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## MINUTES

Local Station Board Meeting of December 3, 2017  
Aris & Carolyn Anagnos Peace Center  
3916 Sepulveda Blvd, Culver City, CA 90230  
**Local Station Board (LSB) Meeting**

### I. Call to Order / Opening Business 10:43 a.m.

#### A. Roll Call Taken:

Present are KPFK LSB Members Grace Aaron, Ken Aaron, Marlena Bond, Roberta Eidman, Jaime Gomez, Jan Goodman, Stephen Kaiser, Maggie LePique, Barbara Marbach, Ismael Parra, Reza Pour, Lawrence Reyes, Mansoor Sabbagh, Lance Simmens, Fernando Velasquez, and Lisa Wong. Also present is LSB Secretary Michael Adler.

#### B. Approve Proposed Agenda:

A motion to approve the Proposed Agenda was made and seconded. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

#### C. LSB Excused absence requests:

Jonathan Alexander, Sandy Childs, Stephen Frantz, Ali Lexa, Steve Pride, Dorothy Reik, Myla Reson have requested excused absences. Excused absence requests were approved by unanimous consent.

#### D. Approve November 19th, 2017 LSB Minutes:

Three changes were proposed to the draft November 19th, 2017 LSB Minutes and approved by unanimous consent. A motion to approve the revised Local Station Board Minutes of November 19th, 2017 was made and seconded and the revised minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

#### E. Set time certain to adjourn LSB

A motion was made to set time certain to adjourn the KPFK LSB at 1:30 PM and approved by unanimous consent.

#### F. Chairman Statement re: Public Comments

The Chair provided the following statement regarding Public Comments:

*The Chair feels a need to make a statement for the record about public comments. Last month's meeting was prematurely adjourned. This premature adjournment was preceded by inappropriate name calling. This is not the first time that our Local Station Board members have been subjected to inappropriate name calling. And this*

*is not the first time our Local Station Board meeting has been prematurely disrupted due to disruptions that occurred following inappropriate name calling. I am especially disappointed with the actions of some of our Spanish language programmers and their supporters. As the KPFK Local Station Board Chair I have always been sensitive to our public's right of public comment, and I have always provided extra time for Spanish-to-English language translation during public comments.*

*It is overdue and proper for me to point out that there has been a pattern of unfair defamation of our Local Station Board members by some KPFK Spanish language programmers and their supporters. Last month our Local Station Board was content to hold our meeting in the historically Spanish-speaking community of Boyle Heights, and we even voted to approve meeting at this location on an ongoing basis. However, our Local Station Board's goodwill was rewarded by being called racists, on multiple occasions, during public comments by Spanish language programmers and their supporters.*

*It should be noted that the Local Station Board has little power over the programming that occurs at the KPFK radio station, and that general accusations of racism against our Local Station Board Members is disrespectful, unprofessional, and ignorant. The Chair of the Local Station Board is putting the Spanish language programmers and their supporters on notice that from this point forward, any continued inappropriate defamation of our Local Station Board members at public Local Station Board meetings by any Spanish language programmers and/or volunteers shall be reported to the KPFK General Manager with a request that the General Manager implement a program of progressive discipline against any Spanish language programmers and/or volunteers that continue to inappropriately and unprofessionally disrespect our Local Station Board members.*

## **II. Election of Officers**

The following officers were nominated and elected as noted below. In each case, there was only one person nominated for each of the positions.

KPFK LSB Treasurer: Ken Aaron. Elected 11 for; 3 against; 2 abstain.

KPFK LSB Secretary: Michael Adler. Elected by unanimous consent.

KPFK LSB Vice Chair: Barbara Marbach. Elected by unanimous consent.

KPFK LSB Chair: Jaime Gomez. Elected 12 for; 3 against; 1 abstain

## **III. Public Comments #1 12:20– 12:35**

Public comments were presented.

