

WPFW- LSB Regular Meeting Minutes January 10, 2024

Teleconference via Zoom Washington, DC

Dennis Williams – Chair

Wayne Bruce – Vice Chair

Kamau Harris –Treasurer

Ellen Williams Carter - Secretary

1. Call to Order started at 6:35p.m.

2. Logins/Greetings/Roll Call

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| 1. Anita Irene Adams | 13. Kamau Harris |
| 2. Karen Briggs | 14. Arthur Hyland |
| 3. Vanessa Dixon-Briggs | 15. Ambrose Lane Jr. |
| 4. Sarah E. Brown | 16. Tony Leon |
| 5. Verna Avery Brown | 17. Mariah McClain |
| 6. Wayne Bruce | 18. Ron Pinchback |
| 7. Michael Byfield | 19. Minerva F Sanders |
| 8. Bill Curtis | 20. Adele M Stan |
| 9. Violetta Diamond | 21. Dennis Williams |
| 10. Sue Goodwin | 22. Andrew Kreig |
| 11. Robert A. Gordon | |
| 12. Donna Grimes | |

Excused absence: Patrick Morrison

3. Resignation: Victoria Gass

Yaw Francis Agyei was removed from the WPFW LSB per the bylaw: Article Four, Delegates, Section 9: Removal of Delegates (C) failure of a Delegate to attend three consecutive Local Station Board meetings, which absences have not been excused by a majority vote of the LSB members present at the meetings in question. Yaw missed 3 consecutive meetings. He was sent a letter but he has not responded. The 1st runner up in the National election in 2023, Andrew Kreig, replaced him.

4. The agenda was approved.

5. December 13, 2023 minutes were approved.

6. Management Reports:

Jerry Paris, General Manager, report:

Finances

Payroll was a priority and was paid. The January transmitter tower fee and rent not paid.

The Office Manager is out sick.

Pledge Drive

The pledge was held without use of the phone service. In February we might try to do a remote calling, if we receive the software. All of the sums received have not been credited.

Katea Stitt, Program Director, report:

New Programs

Andy Shalal is back on the air on Tuesday at 6:00pm. Jordon Strudwick a new programmer is on the air Wednesdays at 10:00pm. Willard Jenkins is now on the air Sundays at 2pm.

Fundraiser

She spoke to Lynn Dyson, about a Zora Neale Hurston fundraiser in February.

7. Development Staff

Miyuki Williams reported for Satoria Joyner.

The Pledge drive raised \$126, 092. There are still \$3,000 in pledges that were requests to bill them. Esther was able to get some grants. We had 14, 000 listeners but now we are down to 7,000 making donations.

8. Finance Committee Report

Treasurer, Kamau Harris report: (see the Motion)

The Finance Committee met January 8, 2024. We discussed the budget. We reviewed the December finances and gave updates on the 2024 budgets. We were unable to give details that were needed to review the budget. The December 9, 2023, bank balance cash is \$30,892.04. The total balance on 1/2/2024 is \$113,66.66.

9. Community Comment

Eric Ramey said the MASC committee is contaminated. People can self-nominate. Ramey stated that there was a directive from the ED that the Relocation Committee be repopulated. He also wants to know who to contact regarding CAB committee membership.

Martha Peterson wants a response regarding the move to the Festival Center issue.

Saboo hopes the CAB will be neutral and make the situation at the station better.

10. Management Assessment and Search/Evaluation Committee

A motion was presented by Irene but it was dismissed. A new motion was presented by Minerva and Dennis, see unfinished business.

11. Relocation Committee

Kamau reported that the committee:

1. Establish a series of meeting biweekly meeting
2. Finalized the space requirements for the station.

3. Submitted a letter to the GM, Chair and ED for a list of inventories to establish the cost of the hot switch over.
4. A matrix was created to present to their agent regarding: HVAC accessibility and accessibility of our radio community.

Jerry said they won't need a moving company for the move. The goal is to move by May 1 st.

12. PNB Report

Vanessa said everything was done in executive session.

The Election committee changed the election period to 2 years by a motion.

Irene reported that the Program committee wants to create a national news program across the stations.

13. Development Committee report

They have not met. They will meet in January.

14. PNB Election:

WPFW LSB PNB Director Listeners elected:

Irene Adams

Minerva Sanders

Vanessa Dixon- Briggs

WPFW LSB PNB Director Staff elected:

Ron Pinchback was elected by acclimation.

15. Program/LSB Show Committee report

Program Committee didn't meet.

LSB Show

Bill and Irene said that they requested training.

Irene Requested that the show could be added to the dropdown.

16. Community Outreach Committee (submitted a written report: see Attachment A)

Violetta stated that they met on January 2.

They discussed:

- Town Hall in March
- Fundraiser
- Newsletter
- Mid Atlantic Jazz Festival

17. Communication and Standards Committee

They went over the rules and penalties for WPFW LSB Regular meetings. Eileen read the rules and penalties.

18. Unfinished Business

- Irene's Motion: about the MASC Committee; the motion was dismissed
- New Motion: I move that we take the 14 names as MASC committee members and the 11 voting members will be determined by their emails to Minerva and Dennis.

Vote: Unanimous approval

19. New Business

National election:

Dennis reminded that there will be 2 years terms. New LSB members have a 2-year term.

Workshop:

Minerva wanted to give notice that a workshop is planned to go over bylaws and committees.

20. Action Items/Agreements Summary

1. Join Minerva Sanders and Wayne Bruce to discuss the MASC Committee.
2. Follow up with the ED regarding the investigation.
3. Review and meet with committee chairs.

21. Dennis Williams, Chair, Adjourned the meeting at 10:33 PM

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Ellen Williams Carter

Attachment A

Community Outreach Committee

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, January 2, 2024

Present: Michael Byfield, Violetta Diamond, Marsha Edwards, Sabooh Hikim, Art Hyland, Irene Jefferson, Martha Peterson, Minerva Sanders, Gloria Turner and Fred Wilson

Start Time: 7:09PM

Agenda:

1. Town Hall - The WPFW Town Hall will be held in March, 2024. A location has yet to be determined. Outreach members are still searching for an appropriate site. Members will work on an Agenda for the Town Hall, review the last Town Hall Survey and communicate with other members via email in order to be ready to finalize plans for the Town Hall during the February Outreach meeting. Possible dates for the Town Hall include March 23rd or March 16th. We will explore the possibility of having the Town Hall on a weekday during the evening. This was done years ago.
2. Fundraiser - Although Art Hyland is talking with Candy Shannon and Bill Wax to seek their assistance in setting up a fundraiser, members decided that instead of working on a combination of a fundraiser and Town Hall together, Outreach members will sponsor a fundraiser at a later date.

3. WPFW Newsletter - Art Hyland is working on our next Newsletter which will be published possibly in February.

4. Other Business - The Mid Atlantic Jazz Festival will be held February 16th, 17th and 18th. Gloria Turner was able to get a table at the Festival.. Volunteers are needed to sit at the table and hand out WPFW trinkets, (pens, magnets, etc.). LSB members are welcome to volunteer if they have the time. The Festival starts at 10am and is over between 7 and 8pm. Also, if able, LSB members can feel free to help with the cost of paying for WPFW postcards or magnets.

Bring in new members to WPFW. Michael Byfield reported that a former WPFW programmer would like to work with the Outreach Committee to devise ways to increase the number of young people who listen to WPFW. The possibility of reaching out to Prince George Community College was discussed,

Meeting Adjourned: 8:12pm