

9/14/05 WPFW LSB Meeting – Minutes

WPFW Local Station Board Meeting

September 14, 2005, 7:00 p.m.

The Flemming Center, Washington, DC

Call to Order: 7:20 p.m.

1. Board members in attendance:

Billy Ray Edwards

Jim Brown

Carol Wolfe

Gloria Turner

Noberto Martinez

Joni Eisenberg

Katea Stitt Jane Gatewood

Joe Chiara

Cade Campbell

Dan Logan

Hakam Takash

Aycie Byrd

Rob Robinson Zarinah Shakir

Sarah Bittle

Mark Berman

Luzette King

Joni Eisenberg

Thomas Ruffin

Ron Pinchback, WPFW General Manager and non-voting LSB member, was also in attendance.

Excused: Ambrose Lane, Ayo Handy Kendi

Unexcused: Steve Hoffman, Kalonji Olusegun

2. Approval of Agenda

Jane asks for information on ED search before LSB reports.

Mark moves to move PNB reports up to #4. Jane seconds.

Dan moves to add item related to hurricane. Mark B seconds

Also under new business, Mark B wants to raise questions about Lesco who is on the air at this time

of year.

Zarinah moves to add under old business, station clean-up.

Mark R moves to accept the agenda as amended, Joe seconds. Motion carries to accept agenda with above additions.

Carol asks to add under new business: resignation of Steve Hoffman. Addition accepted.

3. Approval of Minutes

One correction proposed Mark R. moves to accept minutes as corrected. Rob R. seconds. Motion carries. 12 ayes. 1 abstention.

4. PNB Reports

Rob Robinson reported on his activities and distributed a written report as he does for every meeting.

Mark Roberts reported on his activities: National Finance Committee and exec search committee. FY06 budget begins October 1. Jane has represented WPFW well. The WPFW budget is approved. KPFW has a surplus and wants to spend it, so there are some outstanding questions. Interviewing is under way for ED. Expectation is that ED will be selected by Sunday. Joe raises question about why there are no WPFW voices covering the Roberts hearing when other stations are bringing people into DC to cover it.

Rob Robinson states that PNB programming committee is trying to develop policy to have stations work together and maintain a calendar to coordinate programming; not just coverage but approach.

Ron states there are two major marches coming up. WPFW will spearhead coverage of anti-war rally and Million More march.

Zarinah moves that the LSB write a letter to the PNB expressing concerns related to the Pacifica Washington Bureau.

Joni moves that the WPFW LSB adopt the following resolution: Whenever Pacifica broadcasts a national program, a policy must be in place to ensure on-air representation from a local WPFW programmer or programmers. When the program originates from Washington, DC, the local WPFW signal will take a leading role with appropriate funding.

Motion seconded by Mark Roberts. Motion carries with 16 ayes and 1 abstention.

5. LSB Committee Reports

Programming, Development/Outreach, and Finance Committee reports are given.

For the MASC committee, Thomas reports that the committee is ready to release the job description and announce the Program Director position.

Jim asks that Mark B take over as chair so that Jim can participate. He raises questions about weather

or not we are in a position to go ahead with that.

Mark B, takes over chairing the meeting.

Jane reports that an HR director has been hired by Pacifica and guidance for local station boards is being prepared to assist LSB's in evaluating GM's and conduction searches for program directors.

Carol moves that we suspend work on the GM evaluation and program director hiring procedures until we can get input from the newly hired Pacifica HR director and the PNB.

Seconded by Jane.

Discussion follows. Aycie calls the question. Aycie also asks that Jim share his concerns with MASC in writing.

14 in favor of ending discussion. 1 abstention.

Discussion closes.

11 in favor. 6 opposed. No abstentions. Motion carries.

Programming Committee report is given by Hakam who provided information on the programming evaluation process that is being recommended. Discussion follows.

Norberto reports that Committee on Inclusion needs more members and asks for help. It is confirmed that Carol, Luzette, and Kalonji are also on the committee. LSB discussion confirms that the committee is open to people outside the LSB. Norberto will send Ron a PSA to be aired invite members from the community to participate.

Gloria reports on the Volunteer Appreciation event scheduled for Saturday. 5:30 – 6:30 pm on 9/18/05.

6. General Manager's Report

Ron distributes the GM's report. Luzette notes that the LSB has requested that the report be distributed in advance of the meeting. Questions and answers follow.

7. Old Business

a. Station clean-up: Zarinah outlines plans and passes around a sign-up sheet for LSB members to commit to dates and times to help.

8. Community Comment

Community comment begins at 9:55 p.m. Community comment closes at 10:00 pm after all comments are heard.

9. New Business

a. Hurricane: Dan proposes working with a group that is a professional facilitator of fundraising. Requires further discussion with PNB. Would need to be carefully defined and executed. Alternative is to recommend other organizations to donate to.

Jane reminds us that we need action on a governance committee and/or bylaws review committee.

10. Adjournment

Meeting is adjourned at 10:15 p.m.