Minutes of the KPFK Local Station Board Meeting of 11/20/06

A special meeting of the KPFK Local Station Board was held on November 20, 2006. The Chair, Grace Aaron, was in the chair; Aaruni Thakur was Secretary Pro Tem. No minutes were approved.

Twenty Members were present, constituting a quorum: Grace Aaron, Dave Adelson, Sara Amir, Lydia Brazon, Israel Feuer, Bill Gallegos, Eva Georgia (left at 11:15 pm), Jan Goodman, Terry Goodman, Arturo Lemus, Casey McFall, Alan Minsky, Reza Pour, Margaret Prescod, Leslie Radford, Madeleine Schwab, Fernando Velazquez, Harrison Weil, Don White, Lamont Yeakey

Five Members were excused: Rodrigo Argueta, Marie Deary, Kimberly King, Sherna Gluck, Sonali Kolhatkar

Also present: Pacifica Executive Director Greg Guma, KPFK Local Election Supervisor Casey Peters, Secretary Pro Tem Aaruni Thakur

Authority and Notice: This special meeting was authorized by the LSB at its meeting of November 8, 2006. Notice was posted on the KPFK web site beginning on November 14, 2006 (Appendix A). Announcements were broadcast beginning soon thereafter, pursuant to the accelerated schedule recommended in the Foundation Bylaws when notice has been delayed.

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 pm.

The agenda was approved (as amended) at 9:38 pm (Appendix B).

Motion from Jan Goodman to excuse the absences of Rodrigo Argueta, Marie Deary, Kimberly King, Sherna Gluck, and Sonali Kolhatkar
Motion passed (with objections).
N: Feuer, Pour, Radford, Weil

ELECTION UPDATE at 9:39 pm.
Casey Peters announced a failure to meet quorum and an extension of the deadline to November 30th for receiving ballots in the current KPFK Delegate elections.

Point of order from Dave Adelson. The motion to extend time for discussion of this item required 2/3rd approval, so failed.
Well taken.

Point of order from Harrison Weil. Comments from the Chair are out of order after time has expired.
Well taken. The Chair will send email to the LES after the meeting has adjourned.

DIALOGUE WITH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR at 10:00 pm.
Greg Guma presented oral remarks and answered questions from LSB Members.

Nine minutes of public comment was heard at 10:19 pm.

There was additional discussion with the Executive Director.

MANAGEMENT RESTRUCTURING at 10:34 pm.
There was discussion regarding management models and a progress report and description of current processes from the General Manager.

Eleven minutes of public comment were heard at 11:03 pm.

PNB REPORT at 11:15 pm.
Lydia Brazon recommended written reports.
Dave Adelson gave an oral report.
Alan Minsky gave an oral report.
Don White gave an oral report.
Lydia Brazon gave an oral report.

TOWN HALL at 11:25 pm
Motion from Arturo Lemus to form an ad-hoc committee to look into the Town Hall meeting issue and that those who wish to join the committee volunteer.
Motion not voted upon so will appear on the next agenda.

The meeting was adjourned without objection on the motion of Jan Goodman at 11:28 pm.

Aaruni Thakur
KPFK LSB Secretary Pro-Tem
These minutes were approved on December 16, 2006.

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APPENDIX A - Meeting Notice

At its meeting of November 6, 2006, the KPFK Local Station Board (LSB) adjourned to Monday, November 20, 2006 at a location to be determined by the Chair. The Chair has arranged for the meeting to be held at The Los Angeles Workers' Center, 1251 S. Saint Andrews Place, Los Angeles, California 90019-3632.

The Los Angeles Workers' Center is in Los Angeles, two blocks West of S. Western Avenue and a bit North of W. Pico Blvd. Saint Andrews Place is gated just North of the Center (MapQuest doesn't know about this), so access is possible only from Pico. Parking is available in the rear of the building and on Pico Blvd.

An executive session of the KPFK Local Station Board is scheduled to begin at 7 pm on November 6, 2006. Personnel and legal matters will be discussed in closed session.
A special meeting of the LSB that will be open to the public will begin immediately following the closed session sometime between 9 and 9:30 pm. This meeting is being called to discuss implementation of the following, which is a portion of a resolution adopted by the LSB in August, 2006:

"Be it resolved that the KPFK LSB recommends that the GM will work within a more democratic, consensus-based structure at the station."

Refs:
http://www.kpfk.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2305&Itemid=100
http://disc.server.com/discussion.cgi?disc=165346;article=39356
http://disc.server.com/discussion.cgi?disc=203188;article=9677

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APPENDIX B - Approved Agenda

KPFK Local Station Board Special Meeting
Nov. 20, 2006
Los Angeles Workers’ Center
1251 South Saint Andrews Place
Los Angeles, CA 90019

I. Call To Order, Call Of The Roll, Welcome & Acknowledgements, Review And Approval Of The Agenda, Motion For Excused Absences [8 Minutes]

II [A]. Update on KPFK LSB Elections [15 minutes]

II [B]. Discussion with Executive Director [15 minutes]

III. Discussion of management restructuring per Aug. 12, 2006 LSB resolution: "Be it resolved that the KPFK LSB recommends that the GM will work within a more democratic, consensus-based structure at the station. That democratic structure will be decided upon at a later meeting of the LSB and the GM to take place within two weeks of this meeting." [30 minutes]

IV. Public Comment [10 minutes]

V. Unfinished Business [5 minutes]
   a) PNB Report
   b) Town Hall

VI. New Business [5 minutes]
VII. Public Comment [20 minutes]

VIII. Next Meeting/ Adjournment [2 minutes]

(Consistent with Board Policy the Chair will call for Public Comment at various points in the agenda. Any unused portion of the 30 minutes assigned to Public Comment will be used in Agenda Item VII.)