Board Meeting Minutes  Approved on August 2nd, 2017

WJFF Board of Trustees

June 21, 2017

Callicoon Town Hall

ANNUAL MEETING


Trustees Absent: T. Peterson

The meeting was called to order by Pat Pomeroy at 6:35

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Approval of Minutes of the May 2017 meeting. (Hilton/Nordstrom) All in favor.

Motion: Approval of Minutes of the June 14, 2017 Special Meeting. (Nordstrom/Hulit). Anne proposed a revision which was accepted as an amendment to the motion. “Interim General Manager Andrea Eddings read correspondence from staff and volunteers concerning the candidate.”

In favor: Nordstrom, Hulit, Bachman, Demarest, Pomeroy, Hilton, Farronii-Butler, Geary, Springhetti, Gref and Bruno.

Opposed: Larsen

All in favor

Agenda

No revisions. Pat explained the 2 meeting aspect of the agenda with the newly elected trustees taking their seats for the second meeting.

Public Comment

A member of the public asked about the search process for trustee candidates.

Interim General Manager’s Report

Andrea noted that she plans to hire an Administrative Assistant. The Audit is currently in process. Issues in bookkeeping have been noted. The pre-pledge drive mailing is scheduled for next week. The summer pledge drive begins on July 7. The donor event is scheduled for 6/24 at 4:30. The return on the auction was not particularly good – about ($5000 net). Unsold items will be used for future yard sales. Andrea thanked volunteers who have been working very hard lately on the auction, the preparations at the Green House, and the GM search. She particularly thanked Martin Springhetti.
COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel
The 2017-2018 committee should look at preparing a GM/DD letter of agreement. A new search committee will need to be formed. The group should be given a clear mandate by the Board.

Audit
The auditor will be submitting a draft report July 6th and after review, the audit will be presented to the Board.

Nominating & Governance
The recruiting of trustee candidates and the election process was reviewed.

Finance
The Committee met in early June and reviewed and revised the draft Endowment Policy and discussed how the funds would be managed. The Treasurer plans to present the Policy at the July meeting.

Ken noted that the Budget v Actual sent in the Board packet was out of date and that an updated version was distributed to the board earlier today.

DCOC
Report was distributed in advance. It was noted that sponsorship money for the Messiah sing-along has been difficult to obtain. Alternatives for budget reallocation were outlined.

Facilities
The Green House is ready for listing with Freda Real Estate. We should have a recommendation for asking price shortly.

CAB
The CAB is having community meetings to gather feedback about the station and the Liberty property on 6/24 and 6/25 in Ferndale. Trustees are invited to attend.

The expiring terms of CAB members on 7/31 was discussed. If the current CAB members are to continue to serve, a bylaws amendment will be needed at the July meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

GM/DD Search
The GM/DD Search will require formation of a new committee. Advertising should concentrate on where we got the best response. The charge to the committee should be clear and the most important qualities for the position should delineated. Composition of the committee will be addressed by the new Board.
Volunteer Party

The Volunteer party was successful and about $150 less in expenses than the Trustees’ contributions. The remainder will be rolled in to donation to the station’s general fund.

TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Andrea announced that Kevin McDaniel is the volunteer-elected Trustee replacing outgoing Trustee Kevin Gref.

The Nominating and Governance Committee conducted the election for board-elected trustees. The Board had the option of electing either 4 or 5 trustees. There are 4 trustees leaving the board now, but there was one fewer than allowable elected last year and the Board has the option of filling that (2-year) seat as well.

Motion: Keep the Board at 14 (electing 4 in 2017). (Hulit/Bachman). All in favor

As first round balloting was in progress, candidate David Chavkin opted to withdraw as a candidate stating that he believed he could serve more effectively in other capacities. Balloting was begun afresh. Following balloting, members of Nominating and Governance Committee reported that all 5 remaining candidates received 8 or more votes (majority of the board). The options were to elect all 5 (expanding the board to 15) or to elect the 4 candidates receiving the most votes.

Motion: Set the Board at 15 (electing 5 in 2017 – 4 for three-year terms and 1 for two-year term). (Springhetti/Gref). All in favor.

Motion to Adjourn: 8:38

REGULAR MEETING

Called to order by Pat Pomeroy at 8:38


Trustees Absent: T. Peterson

Motion: Pat Pomeroy to serve as President. (Springhetti/Hulit). All in favor.

Motion: Jim Lomax to serve as First Vice President. (Pomeroy/Nordstrom).


Abstain: D. DeLeo, L. McCullough (lack of information)

Motion: Ken Hilton to serve as Treasurer. (Nordstrom/Springhetti).

Abstain: D. DeLeo, L. McCullough (lack of information)

**Motion:** Kit Hulit to serve as Secretary. (Pomeroy/Nordstrom). All in favor

**Motion:** Thane Peterson to serve as Second Vice President. (Hulit/Hilton).


Abstain: D. DeLeo, L. McCullough (lack of information)

Public Comment: Former members of the Board discussed their experiences and advice

Motion to adjourn: 9:20 (Hilton)