A motion was made to allow 30 minutes for the second session of Public Comments later in the meeting, instead of the usual 15 minutes. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous consent.

**IV. Share-out from closed Executive Session held 12/2/1017**

The KPFK LSB approved a list of candidates to be forwarded to the National Executive Director

**V. Reports Part 1****A. General Manager Report**

The GM report was presented and is attached as Appendix B.

**B. Q&A for GM General Manager**

The LSB asked questions of the General Manager.

**C. Directors Report**

Reports were presented by Grace Aaron, Jan Goodman, and Mansoor Sabbagh.

**D. Q&A for Directors**

The LSB asked questions of the Directors

**E. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Ken Aaron. It was noted that KPFK now has a lease in place for their antennae on Mount Wilson.

**F. Q&A for Treasurer**

There were no questions for the Treasurer.

**VI. Public Comments #2 12:19 – 12:49**

Public comments were presented.

**VII. Bylaws Changes**

There was a motion to recess the LSB meeting and start a Delegates meeting for the purpose of voting on the Bylaws Changes. The motion was passed by unanimous consent. The following items were voted on:

- Article 3 : Section 8 : Added voting by electronic ballot by email.  
Approved: 13 for; 2 against; 1 present not voting.
- Article 4 : Section 1: Clarified that Directors are elected by Assembly of Delegates.  
Approved: 13 for; 2 against; 1 present not voting.
- Article 4 : Section 2: Delegates disqualification includes advisory political position.  
Failed: 11 for; 3 against; 1 abstain.

At this point it was moved to close the Delegates Meeting and resume the LSB meeting. The motion was seconded and passed 11 for; 3 against; 1 abstain.

**VIII. Motion to go into Executive Session**

A motion was made and seconded to go into closed executive session to discuss the Pacifica financial situation. The motion failed on a vote of 5 for; 8 against; 2 abstain.

**IX. Closing Business:**

There was a motion made to adjourn that was passed by a vote of 11 for, 2 against; 1 abstain.  
The meeting was adjourned at 1:09

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**Appendix A - Required Notices**

Proper notice of this meeting was posted on the KPFK Calendar and at the Pacifica Calendar as required.

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**Appendix B – General Manager’s Report****GENERAL STATION/STAFF UPDATE – (INTERIM GM, CHRISTINE BLOSDALE)**

Recapping last month...our Fall Fund Drive which had a goal of \$650,000 was a huge success and we raised **\$742,587!** Of that amount \$34,710 came from the website and we were able to raise much needed funds to help organizations that are assisting those in dire need after the recent hurricanes and earthquake. Below is a summary of the money we are sending to them...

**Center for Public Democracy / Puerto Rico Aid: \$27,293.50**

**Caribbean Hurricane Relief: \$7,472.50**

**Mexican Earthquake Relief: \$5,340.**

Thank you to all who made this possible, which includes thousands of listeners, a dedicated staff and our amazing volunteers.

FYI: Just as a point of reference for you...in the Fall Drive, in addition to managing the station, I personally raised **\$332,270** OUT OF \$742,587 = **approx 45% of all money pledged.** It is my hope that after my time is up as iGM that I am retained by KPFK/Pacifica in order to continue raising much needed funds. It is imperative that we are able to maintain that level of funding in order to operate the station and pay our bills and payroll/healthcare etc.

Our next drive (which is set to gain the most out of end of the year tax deductible giving) is scheduled for this Tuesday December 5 – Friday December 15<sup>th</sup> pending we make our goal of \$300,000. If it must be extended it will go to Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup>.

I am still waiting for the thumbs up from the National Office on the completed 2018 Budget which was approved by the LSB. It was also approved by the finance committee. We are in the process of deducting close to 30K in possible payroll by eliminating a part time volunteer coordinator, even though one is really needed based on the amount of Fund Drives we have and the amount of volunteers we rely on. Those new numbers will be represented in a revised budget from Barry Brooks and sent out.

