Programming Committee Minutes for September 11, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the WORT-FM’s Programming Committee was held on Monday, September 11, 2017, at 17:00 in the Vinyl Room.

CALL TO ORDER: 17:06
Members present: Chair Alan Muirhead, Board Liaison Lincoln Tice, Music Director Sybil Augustine, News Director Molly Stentz, Jo Anne Lindberg, Mike Hinz, Hugh Wing and Dylan Brogan.

Guest: Listener-sponsor development director Susan Sheldon

MOTION: Approval August meeting minutes (Chair)
- Second:Tice
- Approved on voice vote.

LISTENER COMMENTS
- Mostly positive.
- Staff following up on when and who will train receptionists on new electronic comment system.

Communication from the board
- Discussed that programming committee is taking a look at a new charter.

NEXT MEETING:
- Confirmation for meeting on October 16th, 2017 for 17:00 pm.

STAFF REPORTS
- Music Director: Submitted via email. Available at this link.
- News Director: Submitted via email. Available at this link.
  - Update on Queery recruitment. Possibly four new volunteers.
- Discussion about emergency procedure for last-minute fill-ins (dead air on August 28).
  - Chair requests an update from staff at the October meeting.

NEW SHOW PROPOSALS
- Submission from Abiel Howard
  - “A new wave of hip-hop.”
  - “More interested in getting his own music on the radio.”
  - Music director responded to inquiry.

OLD BUSINESS
- New charter proposal. (Brogan)
  - Explanation of why new charter is needed.
  - Role of Community Advisory Board.
What interaction should programming committee have with CAB?
- How long has the structure been like this?
- Is programming meeting our mission?
  - What are we missing?
- Are there shows which are treading water?
- Dual approach of identifying “what’s missing” and “open slots”.
- Best way to add “new voices” to programming.
- How to address programmers who may be discouraged by “annual review”
- What happened to previous review process?
  - Staff and committee turnover.
- How can committee members, better assist staff.
- Giving programmers a chance to fix issues and staff a chance intervene?
- Giving programmers a chance to go out gracefully?
- Compliance to using Spinitron.
  - Follow-up on automated software that recognizes songs.

**MOTION:** To add “and schedule” to Section 1.2 (a) after “This committee determines WORT’s programming”. (Tice)
- Second: Hinz.
- Approved on voice vote.

**MOTION:** To remove “beginning July 1 of each year” and Section 3.1 (b) (Brogan with friendly amendment from Tice)
- Second: Tice.
- Approved on voice vote.

**MOTION:** For Brogan to revise charter based on suggests at meeting and distribute to members. (Chair)
- Second: Brogan
- Approved on voice vote.

**MOTION:** Adjournment. (Brogan)
- Second: News director
- Approved on voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 19:01 pm.