

Minutes of the KPFK Local Station Board Meeting of 11/17/2005

A regular meeting of the KPFK Local Station Board was held on Thursday, November 17, 2005 at the Peace Center, 8124 West 3rd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90048, the Chair being in the chair and the Secretary being present. The minutes of the LSB meeting of October 15, 2005 were approved.

Eighteen members were present, constituting a quorum: Grace Aaron, Dave Adelson, Sara Amir, Maria Armoudian (leaves at 9pm), Rodrigo Argueta, Lydia Brazon, Israel Feuer, Jan Goodman, Terry Goodman, Kimberly King (leaves at 10:30pm), Sonali Kolhartkar (leaves at 9pm), Arturo Lemus, Alan Minsky, Ed Pearl(leaves at 10:55pm), Reza Pour, Julie Rodriguez, Madeleine Schwab and Don White.

Also present: Treasurer Casey McFall and Secretary Carol Nealy.

Five members were excused, having requested excuses prior to the meeting: Marie Deary, Bill Gallegos, Sherna Gluck, Margaret Prescod and Donna Warren.

One member was absent: Lamont Yeakey.

Authority and Notice: This meeting was authorized by the adoption of a regular meeting schedule on January 10, 2005. Notice was posted on the KPFK web site beginning on November 7, 2005. (See Appendix A.) Announcements were broadcast beginning 7 days before the meeting, pursuant to the schedule recommended in the Foundation Bylaws.

AGENDA ITEM I. CALL TO ORDER, CALL OF THE ROLL, WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA, APPROVAL OF LSB MINUTES, APPROVAL OF EXCUSED ABSENCES

The meeting was **called to order** at 8:59pm.

The proposed agenda was amended and **approved**.(See Appendix B.)

APPROVAL OF LSB MINUTES

Motion: Madeline Schwab moves to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2005 meeting.

Motion passes: Y:7, N:0, A:4

APPROVAL OF EXCUSED ABSENCES

Motion: Sara Amir moves that excused absences be granted for today's meeting for Marie Deary, Bill Gallegos, Sherna Gluck, Margaret Prescod and Donna Warren.

Motion passes: Y:10, N:0, A:0

AGENDA ITEM II. COMMENTS BY CHAIR 9:05pm

Chair **discussed** the status of boxes received from the Interim Executive Director and also the relationship of the Board to volunteers.

AGENDA ITEM III. COMMITTEE REPORTS 12:15pm

Committee Reports: [a] Governance [b] Finance/Development [c] Managment Review & Evaluation [d] Programming Oversight (to include replacement Bill Gallegos on the PRoC). [e] Outreach [f] Arts Committee [g] Committee of Inclusion {All committees have 10 minutes as needed; some committee reports can be shorter = 45 minutes}

[A] GOVERNANCE 9:08pm

Lydia Brazon **gives** a verbal report. See Appendix C for written report.

The Governance Committee **presents** the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Governance Committee shall create an Ethics Working Group comprised of LSB and non-LSB listener members. *Further Resolved*, the body shall recommend policies concerning issues such as conflict of interest, undue influence, fair campaign practices, fair play, etc., with regard to LSB members as well as all matters relevant to the station or network. *Further Resolved*, the body shall invite ethicists to provide an orientation and then possibly proceed with some general policies that may assist the LSB as it makes ethical determinations. *However*, the body shall not be charged with making recommendations on specific cases.

Motion passes: Y:12, N:1, A:2

The Governance Committee **presents** the following resolution:

The Governance Committee *moves* that the KPFK LSB adopt the following policy: No solicitation for support or money for candidates for political office should be made by LSB members in that capacity of or through the LSB or at any KPFK meeting or function. *Further*, that any elected member of the KPFK LSB should understand that he or she relinquishes his or her board membership upon becoming an official candidate for public office.

Motion: Bill Gallegos moved to table the motion until the next meeting.

Motion tabled: Y:12, N:0, A:0

The Chair **announced** the results of the earlier held Delegates meeting: Alan Minsky is **elected** as Staff Representative Director to complete the term of Maria Armoudian, who has resigned that seat.

B] FINANCE COMMITTEE 9:43pm

Casey McFall **gives** a verbal report. See Appendix D for written report.

The Finance Committee **presents** the following motion (as amended):

Resolved:

1. That the KPFK Finance staff, under the direction of the General Manager, shall prepare income statement and balance sheets on a monthly basis in both paper and electronic form for review by the LSB finance committee.
2. That the General Manager or a member of the station's finance staff shall meet with the LSB finance committee monthly to compare projected income and expenditures against actual performance.
3. A protocol shall be developed to facilitate open lines of communication to include the General Manager, Treasurer and Business Manager.

Motion as amended passes: Y:12, N:0, A:3

A statement approved by the LSB Finance Committee was read by committee member Terry Goodman.

Motion: Israel Feurer moves that the statement from the KPFK Finance Committee be returned to the Finance Committee for more specificity.

Substitute motion: Dave Adelson moves that due to the serious and unspecific nature of the allegations contained in the Statement from the KPFK Finance Committee and without more specific information at this time, the LSB can not accept the Statement of the Finance Committee.

