

WPFW- LSB Regular Meeting Minutes February 9, 2022

Teleconference via Zoom Washington, DC

Dennis Williams – Chair, Eileen Rosin – Vice Chair

Nick Arena – Treasurer and Ellen Williams Carter - Secretary

I. Call to order started at 6:30 p.m.

II. Roll call

21 - Members that were present:

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

Parliamentarian: John Tatum

Resignation: Craig Hall

1-Unexcused absence: Tim Willard

1-Excused absences: Nick Arena: non-Voting member, Arthur McCloud

III. The agenda was approved.

IV. The January minutes weren't approved.

V. Management Reports

Jerry Paris, General Manager, reported

We made payments to Central Services. The Station is in Good Health. Our rental license needs to be renewed as of 2023. We need to look for a new location. Our next Pledge Drive begins on February 13, 2022 and ends March 5, 2022. The goal is \$350,000.

As result of an incident that a staff member experienced with a former programmer, he stated that at WPFW there is zero tolerance for bullying.

Katea Stitt, Program Director, reported:

Pitch Workshops for the LSB

First, she thanked the LSB members who attended the pitch training. She requested that LSB members, who are pitching during the pledge drive, indicate the shows. The Pledge Drive Theme is: "Love in Action"

She will make the pitch training link available and send the information.

Programming

Black is... will air on February 21, 2022 from 9am to until 9pm EST. It is a Pacifica National Black History Special. The WPFW participants are: Verna Avery Brown, Esther Iverem, Fatima Seck,

The Konbit Lakay Radio Show hosted by Eugenia Charles moves to every Wednesdays@ 7pm-8pm starting February 9, 2022. It is a Haitian-centered public affairs and music program. The Decipher Hip Hop Collective radio show will add an hour on Saturday.

Programmer Bill of Rights

She stated that the Programmer Bill of Rights handbook isn't in contradiction with the document that she received from the LSB. In February, she will send the Self-Evaluation document to the programmers.

Katea shared information about a former programmer bullying a staff member.

VI. Finance Committee Report (submitted a written report: See Attachment (A))

In January we had an \$89,000 balance. The station is meeting our 2022 budget. Pacifica approved the budget.

VII. Community Comment

Eric Ramey requested that he be considered as a Staff LSB PNB director.

Community Member – I think significant individuals need to fill the LSB staff person vacancy at WPFW.

VIII. PNB Report

Vanessa

Julie Hewitt is the new chair of the PNB.

PNB Committee LSB Delegates are needed.

PNB Staff position

Sue Goodwin was selected to fill the position by acclamation.

Convened the Delegates Assembly: 8:20pm

WPFW LSB voted on the Revision to Pacifica Foundation Articles of Incorporation on February 9, 2022. The vote was the following: 21 members voted Yes/Favor. There were no members against or abstentions.

The following individuals voted yes:

1. Anita Irene Adams,
2. Francis Yaw Agyei,
3. Thomas M Blanton,
4. Sarah E Brown,
5. Marsha Coleman-Adebayo,
6. Bill Curtis,
7. Vanessa M. Dixon-Briggs,
8. Sue Goodwin,
9. Kamau Harris,
10. Julie Hewitt,

11. Arthur Hyland,
12. Kathleen A Maloy,
13. Maxx Myrick,
14. Eileen Rosin,
15. Minerva F Sanders,
16. Frank Stearns,
17. Violetta Diamond,
18. Adele M Stan,
19. Donna Grimes,
20. Dennis Williams,
21. Wayne Bruce

The Article that was voted on: Revision to Pacifica Foundation Articles of Incorporation

In order to comply with California Code Posted Thursday, February 3, 2022

Whereas the California Board of Equalization requires an amendment to Pacifica's Articles of Incorporation to qualify for property tax exemptions for all Pacifica owned properties.

Move that Article VIII of the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation be amended to read as follows:

VIII.

(a) The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to the charitable purposes set forth in Article II hereof meeting the requirements for exemption provided by section 214 of the Revenue and Taxation Code. No part of the net income or assets of the organization shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person.

