

Annual Membership Meeting
Back Porch Radio Broadcasting, Inc.
WORT-FM Listener-Sponsored Community Radio
Sunday, June 25, 2015, 3:00 – 6:00 pm
Art In (1444 E. Washington Avenue)
MINUTES APPROVED JULY 19, 2017

3:15 p.m. meeting called to order by President Steve Ringwood

Invitation for additions from the floor to the voting roll

Mike Goodman petitioned to be accepted as voting member.

Stu Levitan moved acceptance/Steven Lord second

Motion passed by voice vote.

There was a proposal for the Bylaws Committee to review voting policies to accommodate pledge drive volunteers

Verify / Accept new voting roll.

Dave Devereaux-Weber moved / Gil Halstead second

Motion passed by voice vote

Report from Treasurer (Terry O'Laughlin)

Station is stable, with a small reserve. There were 3 changes in finances in 2016:

1. Changed fiscal year to match calendar year
2. Transitioned to full accrual accounting
3. Implemented job accounting system which will allow evaluating cost-effectiveness of activities

The FY 2016 audit reflects a net loss of \$64,000 despite decrease of \$32,000 in expenses. Auditor Cass Joy corrected several errors in the books. Unaudited records for July-December 2016 reflect a \$10,000 deficit. The next audit will be in spring 2018 and will encompass short year 2016 plus 2017. This could be first year without deficit since 2006. There was ample discussion.

Report from Staff (Doug Holtz).

News: Many awards including Milwaukee Press Club and Broadcasters for feature on A Day Without Immigrants. There was a successful spring event with Amy Goodman. Several interns on board this year: 4 high school, 2 college, and a social media intern. Station has grown to 15 podcasts. Alejandro Alonso Galva stepped down as assistant news director.

Volunteer and outreach: 62,000 hours equates to over \$1,000,000 in work. Thanks to all the volunteers, CAB, and partners at Edgewood, UW and Madison College.

Underwriting: \$75,000 or about 12% increase. Block party underperformed due to weather. Bluegrass, Nomad and Bowling fundraisers. Took over CPB duties to maintain grants.

LSDD: Record new sustainers, in number and in donations: \$6,100 to \$8,500. The current project is contacting lapsed donors to help meet goal of going over 3,600 donors. Educating listeners about planned giving. Need to explore multimedia to capture under 40 generation.

Music: New partnerships with music venues. Won MAMA for Local Music Station and Rockin' John did too. Better intake for new volunteers. About to launch digital music library.

Report from the President (Steve Ringwood)

Ringwood is stepping down from the board and as WORT BoD president. Called to task behavior of the board, particularly attacks on staff. He expressed hopes that the incoming board will have a more cooperative relationship with staff.

Bylaws Committee (Chair, Stu Levitan)

One technical amendment from the floor:

ARTICLE III: Board of Directors

3.1 c) Replace Listener Supporter with Listener Sponsor

Motion passed unanimously

Ringwood introduced and expressed thanks to the outgoing Board of Directors, and began the election process for the new board.

Ringwood called for nominations from the floor. There were none.

Candidates spoke and answered questions from the floor.

Participating Member seats

Philip Baker

Greg Geboski - absent

Katherine Hoveland

Stu Levitan

Stephen Lord

Jane Richard

Lincoln Tice

Listener Sponsor seats

Jim Bredeson

Jerry Chernow

David Devereaux-Weber

Martin Kehrein

Fred Olsen

Formal proceedings were relaxed while members voted and enjoyed refreshments.

Election Results

- Bylaws changes will be reported after recount is conducted.
- Candidates elected:
 - Katherine Hoveland
 - Stu Levitan
 - Stephen Lord
 - Jane Richard
 - Lincoln Tice
 - Jerry Chernow
 - David Devereaux-Weber
 - Martin Kehrein

7:45 p.m. Ringwood adjourned the general meeting

Brief meeting of new board to elect temporary officers and decide terms.

President - David Devereaux-Weber (term ends 2020)

Vice-President - Stu Levitan (term ends 2019)

Secretary - Jane Richard (term ends 2018)

Treasurer - Marty Kehrein (term ends 2020)