Motion to accept the motion as a substitute motion passes: Y:9, N:3, A:3

Substitute **motion passes:** Y:9, N:4, A:2

IV. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER 10:47pm

The General Report of the General Manager was **distributed**. See Appendix E for report.

V. PACIFIC NATIONAL BOARD/DIRECTORS' REPORT

Julie Chavez **gives** a verbal report. 10:54pm

Dave Adelson **gives** a verbal report. 11:07pm

VI. REMAINDER OF PUBLIC COMMENT, NOT USED DURING THE MEETING 11:10pm

The meeting **adjourned** at 11:20pm

Carol L. Nealy

KPFK LSB Secretary

These minutes were approved on 12/17/05

APPENDIX A Meeting Notice

The KPFK Local Station Board will be holding its regular scheduled October meeting on Saturday, October 15, 2005, at 11 am at the Peace Center, 8124 West 3rd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90048, four blocks west of Fairfax near Crescent Heights Blvd. There is some ground level parking in the structure off the alley behind the building. The regular meeting will be preceded by an executive (closed) session for one hour, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The Chair is calling this executive session to deal with both legal issues and personnel issues.

Refs:

http://www.kpfk.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=927&Itemid=100

http://www.kpfk.org/index.php?option=com_events&task=view_detail&agid=475&year=2005&month=10&day=15&Itemid=63

STATEMENT ON 2005 LSB CLOSED MEETINGS

The KPFK Local Station Board held a closed session on May 19, 2005, before its regular meeting, and continued this closed session before the public portion of its June 25, 2005 regular meeting and before the public portion of its July 21, 2005 meeting. The basis on which these sessions were closed is that they were predominantly regarding possible litigation that may require the confidential advice of counsel. A special meeting was held on October 2, 2005 to hear the report of the LSB Management Evaluation and Review Committee. This meeting was closed as it was predominantly regarding a personnel matter. A closed session has been scheduled prior to the October 15, 2005 regular meeting regarding both legal and personnel issues.

Don White, KPFK LSB Chair

APPENDIX B Proposed Agenda

KPFK Local Station Board {LSB} Meeting

Saturday, October 15, 2005, 11:00 a.m.

at the Peace Center 8124 West 3rd Street [near Crescent Heights]

Los Angeles, Ca 90048

[Public comment will come throughout the meeting at appropriate times with agenda item VIII using up remaining time]

I. Call to Order, Call of the Roll, Welcome & Acknowledgements, Review and Approval of the Agenda, Approval of LSB Minutes, Approval of Excused Absences {6 minutes}

II. Comments by the Chair {2 minutes}

III. Committee Reports: [a] Governance [b] Arts [c] Finance/Development [d] Outreach [e] Management Review Committee [f] Programming Oversight [g] Committee of Inclusion {Total time: one hour/ 10 mins for each committee}

IV. Report by General Manager/ q & a [14 mins]

V. Pacifica National Board Report/Directors' Report [17 mins]

VI. Interim Program Council Report [13 mins]

VII. New Business/ Bylaws Working Group announcement [10 mins]

VIII. Remainder of public comment, not used during the meeting [10 mins]

IX. Next Meeting/Adjournment [3 mins]

APPENDIX C Report of the Governance Committee

APPENDIX D - Report of the Finance Committee

APPENDIX E - Report of the General Manager

Local Station Board Report
KPFK Radio, Los Angeles
Eva Georgia, General Manager
Nov' 2005

KPFK License Renewal

I received a memo today December 16th from John Crigler, Pacifica FCC attorney informing me that FCC granted the KPFK license renewal for the next 8 years.

Current Job Openings

1). Mid Day News Reporter

This position is vacant as of a result of Sister Charlene's departure.

2). Morning Producer

This position is vacant because of Producer resignation due to creative differences between host and producer.

3). Subscriptions Assistant

Jonathan Alexander was transferred to the engineering department on November 15. His transfer was part of his personal career goals.

Personnel Changes

1). Jonathan Alexander, former subscriptions assistant that has been supporting the IT for the station over the last year. He has been transferred and now occupies the position of engineering assistant, where he will be trained by the chief engineer.

2). Jun Hernandez, current KPFK business manager has decided to retire. Efren Iliarnes KPFK accounts payable manager is currently in Manila taking care of family matters, but will be returning on January 16, 2006 and will become the new business manager of KPFK.

AFTRA Contract

Final negotiations between the union and KPFK took place on November 14. We are currently in the ratification process, which includes; the staff voting on the contract; AFTRA board voting on the contract; notification to the Pacifica Nat'l board and the actual signing of the contract. The deadline for the staff vote is today, December 16th.

Parking Lot Sale

Total income for the yard sale was as follows:

Cash \$5,717.35 (excluding the \$100 start-up amount)

Checks \$1,669.00

Credit Cards \$2,764.00

Making for a grand total of \$10,150.35.

Radio Nation

This program will come to an end on December 24th. The Nation has cancelled their program with Pacifica and are moving to Air America.

Special Programming

- 1) KPFK provided in-depth coverage of the state of California's special elections including local coverage of the county measures and state propositions.
- 1) KPFK also did programming in the area of Native American issues and the holiday programming.