(b) On the dissolution or winding up of the corporation, after paying or adequately providing for the debts, obligations and liabilities of the corporation, the remaining assets of this corporation shall be distributed to such organization (or organizations) that is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and that has established its tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and satisfies the requirements of Revenue and Taxation Code section 214.

Reconvened the Regular meeting at 8:45pm

IX. Community Outreach Committee (submitted a written report: See Attachment B)

Violetta Diamond and Arthur Hyland joined the Committee.

Minerva Sanders shared the report.

X. Programming Committee

The Program committee hasn't met yet.

LSB show

The January host was Sabooh Hikim and Thomas Blanton. On February 28, 2022 Bill Curtis, Arthur Hyland and Anita Irene Adams join the broadcast. PD Katea Stitt will share information on the show. Bill Curtis has joined the LSB program committee.

XI. Communication Standards and Enforcement Committee

Eileen Rosin: will reconvene the committee.

XII. Unfinished Business

Marsha presented the following Resolution:

Proposed Action/Resolution

Preamble:

Seventy years ago, (December 17, 1951) Paul Robeson and William Patterson submitted a petition from the Civil Rights Congress (CRC) to the United Nations. Titled, “We Charge Genocide: The Crime of Government Against the Negro People,” the petition was signed by almost 100 U.S. intellectuals and activists. Robeson led a delegation to present the document at U.N. Headquarters in New York, while CRC Secretary Patterson delivered it to a U.N. meeting in Paris.

W. E. B. Du Bois was scheduled to accompany Patterson to Paris, but the U.S. State Department prevented him from leaving the country.

The book-length petition documented hundreds of lynching cases and other forms of brutality and discrimination, evincing a clear pattern of government inaction and complicity. It charged that in the 85 years since the end of slavery more than 10,000 African Americans were known to have been lynched (an average of more than 100 per year), and that the full number can never be known because the murders are often unreported.

The petition cited the UN’s definition of genocide: “Any intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, racial, or religious group is genocide.” The petition concluded therefore, that

...the oppressed Negro citizens of the United States, segregated, discriminated against, and long the target of violence, suffer from genocide as the result of the consistent, conscious, unified policies of every branch of government. If the General Assembly acts as the conscience of mankind and therefore acts favorably on our petition, it will have served the cause of peace.

Seventy years after Robeson and Patterson were stopped by the Department of State from petitioning the United Nations, Washington, DC, Virginia and Maryland are still experiencing one of the largest percentage of unarmed Black men killed by police, unequal access to medical services, and dangerous housing conditions. Maryland leads the nation in incarcerating young Black men, sentenced to the longest prison terms, at a rate 25% higher than the next nearest state — Mississippi.

Resolution:

Whereas, on the 70th anniversary of the petition entitled: “We Charge Genocide: The Crime of Government Against the Negro People,” to the United Nations, WPFW affirms the need to present the case of genocide of Africans in America to the United Nations.

WPFW will devote educational and cultural resources through its programming to assist the Washington, DC, Maryland and Virginia community in understanding the structural components of white supremacy that had led to genocide;

Resolved, That as lifted up by the Bethesda African Cemetery Coalition, in our historic fight for Justice, Black Lives Matter in Life and in Death,

Further Resolve, that WPFW 89.3 FM will affirm our theme in the coming age as the Jazz and Justice: Taking our Case of Genocide to the UN (voice/medium/media/radio/platform?);

And Further Resolve, That WPFW 89.3 FM programing will continue the work of Paul Robson and William Patterson several levels and will do so in its:

- -Programming
- -On the street action
- -Special activities and events
- -Sponsorships and endorsements and,
- Music, especially Jazz

The Resolution was approved.

Vote: Yes – 17 No- 3 Abstention – 1

Voted Yes:

Anita Irene Adams, Francis Yaw Agyei, , Thomas M Blanton, Sarah E Brown, Marsha Coleman-Adebayo, Bill Curtis, Vanessa M. Dixon-Briggs, Sue Goodwin, Kamau Harris, Julie Hewitt, Kathleen A Maloy, Maxx Myrick, Minerva F Sanders, Frank Stearns, Violetta Diamond, Adele M Stan, Dennis Williams, and Wayne Bruce

Voted No:

Eileen Rosin, Donna Grimes, and Arthur Hyland

Voted Abstained:

Bill Curtis

XIII. New Business/Action Item Summary

New Business

Former Programmer issue:

Motion: The LSB voted on a motion urging the General Manager to act quickly to take necessary steps to safeguard the safety of the WPFW staff.

