

WORT 89.9 FM
118 S. Bedford Street, Madison, WI 53703

Programming Committee
Date and Time: 5 pm, September 14, 2015

MEETING MINUTES:

Present PC: Karma Chávez, Stuart Utley, Meghan Gauger, Rich Samuels, Molly Stentz, Sybil Augustine, Peter Allen

Present others: Tim Schneider, Susan Sheldon, Norm Stockwell

Communications from the Public:

Read comments from comment book and discussed actions taken to address any concerns

Communications from the Board: None

Next meeting: October 5th

Minutes approved.

Staff Reports

News:

- getting schedule going for the 6 pm show; added some new positions including copyediting: new schedule for an hour will start on October 5th
- have feature segments to start with that have solid content
- many engineering openings over the last month; need Monday at noon, and doing some switching people around; good responses on Facebook
- Monday's A Public Affair, Patty will start on Sept. 28th
- Summer interns have wrapped up, so we need to recruit new interns to do the surveys
- getting ready for website shift
- gearing up for pledge drive
- Molly will do a fellowship on reporting on the law at the Univ. of South Carolina

Music:

- Met with Shah from Urban Community Arts Network – he wants to bring more hip-hop to the radio; we have common goals, but [at the time] no current program openings
- trying to get hosts to record their own pre-rolls for their music show archives
- trying to get a soundproof booth set up for members of public to do their own testimonials
- training people to do social media to plug upcoming music show specials, and also promoting what they did afterward
- mostly done with live remotes for the year, and will check on ways to get a better signal for future events
- some more valuable records we got as donations are being put online for sale; recently sold a record on eBay for \$50
- set up and coordinated volunteers to engineer the Central Park remote

- having tardiness issues with one host; got complaints about what was being played [wrong genre]; gave hosts of the show beforehand some good music to use as fill in when that host is late
- some issues with people getting malware on computers, and not sure who it was
 - need to limit some people's hours and access to the station-staff intervention will happen
- asked jazz hosts to review music to be culled from the jazz library, not getting much response
- folk music is not getting reviewed as much as it needs to, because Jim Schwall did a lot of that
- women's music also not getting reviewed
- working on better procedures for live music and recording
- we have some new volunteers for promos
- working on back ups for programs; currently have on-site back up server
- discussing an issue with emergency alert system, like possibly moving from the manual system which means we wouldn't have to train people, but we wouldn't have control over when it would go out over the air
- new checklists for engineers
- volunteers filling in on best of gospel
- Nigel couldn't do the 11-12 spot on first Fridays in September, not sure he wants to do it as a permanent slot

Old Business

Big Survey – Karma discussed preliminary results of large survey on issues of local and international news

BBC/DN Survey – Proposal to the Board:

KPFA's Letters and Politics would run M-Th 1-2, Democracy Now would run M-Th, 5-6 and we would no longer run the BBC News Hour

5 yays, 0 nays, 2 abstentions

New Business

The host of the Sunday night 7-9 pm gospel show has resigned; it is problematic in some ways because it is a religious, Christian only show; but there are also important community reasons to keep this or a similar show on the air; do we want to keep a church-centric show?

- Committee members will talk to some community leaders to ask if the show would be missed, is there interest in a show at that time or elsewhere in the schedule, etc.? Sybil will send around a list of questions that we can ask

Meeting Adjourned: 7:15

Notes By: Karma Chávez

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