WPFW- LSB Regular Meeting Minutes October 12, 2022

Teleconference via Zoom Washington, DC

Dennis Williams – Chair, Eileen Rosin – Vice Chair

Kamau Harris – Treasurer and Ellen Williams Carter - Secretary

#### I. Call to Order started at 6:36 p.m.

#### 2. Logins/Greetings/Roll Call

Members that were present:

- 20 Sarah E Brown, Ellen Williams Carter Non-Voting, Bill Curtis, Sue Goodwin, Kamau Harris, Minerva Sanders, Eileen Rosin, Violetta Diamond, Dennis Williams, Adele M Stan, and Thomas M Blanton, Donna Grimes, Vanessa Dixon-Briggs, Julie Hewitt, Arthur McCloud, Anita Adams, Yaw Agyei, Wayne Bruce, Marsha Coleman-Adebayo and Maxx Myrick and Tim Willard
- ➢ 3- Excused absences: Arthur Hyland, Frank Stearns, Kathleen A Maloy

Parliamentarian: John Tatum

#### 3. The agenda was approved.

#### 4. The September 28, 2022 minutes were approved.

#### 5. Management Reports:

Jerry Paris, General Manager, reported:

- > We're in line with standard procedures regarding sharing financial information.
- > He said the National office can't give vendor information.
- Markisha is the National Business Manager and she will provide financial information.
- Payroll has been met.

A LSB member commented:

During the GM's report, there was disagreement with the GM by some LSB members regarding the ability of an LSB to receive vendor information. It was requested of the chair that Markisha present to the LSB - preferably in-person - to verify what financial information an LSB can receive.

Katea Stitt PD is on medical leave.

#### 6. Finance Committee Report

Kamau Harris, Treasurer stated:

The report from Markisha, National Business Manager, indicated the following:

- The August financial statement indicated there was a Net Loss of (\$81,914) in the month and a Net Loss of (\$33,040) YTD.
- Markisha's Cash v Accounts Payable indicated cash on hand of \$19,732
- ➤ Kamau indicated that the budget is on the to do list.

#### 7. PNB Report

Julie

- > PNB spent time in closed session regarding Pacifica's finances.
- > The PNB Elections committee will address the National Election issue.

## 8. Program/LSB Show Committee Report

Donna stated:

Minerva is the vice chair of the program committee.

Sabooh stated regarding the LSB show:

- The show presented a segment on children and their perspective on what is happening in the community.
- Michael Novick, the new interim GM at KPFK, spoke on the show.

# 9. Community Outreach Report (Attachment A)

#### Minerva

- > Trying to finalize the Town Hall meeting before Thanksgiving.
- > The 5KWalk/Run fundraiser is still receiving money from donors.
- She stated that we need to find a way to bring everyone at WPFW together. We need to talk with each other.

Minerva commented:

The Outreach Community suggested the LSB consider holding a workshop or session for all members of the LSB, especially new members regarding the role and responsibilities of the LSb as identified in the Bylaws. Next it was suggested that there be some type of meeting with LSB, management, and programmers to address outstanding issues and look for solutions.

## 10. Chair's Report

- He will schedule an Executive Committee meeting with LSB officers, LSB committee chairs and WPFW PNB directors. The group will revisit the issues presented. The chair will share the information at the November LSB meeting.
- A new dedicated zoom account will be established for the LSB.

## **11. Community Comment**

Kim, who was the Treasurer at KPFK, stated that form 990s don't list vendors or salaries.

**Sabooh** congratulated Mr. Harris. He commented that the LSB needs to meet and get to know the station and bylaws.

*Martha* asked, "Are we going to reestablish the relocation committee?" She also stated that the LSB needs a retreat.

*Lona* who is a programmer at WPFW stated that all LSB committee meetings must be open to the public and Community Comment responses can't be limited. Lona also stated that LSB meetings must give proper notice.

*Joni* who is a programmer at WPFW, made several suggestions regarding meetings to get programmers involved. Joni said that LSB staff delegates should meet with programmers and keep them informed and get their input about station issues.

# 12. Unfinished Business

- Thomas wants to establish a working group with Thomas, Sabooh, Minerva, Martha and programmers to address WPFW issues.
- Thomas Blanton said that Kwamena Ocran's mother would like the LSB members to submit letters to request an investigation into her son's shooting by Montgomery County police.
- The Dear LSB letter from programmers will be addressed by the Executive Committee that will communicate with management.

# 13. New Business

- Julie asked, "Can we go back to meeting in person?" Dennis said, he would poll LSB members on this issue and determine how many want to meet in person in December or January.
- > WPFW received an Award from D.C. Chamber of Commerce.

# 14. Action items/Agreements Summary

- ▶ Work to reach out to Stephanie and Markisha regarding WPFW's financial statements.
- > Executive Committee Meeting regarding recent WPFW issues.
- > Staff delegates will reach out to the programmers

# 15. Dennis Williams, Chair, Adjourned the regular meeting at 9:02 pm

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Ellen Williams Carter

# Attachment A

Outreach Committee Meeting Report

# October 4th, 2022

The following is a summary of the Outreach Committee meeting held on Tuesday, October 4th, 2022

1. Blues Festival and 5k: Money is still coming in for these two events. Not much but something.

2. WPFW Newsletter: The Newsletter is on hold until Staff and Management are able to find the time to collaborate with Arthur. As the PD is on medical leave for thirty days, it is uncertain when the Newsletter will be published. It is hoped that it will be completed and distributed sometime in the middle or latter part of November.

3. Town Hall: Possible venues to have the Town Hall include: Peoples Congregational Church, Thurgood Marshall YMCA, MLK Library, Civil War Museum, Vermont Ave. Baptist Church and Plymouth Congregational Church. Preferred date is November 12th. We would like to introduce WPFW Management and Staff to town hall attendees. The Committee is interested in meeting with Management before the town hall

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occurs in order to discuss the town hall agenda. The event will be hybrid in order to allow those who are not interested in meeting in person to attend by way of Zoom. A suggestion was made to ask a music programmer to host the Town Hall.

4. August and September LSB meetings: Outreach Committee members were disturbed with what WPFW community members witnessed during the August LSB meeting. Also, it was brought up that some community members were not able to access the ID number given for the September meeting.

Community members who attended the August meeting listened as disrespectful comments aimed at others in the meeting were made. No one should engage in such unprofessional, negative behavior. A recommendation was made to establish a working group within the LSB to discuss ways in which all participants of LSB meetings can work together harmoniously.

Regarding the September LSB meeting, the Outreach Committee is concerned that the community may have been improperly excluded from the scheduled LSB meeting by lack of sufficient notice. It is believed that this exclusion prevented the community from fully participating, as required by governing rules and by-laws.