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DRAFT MINUTES

October 20, 2020

Teleconference

Local Station Board (LSB) Meeting

I. Call to Order / Opening Business 10:44 a.m.

Elizabeth von Gunten presiding as chair.

A. Roll Call Taken

B. Grace Aaron, Ken Aaron, Michael Adler, Michael Atkins, **Allan Beek, Fred Blair**, Sandy Childs, Bella De Soto, Jan Goodman, Eric C. Jacobson, Evelia Jones, Barbara Marbach, Michael Novick, James Osborne, Lydia Ponce, Lawrence Reyes, Paul Roberson, Mansoor Sabbagh, Oscar Ulloa, Paulina Vasiliev, Beth von Gunten, Harvey Wasserman.

(Anyel Fields, Ali Lexa and Kiyana Williams not present.)

C. Mission Statement – by Bella De Soto

D. Approve Agenda

Agenda approved with no objection.

D. Excused Absences

Ali Lexa absence approved.

E. Approval of Minutes for 9/20/20 meeting

Motion passes that the board approve all outstanding minutes at November LSB meeting.

II Public Comment #1 (11:10 a.m.)

MOTION passes to move remaining Public Comment time to the 4th Public Comment time in the meeting due to technical difficulty. (One objection from B. De Soto).

III Director’s Reports and Discussion:

J. Goodman, L. Reyes and G. Aaron reviewed their reports (attached). P. Vasiliev gave her report verbally.

IV Public Comment #2 (11:48a)

V Committee Reports:

A. Governance Committee

1. MOTION passed (from Gov. Committee) - unopposed

Resolved that any future new business item brought up at an LSB meeting, unless it must be urgently dealt with, will automatically be sent to an appropriate committee or to the Governance Committee to assign to a committee for discussion prior to consideration by the LSB. Members are urged if at all possible, to bring proposed motions to an appropriate committee for consideration prior to the LSB, with the Governance Committee meeting shortly before the LSB as a last resort.

2. MOTION passed (from Gov. Committee) – unopposed

In consideration of Allan Beek's motion for a Continual Townhall, the committee moved and approved the establishing of an ad hoc Committee to develop this Continual Townhall proposal.

KPFK shall have a "Continual Town Hall" facility installed, roughly as described in the document "Description of the Continual Townhall" and further, the KPFK LSB requests the KPFK staff to cooperate with installation and operation of the Continual Town Hall.

B. Finance Committee Report –

C. Treasurer F. Blair reports on the monthly income of the station and the shortfall to the operating costs.

D. Finance Committee Chair, K. Kaufman reported to the board on the latest Finance Committee meeting.

E. Finance Committee Report – K. Kaufman reports on the struggle to get proper numbers from management.

D. Outreach Committee – Townhall update by B. De Soto

Motion passed (unopposed) - that the LSB proceed with arranging a listener town hall via zoom call by the second week in Nov, whether or not it can be aired simultaneously on KPFK, and publicize it and invite people to register and participate with an e-blast via a 3rd party mailing house, whether or not the GM will publicize it via the station email list.

E. Fundraising Committee – M. Novick reports the committee will be meeting the first Tues. in Nov.

F. Programming Oversight Committee - B. von Gunten reported on status of the committee. Next meeting is Mon. Nov. 9 at 4pm.

F. Policy Committee - B. von Gunten reported on status of the committee. Next meeting is Mon. Nov. 9 at 4pm.

VII Public Comments # (1:05 p.m.)

VIII New Business -

IX Closing Business/ Good and Welfare (Announcements)

X Adjourn

DESCRIPTION of the CONTINUAL TOWN HALL

As proposed by Allen Beek (10/18/20)

Letters in at talkback@kpfk.org

Collection available at readback.kpfk.org

This is a blog to which anyone (chiefly listeners) can send email letters, giving no name as “author”, or their e-address, or a pen name, or their true name. Anyone can search the collection by author, or subject, or date, or key phrase. Conversations may grow with several letters on the same subject.

Since anyone with email can send letters to talkback@kpfk.org, it is inevitable that things NOT part of the conversation turn up in the talkback Inbox. To deal with them, censoring is needed. Some may be letters to individuals; these are forwarded to the individual. Some may be illegal, obscene, or insulting to one of the other authors. The censors return these to the sender with a polite explanation of why KPFK regards them as unsuitable --- perhaps with help at amending them.

The censors are a team of KPFK volunteers interested in this work. At the moment, I (Allan Beek) am the only such volunteer. I feel sure that if I get over-loaded, I will be able to find others to help out. A couple of years ago, I handled the responses to talkback@kpfk.org for several months. It was very light work.

But censor response is a rather serious matter: The response is “The Voice of Pacifica” but is spoken by an untrained volunteer. Pacifica is exposed to disgrace or legal action if the volunteer (in all innocence) says things that would be disastrous if officially spoken by Pacifica.

For protection, we have a collection of Standard Answers for cases where the censor must communicate with the author of an email. The Standard Answers are screened by management and legal advisors to be sure they are safe to use. The censors are limited to using ONLY those Standard Answers.

Approved emails are forwarded from talkback@kpfk.org to readback.kpfk.org. So readback is sort of a glorified Inbox. It has the ability to receive emails and make the searches described above, and to download any selected letter. After one year, letters are removed.

Talkback@kpfk.org is a standard email terminal; the censors are provided with the password. They forward incoming emails to readback, or to the intended individual, or with a Standard Answer to the author, or to the SPAM disposer.

If a censor finds the conversation interesting and wants to join in, they send their contribution from their home computer, using any name they choose. They do not say they are a KPFK employee. If their comment is pointless unless they suggest they are a KPFK volunteer, OK. But try to avoid this.

A website designer has offered to program readback at a price I can afford.