

Minutes of the KPFK Local Station Board Meeting –June 7, 2008

A regular meeting of the KPFK Local Station Board was held on Saturday, June 7, 2008 at the Mercado La Paloma, 3655 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90007. Rico Ross served as Chair, Adriana Gomez served as Secretary and Dave Adelson served as Secretary Pro-Tem. The minutes of the May 7, 2008 LSB meeting were reviewed and approved.

Nineteen delegates were present, reaching quorum: Grace Aaron, Dave Adelson, Jonathan Alexander, Yolanda Anguiano, Israel Feurer, Sherna Gluck, Ian Johnston, Tracy Larkins, Ali Lexa, Shawn Casey O'Brien, Shel Plotkin, Margaret Prescod, Reza Pour, Leslie Radford, Ricco Ross, Jack VanAken, Donna Warren, Steve Weatherwax and Yosh Yamanaka.

Also present: Secretary Adriana G. Gomez (arrived late. Dave Adelson was asked to serve as Secretary Pro-Tem).

Four members were excused: Lich Doan, Jan Goodman, Summer Reese and Don White.

One member was absent: Gabrielle Woods

Authority and Notice: This meeting was scheduled by the LSB at the February 9, 2008 regular LSB meeting. A preliminary notice was posted on the KPFK website on February 23, 2008, updated on February 27, 2008 (see Appendix A).

II. CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, CALL OF THE ROLL, MOTION FOR EXCUSED ABSENCES, REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA, APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting was **called to order** at 1:15 p.m.

A **motion** was called to approve the agenda for the meeting.
Motion passed with no objections, after changes were made.

A **motion** was called to excuse the absences of the following members: Lich Doan, Jan Goodman, Summer Reese and Don White.
Motion passed by a show of hands: Y: 11, N: 1, A: 3

II. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR began at 1:59 p.m.

Motion: G. Aaron moved to have the minutes from May 7, 2008 be revised and approved.
Motion passed with no objections, after changes were made at 2:06 p.m.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS began at 2:06 p.m.

Finance Committee at 2:06 p.m.

J. Alexander delivered and distributed a report on behalf of the Finance Committee.

Point of Order: D. Adelson mentioned that personnel issues should not be discussed during a public meeting.

Point well taken.

Motion: S. Gluck moved that this line item be extended by five minutes.

Motion passed with no objections at 2:40 p.m.

A segment of **public comment** was heard at 2:43 pm for **one minute**.

A segment of **public comment** was heard at 2:59 pm for **eight minutes**.

Motion: The Finance Committee moved on the following motion:

The KPFK Local Station Board Finance Committee would like to express its appreciation to KPFK Business Manager Efren Llarinas and Interim General Manager Jim Lafferty for a greatly increased level of financial transparency that has developed over the last fiscal year (as amended). Further, this Committee would like to express its gratitude to Efren for patiently explaining in person and by email details of financial matters and how to read and interpret monthly financial reports. Efren has also had excellent meeting attendance at the Finance Committee meetings despite a recent significant increase in his work load because of Finance Staff reduction.

An amendment introduced by D. Adelson suggesting that the phrase “last 6 months” be amended to say “last fiscal year” was approved by a show of hands: Y: 8, N: 0, A: 7

Motion passed by a show of hands at 3:08 p.m.: Y:12, N: 0 , A: 3

A **Special Finance Committee Meeting to discuss the 2008-2009 budget** was scheduled for July 12, 2008 at 1:00 p.m., location to be announced.

iGM Report at 3:19 pm

M. Prescod delivered a report on behalf of the iGM Committee

A segment of **public comment** was heard at 3:39 p.m. for **9 minutes**.

Motion: D. Adelson moved that LSB members may participate in debate in committee meetings and that the Finance committee should schedule at least one quarterly meeting to evening or weekend hours.

Motion passed by a show of hands at 4:21 p.m.: Y: 11, N: 4, A: 1.

Outreach Committee at 4:21 p.m.

Reza Pour delivered a report on behalf of the Outreach Committee.

The Chair will communicate with the Interim General Manager as to why an immigration raid in East Los Angeles was not reported on-air after several calls were made to the station.

A segment of **public comment** was made at 4:28 p.m. for **two minutes**.

IV. Community Advisory Board at 4:44 p.m.

A report was delivered by members of the Community Advisory Board.

III. Personnel Committee at 5:08 p.m.

Jack VanAken delivered and distributed a report on behalf of the Personnel Committee.

Motion: J. VanAken moved that the Outreach Committee roster be approved for submission to the board. **Motion passed** with no objections at 5:09 p.m.

Motion: J. VanAken moved that the Personnel Committee roster be approved for submission to the board. The following individuals are listed on the roster: G. Aaron, Doug Barnett, I. Feuer, S. Gluck, J. Goodman, I. Johnston, T. Larkins, A. Lexa, M. Prescod, J. VanAken, D. Warren.

Motion passed with no objections at 5:11 p.m.

Motion: The following motion was introduced by the Finance Committee:

Whereas, unpaid programmers are not unionized and have no grievance procedure or mechanism available to contest a decision by management; and

Whereas, prior to knowledge of the present financial crisis facing the station, the iGM refused to honor the agreement made with the former GM to implement the LSB approved budget of \$24,000 to help unpaid

programmers meet their expenses in producing shows, and instead placed an arbitrary cap of \$250 on the payments; and

Whereas, the iGM has not developed a procedure for reimbursement of the \$2,400 that was set aside for those programmers needing child care, covering up to \$25/mo, as needed; and

Whereas, the initial payout of \$250 does not adequately recompense programmers for their expenses (e.g. several collectives wanted to purchase recorders for field recording); and

Whereas, the initial payouts totaled only 30% of the budgeted allocation, leaving a balance of \$16,750 (\$2,400 of which is reserved for child care reimbursements) which should be distributed equitably among all programs that request reimbursement, as per the original agreement; and

Whereas, the unpaid programmers agreed to accept the cap as a first payment, with the understanding that the matter would be turned over to the newly hired GM; and

Whereas, it now appears that the iGM will remain in the post until the end of June; and

Whereas, KPFK is facing a budget shortfall,

Therefore, be it resolved that the LSB urge the iGM to immediately establish a procedure for reimbursement of child care expenses, retroactive to October 1, 2007, for up to \$25/mo per program (for a total maximum budget item of \$2,400); and

Be it further resolved that the LSB recommends that distribution of what is left of the \$24,000 allocated budget be postponed until the financial crisis at KPFK be resolved;

Be it further resolved that the LSB shall send a copy of this motion to the ED, the PNB and HR Director.

An **amendment** was added to have the iGM be one of the persons that receives this motion.
Amendment passed with no objections.

Main motion (including amendment) passes by a roll-call vote at 5:30 p.m.:

Y: Adelson, Anguiano, Gluck, Johnston, Larkins, O'Brien, Pour, Prescod, Radford, VanAken, Weatherwax

N: none

A: Aaron, Alexander, Feuer, Lexa

Motion: S. Gluck moved that this meeting be adjourned.
Motion passed with no objections at 5:30 p.m.

Adriana G. Gomez
Secretary