LSB Members that Voted Yes:

Francis Yaw Agyei, , Thomas M Blanton, Sarah E Brown, Ellen Williams Carter Non-Voting, Marsha Coleman-Adebayo, Bill Curtis, Vanessa M. Dixon-Briggs, Sue Goodwin, Julie Hewitt, Arthur Hyland, Kathleen A Maloy, Maxx Myrick, Eileen Rosin, Frank Stearns, Violetta Diamond, Adele M Stan, Dennis Williams, Wayne Bruce

LSB Members that Voted No:

Anita Irene Adams and Minerva F Sanders

LSB Members that Voted to Abstain:

Donna Grimes and Kamau Harris

Motion vote result: Yes – 17 No – 2 Abstention - 2

The motion was approved.

LSB Staff Vacancy

Craig Hall’s staff position needs to be filled.

XVI. Adjourned the regular meeting at 9:21p.m.

Dennis Williams, Chair adjourned the meeting

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Ellen Williams Carter

Attachments

Attachment (A) Finance Report

WPFW Finance Report submitted by Nick Arena

The Station's bank balance was \$89,000 as of 1/31/2022. The next pledge drive is scheduled for 2/13 thru 3/5. The goal is being determined and is expected to be \$300-\$350,000. All LSB members are encouraged to support this drive by encouraging their contacts to donate to the Station.

The GM and staff are working with several major donors for contributions thru April/May.

The Station is meeting it's 2022 Budget thru January. Fuller details will be provided in March.

Note - The Pacifica National Finance Committee approved the Station's 2022 Budget in January.

Attachment (B) Community Outreach Report

Community Outreach Committee Report for February 9, 2022 LSB Meeting

The Community Outreach Committee met on Tuesday, February 1st by way of a Teleconference call. The meeting began with an introduction of new LSB members Violetta Diamond, Miranda Sanders and Art Hyland, who each gave a brief summary of what they will do to help further the mission of the Outreach Committee.

The majority of the meeting focused on fundraising events.

New fundraisers:

LSB members will get out into the community to hand out flyers/postcards to promote WPFW.

A Jazz & Justice Boat Ride down the Potomac: a. Offer different genres of music to be played on the boat ride, (Jazz, Blues, Rhythm & Blues, etc.). b. Ask WPFW programmers if they would be willing to provide a selection of music. c. Have only one boat ride or several by spreading them out maybe two weeks in a row with different programmers each week. d. Be sure to enforce proper COVID precautions.

Bus Trip to the Harriet Tubman Museum in Maryland: We will explore the feasibility of having this fundraiser as we have to be careful of COVID and riding on a bus. A suggestion was made to focus on making this a family oriented event to bring in more members and alleviate having only one person per seat as a COVID precaution. Also, even if we do not make much money and as long as we do not lose money from this event, it will be an excellent way to get in touch with the WPFW community.

An Event on the Waterfront: Will talk with the proper authorities at the Waterfront.

Annual Fundraisers:

Annual Blues Festival: a. Will be held the 2nd Saturday in August, 2022 in PoMonkey, Md. b. Dr. Nick, a WPFW programmer has already secured two acts for the Festival

5K Walk/Run: a. Will be held at the Bladensburg Waterfront Park either on the 10th or 24th of September, 2022.

We will not have the U St. Jam this year because of COVID.

New Business:

When sponsoring fundraising events, include WPFW membership in the ticket price to encourage more people to attend and to increase WPFW membership.

Draft a letter to email all WPFW members to keep in touch and let them know what's going on at the Station. This will give members the feeling that WPFW cares about its members and wants to stay in contact with them. Encourage members to send the message to their friends. Coordinate this endeavor with Sataria Joyner.

Place all upcoming events on the WPFW Facebook well in advance of the event so that people will have time to plan ahead to attend a WPFW affair.

Consider a 50th year Pacifica fundraising celebration including all of the Pacifica stations. This will take a lot of planning so it will be good to start planning years ahead of the affair.