

Minutes for the regular National Finance Committee meeting October 19, 2010.

Meeting convened at 8:47 PM (ET) a quorum being present, the Chair being absent and the Secretary being present.

Attending: Alonzo Brown, Mike Jones, R. Paul Martin, Simon Pius, Summer Reese, Tracy Rosenberg, Alex Steinberg, John Wenger, Lavarn Williams, Bruce Wolf, also attending was Pacifica Executive Director Arlene Engleheart.

Agenda:

1. CFO's Report.
 2. Budget updates for WPFW, WBAI, KPFF and KPFA.
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Tracy Rosenberg assumed the Chair and started the meeting. Summer Reese had called in saying she'd be a little late.

CFO's Report

CFO Lavarn Williams reported that she has received WBAI's draft FY11 budget, but hasn't reviewed it closely. WPFW's draft FY11 budget is being put in the right format, Berthold Reimers is helping to do that. It should be ready for next week's meeting. KPFT's FY11 budget has been passed. KPFA's draft FY11 budget is a budget major issue, there is more than one version of it.

Budget updates for WPFW, WBAI, KPFF and KPFA 8:54 PM (ET)

It was reported that WPFW is getting it's budget put together. Their Fall 2010 on-air fund raiser ended today, it more than met its goals.

It was reported that the WBAI LSB voted to postpone consideration of the WBAI draft FY11 budget at its October 13, 2010, meeting. The next meeting of the WBAI LSB is scheduled for November 10, hope was voiced in the committee that the LSB might meet to consider the FY11 budget before then.

It was reported that the KPFF LSB had called a special meeting to deal with the FY11 budget, but that meeting failed to achieve quorum. Those who attended discussed the budget. They hope to take up the FY11 budget at their October 23, 2010, meeting.

It was reported that the KPFA LSB had considered their draft FY11 budget at a meeting last week. There were last minute changes to the budget proposal. Some changes were made to the draft. Salaries were proposed to be moved to lower numbers. The KPFA LSB chair walked the LSB through budget. Management didn't like the changes and submitted an alternative budget. There were motions at the LSB meeting for changes to headcount, salaries, etc. KPFA now has multiple draft FY11 budgets.

The Executive Director said she had compared the draft budgets, identified changes, and marked up where she agrees and disagrees. She's met with the KPFA Union about it. Four motions were passed by the KPFA LSB, she'll present them here, she doesn't support them. Some health benefits cost more than the salaries that the workers earn. Union reps came up with a proposal to move some people on KPFA payroll who are over 65 to Medicare Advantage instead of the health insurance KPFA currently has, this could save \$30,000. The Executive Director reworked her budget with those figures. KPFF is talking to the tax assessor to see if real estate taxes can be brought down and maybe get reimbursement for prior years. People at KPFA also felt that since KPFF pays a levy of only 18.5% because they provide space for the Pacifica Radio Archives, KPFA wants to pay 18.5% for sharing space with the National Office.

Summer Reese assumed the Chair at 9:12 PM (ET)

The committee and the Executive Director discussed the KPFA budgets. In June KPFA's headcount was 30.51 FTEs. The Executive Director said that the headcounts in the two proposed budgets came down to some at KPFA wanting to have 25.96 FTEs and her proposal is to have 22.21 FTEs. The legal aspects of moving some workers to Medicare Advantage will be looked into. The committee discussed more details of the budget differences. There will probably be a third proposed budget for KPFA. This one will include savings based on a reduction or elimination of in-person PNB meetings for FY11. It was noted that only the PNB can consider reducing or eliminating the number of in-person PNB meetings. The committee agreed that some aspects of the KPFA budget would have to be discussed in executive session.

Motion: (Tracy Rosenberg) "The NFC recommends to the PNB: Spread out repayment of the unpaid central services KPFA owes Pacifica National from fiscal year 2009-2010 over the next three years 2010-2012 for a savings of roughly 1.25 FTEs." (fails 1 for, 9 against)

Motion: (Tracy Rosenberg) "The NFC recommends to the PNB: Suspend KPFA's payments to replenish the national Health Endowment fund 2010-2012 for the savings of roughly 0.5 FTEs." (fails 0 for, 10 against)

Motion: (Tracy Rosenberg) "The NFC recommends to the PNB: Suspend all in-person meetings of the Pacifica National Board, and return 1/5 of the of the savings to each of the five Pacifica stations, for a savings of roughly 0.4 FTEs." (fails 0 for, 9 against)

Point of Order: (Alex Steinberg) The motion is out of order because the bylaws set the number of PNB meetings.

The Chair ruled the motion in order.

Motion: (Tracy Rosenberg) "The NFC recommends to the PNB: Reduce KPFA's Central Service Assessment by one percentage point to 18.5% in exchange for KPFA housing the Pacifica National Office." (fails 4 for, 4 against, 2 abstentions)

Motion: (Summer Reese) "To schedule additional meetings for November 16, and 30, 2010." (Passed without objection)

Motion: (R. Paul Martin) "To adjourn to executive session." (Passed without objection)

Adjourned 10:39 PM (ET).

Submitted by R. Paul Martin, Secretary.