Finances

- We are up to date with monthly expenses; however, we are existing pay check to pay check.
- We have installed new computers, replaced the zoom computer, and upgraded the computer for business transactions.
- We are using the National office's Great Plane accounting system.

Remote Programming

- We have more remote programming. Lona Alias, Shea Butter, and Arthur McCloud have remote equipment to do remote programming.

Questions:

Dennis- How can the LSB help during the pledge drive? GM Jerry shared ways the LSB can help the station.

Bill Curtis- How much does the call center charge the station to answer calls? GM, Jerry said the cost is \$9,000.

Kamau- Is the call service 24 hours coverage. GM, Jerry said yes.

Irene-

1. Has the screen been fixed? The GM answered yes.
2. Has the online problem regarding feedback been fixed? The GM answered yes.

Katea Stitt, Program Director:

She is on sick leave. Esther Iverim has been appointed Interim Program Director.

Interim PD Esther Iverim reported:

Programming

New Programs

- Breakthrough News Radio airs on Wednesdays at 5:00pm
- Covert Action Bulletin airs on Mondays at 1:00pm

Special Programming

- MLK special programming: January 16 the station presented special programming and live coverage of D.C.'s Peace Walk, Rally and March.
- January 16 Joni Eisenberg presented a live show at Bus Boys and Poets for MLK.
- Planning special programming for February 20th for Black History Month

WPFW Website

The programming schedule on the website was updated.

Programmers

- Rope Flanagan is retiring and a party will be held at Lamont's.
- Loren Cress Love, founder of WPFW, former Program Director, and Programmer/Producer has passed.
- Zarinah Shakur a former LSB member and programmer/producer has passed.

Dennis requested a list of the programmers who have programs on WPFW.

A new young man joined the station as a program engineer.

7. LSB delegate induction

Patrick Morrison a runner up in the 2021 election was accepted/appointed as a LSB delegate.

8. Finance Report (submitted a report Attachment A)

Kamau Harris treasurer reported:

Read report.

9. Community Comment

Betty Shaw said, at the end of the year, she arranged to send a donation to WPFW. Shaw said that she hasn't received confirmation of that donation. GM, Jerry said he will get her a receipt.

Tony Leon had the following questions and issues he wanted addressed:

1. People who attend LSB meetings and ask questions during community comment should be able to have their questions addressed if it's a brief answer or referred to someone for follow up especially if they haven't gotten responses elsewhere.
2. In support of Vanessa Dixons concern regarding the GMs initial report that the station was "caught up with the bills" then changing to "kind of caught up".
3. Why hasn't the Programming Committee been meeting and why were meetings posted without a way for the public to join?
4. The LSB has had vacant seats for listeners and staff for several months. As a result the community has not been properly represented as stated in the Pacifica bylaws. Why hasn't the process for filling vacancies been followed?
5. Why does it take 2 1/2 months for a donor to receive their premium when you have so many volunteers who have stated their willingness to help with this process?
6. He welcomed Esther Iverem to the IPD position.

Ramone thanked Patrick Morrison for joining the LSB.

Eileen encouraged the LSB to follow up on getting the premiums out. She also said that acknowledgement receipts or letters needs to be sent out.

10. PNB Report

Julie

- There is less stress in making payroll.
- The LSB delegates will need to take sexual harassment training to qualify for CPB.
- There is a tentative decision on the New Day Bylaw referendum.
- Election of the protem chair and secretary
- Per the bylaws KPFK expelled a member.

11. Program/LSB Show Committee Report

Donna will host the LSB show in February. The Program committee would like new members to join the committee.

12. Development Committee

Irene Adams and Art Hyland Have worked on the development committee charter. Irene is chair of the committee. She wrote a charter and work plan that she submitted. She stated that Development crosses on all the committees. They want to create a fundraising calendar. She said that Jerry and Vinnie will help in developing the calendar.

13. Community Outreach (submitted a report Attachment B)

Violetta read their report and it is Attachment B.

14. Evaluation Committee

Kamau, Irene, Sarah, Patrick and Vanessa volunteered to be on the committee.

15. Unfinished Business

- Programmer's Bill of Rights has been approved by the LSB.
- Thomas Blanton submitted a motion regarding the Programmer's Bill of Rights
Motion: GM will read the Programmer's Bill of Rights and make a recommendations in two weeks. The motion was approved.
The GM, Jerry Paris said he will read the Programmer's Bill of Rights and respond in two weeks.
- Call for delegates: we need 3 staff and 3 listener delegates.
- Mission Statement: Dennis and Jerry reviewed the mission statement.

16. New Business

- Thomas said Joni Eisenberg is working on a police accountability and abolition town hall. She wants LSB support.
Dennis requested that Joni reach out to him or Ellen with information to share with the LSB.

17. Action Items/Agreements Summary

- Staff Evaluations
- Betty Shaw wants a letter about her donation
- Response to a series of questions from Tony Leon

18. Dennis Williams, Chair, Adjourned the regular meeting at 9:53pm

19. Convened the executive session regarding financial and personnel issues.

20. Dennis Williams, Chair, Adjourned the executive session at 11:18pm

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Ellen Williams Carter

Attachment A



Finance Committee Report_2-6-23.pdf



Outstanding AP 1312023 (1).pdf

Attachment B

Community Outreach Meeting Report

February 7, 2023

The Community Outreach Committee met on Tuesday, February 7 at 7pm. The main topic of discussion was the revival of the Development Committee and its relation to the Outreach Committee. The Chair of the Committee, Irene, suggested that marketing is one of the items at the top of the list of concerns for the Development Committee. This includes a new banner, table cloths, and trinkets to hand out, etc.

Other items discussed at the meeting included suggestions for rules to follow when WPFW opens up for volunteers. This includes during Pledge Drives, offering assistance to Management and Staff and other volunteer duties. At WPFW. Also, a possible fundraiser - An Evening With Langston Hughes and Nap Turner was brought up. A possible date for this event is June, 2023 at one of the Bus Boys and Poets.

The meeting concluded with elections. Violetta Diamond is now the Chair of the Community Outreach Committee.

