

## WFHB Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Monday July 28<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm

**Location:** Monroe County Public Library, room 214

### Call to Order

**Present:** Mark Hood, Chuck Beckett, Ben Myers, Jo Ann Vogt, Ron Kadish, Emily Jackson, Jar Turner, Jim Odom, Addison Rogers

**Absent:**

### Public Comments

(No one outside the board present)

### Review/Approve Prior Minutes

June's minutes were approved

### Review (Previous Month) Action Items

Action items were reviewed.

### Actions

- No new actions arose from this meeting.

### Staff Reports

#### *GM Report*

- Our books are up to date as of today.
- Save the date: We will be having a pre-fund drive volunteer event at Bryan Park on September 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Ryan Zaricki has been spearheading renovations at the studios. The rather ugly acoustic panels in the small production room have been covered with fabric, just one of the improvements Ryan has provided.
- We have applied to the city for a grant to install surveillance cameras at the studios.
- We are revisiting our broadcasting of syndicated programs. In the past, the CPB provided funding for subscriptions to multiple programs. Without CPB funding we can no longer afford to broadcast those shows.
- The station has acquired 7 Windows 11 PCs, to replace our aging Windows 10 PCs, which are unable to be upgraded to Windows 11. In October Microsoft will withdraw support for Windows 10.
- See the full GM report below for details.

### *Finance Report*

- The station is entering into negotiations with the city for a new lease of the station's studios.
- Mark presented a draft budget for the next fiscal year.

### *Committee Comments*

- None for this month

### Unfinished Business

- None for this month

### New Business

- Jim Odom was invited to become a board member. He attended the meeting and presented his answers to our board candidate questionnaire. After introductions to those board members who hadn't crossed paths with Jim at the station, and discussing the questionnaire answers, the board went into executive session and voted that Jim should join the board. Jim will fill the currently available slot for the three years starting in June of this year. With Jim added to the board, membership is now at 8.
- The board went into executive session to discuss next year's budget. The board then voted unanimously on a motion to approve the budget. (See attached budget below.)

### Next Meeting

6pm 25-August Monroe County Public Library Room 2A

## 20250728 GM Report

### Development & Finance

- Bank accounts reconciled through June 30, 2025.
- We've been receiving a handful of pretty large donations in the last week or two but we've been holding back on emergency fundraising, as we consider the long game. I know other stations are running fund drives, but our hill is a bigger climb than many. Our Fall Fund drive is Sept. 10-21 and that's where our concentration is going.
- We made our money back on the Past and Present event. In total, we brought in \$8615, including the grant from BAC. Our actual 'take home' revenue was \$3964. It was a great community event and people appreciated the effort.
- Contract work funding a Youth Radio Coordinator for the YR department expired this month. This was funded through the City of Bloomington. We will receive future support for the next 3 years at least, but it is built into the FY26 budget.
- Brooke has produced a draft of an Underwriting one sheet to share with the Development Committee so they feel equipped to frequent businesses and drop off materials. Underwriting has seen an uptick, with new or returning lapsed underwriters returning including Chocolate Mouse, Bloomingfoods. B-Town Sharp Shop/Precision Sharpening. Full list at [wfhb.org/underwriting](http://wfhb.org/underwriting).
- Save-the-date for September 6th from 11am-1pm. We're planning a little pre-fund drive tailgate picnic at Bryan Park.

### Facilities & Equipment

- Duct work in Big Studio has black mold inside and will need to be replaced. Our facilities committee is working on plans and an estimate for costs. Volunteer Ryan Zaricki AKA Preacher Sun on *Reggae Children* has stepped up and offered his time and facilities expertise on a biweekly basis to tackle unfinished projects. He recently took the lead on covering the open insulation we've been using as sound panels with red acoustic fabric. Other projects on the agenda include installing trim on the ledges of the loft space, painting the music library, rewiring the garage door opener,
- I'm getting quotes on installing a camera in the garage to watch Spot. The city has grant funding available for anti-graffiti and security projects.

### Personnel & Nominating

- P&N Committee is tasked with creating an updated Chief Engineer job description and to set our sights on FY27 for a transition.

### Programming & Promotion

- A new live music and interview program has launched Tuesday 5-6am called *WFHB Up All Morning* hosted by Jared Cheek, a DJ on our *Soft Sounds* rotation and former host of *Unspoken Requests*, which ran late night Wednesday until recently.
- We are auditing our syndicated programming to phase out programs that we typically use CPB restricted funds to purchase so that they'll be removed from the schedule prior to Fall Fund Drive and the FY25 year end and replaced with either free or local content.

- Taste of Bloomington is this weekend. We are presenters of the sidestage along with The Orbit Room. The event is 3-11pm.

### **Website & Technology**

- The PC that we used to stream the station blew its power supply two weeks ago, causing a temporary disruption in our streaming capabilities. It was an old computer but fortunately Chuck has purchased and donated several PCs and I was able to put it to use and get the stream back up within 15-20 minutes.
- Most of the PCs in the building will need to be replaced because the upcoming operating system update doesn't support older machines. Fortunately, Chuck is generous and loves bargain hunting at IU Surplus! They are ready to deploy but we have until the Fall. (It should be no surprise that the PCs that are ready to be replaced were also purchased at IU Surplus and donated to the station by a generous volunteer. Thank Jim Thrasher for that one. He moved away years ago but I spotted him during the Past & Present Event!)