We are STILL waiting to hear what will be happening with a 2 million dollar loan that the PNB has decided to take out using KPFK's building as collateral. As our legal council, CFO and Interim Executive Director, general managers, business managers and PRA Director are all against this, I too am adamantly against such a risky move. But as of this report I have heard of no solid plans. I am also waiting to hear what we are suppose to do regarding the back owed pensions which are also a legal obligation and that money MUST be put into employees accounts asap. I have secured the funding for that but have not heard what the next step is in the process to get it to employees.

UPCOMING PROJECTS IN DECEMBER/JANUARY: Preparing for our holiday drive, working on a February VIP large donor event with Maggie LePique honoring Ed Asner, Dolores Huerta and JP Dejoria, wrapping up end of the year commitments and general maintenance issues, a KPFK Cabo Cruise in February to raise funds and encourage donor educational travel retreats and developing future events and fundraisers.

Despite our current heavy workload and the financial crisis in the network that is hovering over us, the energy and workplace "happiness report" is extremely positive and over these past nine months I have been able to move the station to a financially stable and productive place. There's still much to do in the new year and I will do all that I can to continue improvements. Once again I'd like to thank my staff for their hard work and dedication.

I will be out of the country over the holidays with my fiancé and returning after the first of the year. Although I will be checking in regularly and filing all necessary reports, Stuart Landau and Barry Brooks will be on site dealing with any pressing issues. The office will be closed Christmas Day and New Years to allow employees much needed time off with their families. Thank you for your time in reading this report.

#### **KPFK BUDGET AND FINANCE STATUS – (BARRY BROOKS)**

KPFK's current Operating Administration account balance is \$126,178, as of December 1, 2017. We expect an additional deposit of approximately \$5,739 from the October 2017 fund drive residuals and online donations. We are scheduled to have a mini fund drive on December 5, 2017 ending on December 15, 2017. The October 2017 fund drive raised approximately \$742,000 and we exceeded our initial expectations of \$650,000. Way to go and congratulations to KPFK's staff and volunteers! KPFK's payables and premiums are current and being paid in a timely manner.

The fall fundraising of this year and the fund drives associated with record donations, should prove to be good months for Listener support revenue, media sponsorships, pod cast programs, cell phone app donations and online support revenue. From the October 2017 fund drive, KPFK raised funds for disaster relief in Puerto Rico: \$27,293.50, Caribbean hurricane relief; \$7,472.50 and the Mexico earthquake relief, \$5,340. We have streamlined some of our vendor list to go with vendors that provide services at a reduced rate. KPFK's web design and marketing services has been switch to Mail Chimp from Constant Contact. The employees of Pacifica Foundation are somewhat shocked of the news by the court summary judgment on October 4, 2017 in New York filed by the ESRT against WBAI, Pacifica Foundation and its affiliates for the transmitter signal rent on top of the

Empire State Building. The Pacifica Foundation management team have put together some stop gap measures to avert a work stoppage of KPFK by advancing two payrolls to their employees. This would include the November 30 and December 15 payrolls.

This would buffer against the ESRT from sweeping KPFK's Operational Administration accounts. Pacifica Foundation has also paid the Health Benefits for KPFK's employees through January 31, 2018. We are now in full operational mode for the FY2016 audit with documents currently being reviewed. KPFK has presented the FY2018 Budget to the Local Station Board and Finance Committee and is awaiting approval from the Pacifica National Board by early next week. In the FY2018 budget, KPFK has allocated \$43,000 in capital improvements of the station building. KPFK continues to upgrade its servers and computers through the IT department and by the help desk ticket system. The new Great Plains and FRX upgrade for the new version has been put in play and the IT consultant is in the process of assigning training for the employees of KPFK and other affiliates during December of this year. Possible completion date, January 2018. As of this date, KPFK should be well positioned in meeting its financial obligations. Including its Health Benefits for its employees, payroll funding, PRA, fund drive premiums, National Office Central Services and other Accounts payable obligations.

