

DRAFT Minutes of the KPFK Local Station Board Meeting April 21, 2009

A regular Meeting of the KPFK Local Station Board, April 21, 2009 at the Palms Presbyterian Church 2908 Robertson Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90034.

Steve Weatherwax served as Chair. Doug Barnett served as Secretary pro-tem.

Fourteen Members were present, constituting a quorum.

Grace Aaron, David Adelson, Israel Feuer, Sherna Gluck, Jan Goodman, Ian Johnston©, Tracy Larkins, Shawn Casey O'Brien, RezaPour, Leslie Radford, Summer Reese, Ricco Ross, Donna Warren, Steve Weatherwax.

Excused: Margaret Prescod, Christopher Bayard Condon, Yolonda Anguiano, Rufina Juarez.

The meeting was called to order at 7:52 pm.

GM Report: verbal portion finishes up, given by Sean Heitkemper & as a printed attachment.

Motion for approval of agenda as amended. No objection.

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Chair Report, Motion: *Applicants for board Treasure and Secretary will show up at the next LSB meeting.* **Approved** without objection.

PNB Director Reports,

Shawn Casey O'Brien: We have a new Interim ED & CFO. We sent a contingent to New York to start dealing with the things over there. Right now we are getting ready for the next PNB meeting, not a lot to report.

Ricco Ross: There is a 45 day time line, lots of applications for ED, CFO... a lot of (applications) coming in... our Legal Council is also interim. The PNB Anti-racism Committee's first meeting date is set for tomorrow, 22 April.

Leslie Radford: The KPFK LSB motions on Afghanistan and the loan are in "old business" in their committees and are not moving forward yet. The iED, not the PNB sent the contingent to NY. We have expanded the ED's "progressive discipline measures" against employees.

Grace Aaron: We are having an in-person PNB meeting this next weekend, the bulk of the meeting will be devoted to "strategic planning." I will be interviewing finalist for Interim Human Resources. The General Council has always been a consultant. The foundation is at a precipice, our finances are in very bad shape, listenership, membership and net income has been declining for four or five years. More austerity measures would be counter-productive, except perhaps at KPFA. Our WBAI lease has no loopholes. The lowest estimate for a move from WBAI would be \$250,000. Our CFO says 80% of our income comes from on-air fund raising. Mr. Silverstine could throw us into bankruptcy because of back rent. All stations except KPFK have had fund drive shortfalls.

Programming Oversight Committee;

First Motion: *To ensure the collaborative processes enshrined in National Programming Policy: We urge the PNB to ensure compliance with the letter and spirit of the collaborative process clearly articulated in the National Programming Policy adopted in 2006, which calls for a collaborative process between governance and management throughout the network "in the development of any new regular program or long-terms series that is produced nationally;" and further, which mandates that any such proposals "shall be brought to the PNB Programming Committee for review to assure that both network and local needs are met.* **Passed** without objection.

Second Motion: *To initiate discussion on re-structuring and the recruitment and training of volunteer programmers: In light of the current financial crisis and the Pacifica networks' identity as community radio, and to conform specifically with Article 5.0 (New Voices) of the National Program Policy adopted in 2006, the KPFK LSB submits the following motion to the PNB: In accordance with Article 5.0 of the National Program Policy, which calls on stations to train current and new volunteers in order to bring new voices to the air, every station shall initiate discussions regarding the role of paid producers and volunteer staff and initiate programs to recruit and train community volunteer programmers.* **Passed** without objection.

Outreach Committee report: We went to Trade-Tec & LACC, some of the instructors were willing to send 15 students for radio training, but the station has no trainers. We are planning two Town Hall meetings. Our committee passed a

motion "to condemn the PNB Chair's action changing the lock of the WBAI transmitter".

Finance Committee: We have a good new Business Manager. We have scheduled our meetings for the rest of the year.

Public comment was distributed throughout the meeting.

The LSB adjourned at 10:30 pm.
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