

KGNU Board Meeting – August 14, 2007

Present

Listener Members: Clover, Basit Mustafa, Leslie Lomas, Judy Trompeter, Nile Southern, Michele Barone, Mandy Walker

Staff: Sam Fuqua, Faye Lamb

Board: Michael Shuster, Steven Sherman-Boemker, Marge Taniwaki, David Kane, Janaki LeFils, Chip Grandits, Kit Hollingshead Absent: Wendy Emrich, Chris Mohr

Agenda: The agenda was approved after adding a discussion of a signature event.

Minutes: The minutes of the July Board meeting were approved with amendments.

There were no public comments.

Station Manager's Report from Sam Fuqua

--We are still awaiting the results of our FM antenna study. Our engineer Mike Pappas has also recommended ordering a \$2,000 study of our AM frequency and antenna to determine if we can significantly increase our nighttime power on 1390 AM.

Marge asked Sam about getting a better speaker phone for those who call in for meetings. He said he would look into it.

--FCC inspection is Friday, August 17. This is a voluntary program organized by the Colorado Broadcasters Assn.

--The Charles Sawtelle Gnu Mountain Jam raised about \$5000 net for the station. Our typical profit for this event is \$4-6000. The Events committee is exploring ways to make it more profitable without dramatically changing its character.

Upcoming events:

- Gospel Tent Show and Ice Cream Social, Aug. 19, 4-6 pm, Boulder studio.
- Arts and Crafts Show combined with the Book and Record Sale, Aug. 25, 9 am to 4 pm, Boulder studio.
- 1390 AM 3rd Anniversary event, Sept. 7, 4-9 pm, Denver studio.
- Amy Goodman, Sept. 15, 7 pm Central Presbyterian Church, 16th and Sherman, Denver

--We have a new phone contract with Cbeyond that should save an estimated \$2-3000 annually. Thanks to Evan Perkins, Chip Grandits and Joe Barger for their work on this.

Budget Report

This is the second reading and review of next year's budget by the Board. At the last reading the station manager search was not added. It will cost \$1500 or more if it is a national search. There was a discussion about how much money is needed to do the

search. It could be up to \$2500. If so Chip will need to add \$1000 to the budget. He feels he can do this by increasing the underwriting budget from \$45k to \$46k, for a total balanced budget of \$675,800. The Board will vote on the budget at the September Board meeting.

The next Budget Committee meeting is Wednesday, September 5, 4pm.

Development Director's Report by Faye Lamb

Faye showed the completed major donor packet and planned giving brochure. The 1390 campaign brochure can have a similar format to the planned giving brochure with a different color. That will be complete within the next three weeks.

There may be an estate planning breakfast for long term members in late September or early October.

The PTFB grant is in process to purchase equipment in the Denver studio.

Faye needs the Board members to give her names of possible major donors, including people not known personally. Board members can choose how to be involved with fundraising from the list that is generated.

Nominating Committee Report

Nile reported that the committee interviewed two candidates who have been approved by the committee: Basit Mustafa and Judy Trompeter. Judy needs to fulfill her requisite committee meetings before she will be brought forth. Basit was presented as a candidate. The Board met in closed session to review his application. He was approved unanimously by paper vote, and begins his term tonight. His term will expire in August of 2010.

Steven will serve as the interim treasurer of the Board after Chip leaves next month, until a new slate is brought forth in November. Wendy has volunteered to fill in as Vice Chair, but needs to be voted in at the next Board meeting. David has agreed to replace Janaki as interim secretary of the Board, since this is Janaki's last meeting as a Board member. A motion to appoint him as secretary was moved and seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by the Board.

There was a discussion of past Board members who have either chosen not to fulfill their two full terms, or have had to leave the Board because of illness or moving to another location. Should they be allowed to reapply to the Board? There was general agreement that it is a case by case situation, and each case should be reviewed by the Nominating Committee.

Signature Event

David spoke about using KGNU's 30th Anniversary to create three possible large events for the purpose of fundraising; e.g., one with Noam Chomsky or Bill Moyers (or some other very big name), a large music event with big names and a third event, possibly a

combination of music and current events. It would be a Board-directed event with the Events Committee and the Development Committee involved, and would not be organized by the Development director. A big music event, and perhaps all of the events, would need a sponsor. David is speaking with possible sponsors.

Basit moved and Chip seconded a motion that an Ad Hoc Committee of the Board be created to handle these 30th Anniversary events. The motion was approved unanimously. David will head it up with Sam. There was a motion for a friendly amendment, moved by Chip and seconded by Steven that the Ad Hoc Committee will sunset at the end of the 30th year. This motion was approved unanimously.

Other Business

Janaki was presented with flowers and a cake in honor of her four years of service on the KGNU Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janaki LeFils, Outgoing Secretary