#### **OPERATIONS –(CHIEF ENGINEER STUART LANDAU)**

The engineering department has had a successful month. We have been on the air 24/7 at full strength and providing an excellent sounding signal. Failures have been minor and have not had an effect on the programming.

#### **PROGRAMMING: ALAN MINSKY – INTERIM PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

As we filed a report very recently, there's little knew to report. However, there is this: We are launching two pilot series on Monday December 4 in the 2pm hour.

At 2pm, we will be airing a series called "Latino Thoughtmakers." This project was brought to us by KPFK's and PRA's Mark Torres, who has been helping develop this syndicated series. It is hosted by Rick Najera, a local performer and longtime associate of Lalo Alcaraz as well as Culture Clash, who has appeared on KPFK many times as a guest. Latino Thoughtmakers features in depth sit-down interviews with influential Latinos/Chicanos in the USA.

Mondays at 2:30pm will be "EcoJustice Radio," a project of the Southern California branch of the largest activist organization in the country committed to fighting man-made climate change, 350.org. Produced by Mark Morris and hosted by Leah Garland (along with rotating co-hosts), in coordination with prominent local activist Sabina Virgo.

Latino Thoughtmakers and EcoJustice Radio will air in the Monday 2pm timeslot through January, at which time this pilot series will be over and we will assess the shows.

The Jimmy Dore show, which previously aired Mondays at 2pm will be moving to Friday immediately after the winter mini-fund drive, which begins this Tuesday and will go until the 15<sup>th</sup> (or the 17<sup>th</sup>, if we don't make the goal by then).

**WESBITE/SOCIAL MEDIA – (ALI LEXA)**

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**OUTREACH, FUNDRAISING, DEVELOPMENT – MAGGIE LEPIQUE**

**Jazz Bakery Series of Concerts** ongoing partnership-Concerts continue thru December and into 2018

**Jeremy Pelt Quintet: "Make Noise!" tour**

Saturday, December 2 8:00pm

Musicians Institute Concert Center

**Peter Bernstein "Mostly Monk" Quartet**

Sunday, December 3 7:30pm

Past shows:

Moss Theater (New Roads School at The Herb Alpert Educational Village)

**Guitarist Bill Frisell "Beautiful Dreamers" Trio**

Sunday, November 19 7:00pm

Moss Theater (New Roads School at The Herb Alpert Educational Village)

**Kurt Rosenwinkel "CAIPI" Quintet**

Friday, November 10 8:00pm

Moss Theater (New Roads School at The Herb Alpert Educational Village)**Scott Colley - Brian Blade -**

**Edward Simon "Steel House"**

Saturday, November 4 8:00pm

Zipper Concert Hall-The Colburn School

**Randy Weston - Jazz Giant - Solo Piano**

Friday, October 20 8:00pm

Moss Theater (New Roads School at The Herb Alpert Educational Village) -**most recent check \$1000**

**Invoice #46**

**Partnership with CAP: Center for the Art of Performance at UCLA**

Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 2017-March 11<sup>th</sup> 2018 (**\$9000 partnership**)

**Luckman Fine Arts Complex**

**EDDIE PALMIERI LATIN JAZZ ORCHESTRA: EDDIE AT THE 80**

Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 8:00PM

**AARON NEVILLE DUO**

Friday, December 1, 2017 at 8:00PM

**Diamond Partnerships: \$2000**

**Christine and I are working and planning for a Major Donor event Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup> 2018 at Catalina Jazz Club. Major donor event, brunch and concert. We'll also be honoring some folks for**

**their tireless efforts in the pursuit of truth, justice, peace and equality for All. Ed Asner (already confirmed) Dolores Huerta and John Paul DeJoria. More details forthcoming. All LSB members are welcome to assist in making this event a great success. My goal is 50 people pledging \$5,000 each.**

**Thank You,**

**Margaret LePique**

**Music/Promotions Director**

**KPFK Radio 90.7FM**