

WFHB Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday August 25rd 6:00pm

Location: Monroe County Public Library, room 2C

Call to Order

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

Absent:

Public Comments

(No one outside the board and staff present)

Review/Approve Prior Minutes

July's minutes were approved

Review (Previous Month) Action Items

Action items were reviewed.

Actions

- **All members:** investigate alternative venues for our meetings for discussion at next month's meeting. The anonymous donor will contribute to our endowment fund.
- **Brooke** will investigate using the Fire Bay of the Waldron.
- **Jar** will arrange a volunteer orientation for Tristra.

Staff Reports

GM Report

- Jar reported that an anonymous donor pledged to match all listener donations up to \$100,000, ending with the end of our Fall Fund Drive.
- Jar went over the highlights of his report. See the full GM report below for details.

Finance Report

- Mark led the board in a review of our current financial state.

Committee Comments

- None for this month

Unfinished Business

- None for this month

New Business

- Trista Yeager attended the meeting at the invitation of Emily Jackson to consider board membership. After a general discussion the board voted to have Tristra join, filling the currently open position ending in June of 2026. Welcome Tristra!
- The library is shortening its hours starting in November. We either need to change the Board of Directors' venue or the time we meet as the library will be closing at 7pm and our meetings usually are over an hour. Emily posted a link to the board Slack channel supplied by the MCPL staff that lists alternative venues.
- Brooke presented details of our \$100,000 matching donation conditions and the station's plans to ensure we reach the maximum match.
- The board went into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Next Meeting

6pm 22-September Monroe County Public Library Room 214

20250825 GM Report

Development & Finance

- Bank accounts reconciled through July 2025.
- Budget review. FY26-FY30. If things stay as they are, we're gonna need more money.
- An anonymous Private donor is putting a \$100,000 matching donation to our endowment for monies raised August 27-Oct 31, a great opportunity but requires a shift in how Fund Drive works. Brooke Turpin has more.

Facilities & Equipment

- "Engineering Q&A with Sundog" brought together a half dozen of our volunteer engineers to spend two hours in the studios with Sundog while he explains how it all fits together. It brought everyone together and cleared up some misconceptions about the signal flow throughout the station. The open format allowed for thorough discussion from the most basic to advanced. I'd like to do this every three months.
- I discovered that a filing cabinet in my office had rusted out at the bottom, presumably due to moisture coming up from the carpet. At some point soon the carpet will need to be pulled and a rug put in its place so we can observe where water is coming in.
- We've received grant funding from the City of Bloomington and have purchased a new Emergency Alert System (EAS) unit to replace our old unit. This one is much more technical and will require some assistance from our Tech team to set up. The unit was paid in full by the COB.

Personnel & Nominating

- I've assumed Volunteer Coordination and hosted a session with 8 potential volunteers this month. 3 have already attended announcer training and begun coming in for admin work like archiving and add pool production.
- Quarterly Meeting Oct 11 at MC History Center at 1pm.
- My annual self-evaluation has been submitted to Emily and Executive Committee.
- There's an opportunity to get two potential paid work study internships through IU's Walter Career Center Internship Accelerator program. The application deadline is August 31.
- Request for a closed meeting at the end of this meeting to discuss a personnel/payroll matter.

Programming & Promotions

- Two sessions scheduled for Lotus Live at the Library Sept 27 during Lotus Fest. Artist and showtimes TBD.
- First ever *Jazz Menagerie Live* from Backspace Gallery with Ortet and a trio from Europe - Oct 7 7pm.
- I've negotiated a discounted subscription rate with PRX and they are waiving carriage fees for *Sound Opinions* and *Reveal* for FY26. Most of our other syndicated shows come from our PRX subscription but are "free." We'll need to put a new program in place of *American Routes*.

Website & Technology

- The size of our website has grown too big and required purging of media +5 years old. This has exposed gaps in our archiving procedures but new volunteers are helping here.