

KGNU Board Meeting Minutes 1/12/2010

Minutes from 12/2010 Meeting were approved.

Station Manager's Report:

New Antenna has arrived, City of Lafayette has approved the lease, and weather permitting we expect to install the antenna on 1/24/10.

Barry mentioned that we also want to bring down the streams on a weekend to improve stability, it might make sense to do it the same day. Sam mentioned that we might want to keep the AM streams in place that day to give listeners an alternative when the primary signal is down during installation.

FCC will need to approve the installation after that. We will be powering up in stages. Increase is from 1300 to 4000 watts. We hope to greatly increase signal in Aurora and Denver. Our CPB requirements will increase but at this point our fundraising is sufficient.

All Station Retreat is on Feb. 13 at the 1st Unitarian Church, 1400 Lafayette in Denver.

A modification to the agenda was made to move the discussion of the all station retreat agenda to the end of tonight's meeting.

Development Committee:

Annie Sugar gave this report since Judy was unavailable. The Development Committee decided that as a result of discussions Development will focus on outreach and donor relationships, grant work, and will take less of an events role. Events Committee will take a larger events role and develop a new mission statement. The two committees will then coordinate and make sure that everything is covered by one or the other committee, and the mission statements define clearly delineated roles for each.

Upcoming events include MLK Parade, 1/18/2010, Jim Hightower 2/4/2010 in Denver (Mercury Café) and 2/5/2010 in Boulder (Unity Boulder), Beers with Brad (Feld) 2/18/2010 6-8pm at Twisted Pine brewery in Boulder (<http://beerswithbrad.eventbrite.com/>) There will be a KGNU benefit screening of the award winning documentary The Cove with the makers of the film at the Dairy Center in Boulder on 2/24/2010, at 7:00 pm.

Finance Committee (Basit)

Underwriting has done very well this year. There are several grants in progress but (as expected) none closed at this time. Income is on track for the year. Debt payment for October was deferred a year to October 2010. We seem to be on track to not have to implement our worst case plan previously discussed.

IT Committee

Many large projects (see report). Odious Sound Exchange reporting requirements will be largely met by the new playlist application, and the current application is also being modified to help.

Michael's Last Day

The board and station thanked Michael Schuster for his service as board member, board chair, refurbishing the building, etc. etc. etc.!

KGNU All Station Retreat Agenda Discussion

The proposed agenda for the all station retreat was given out. Sally Kane will co-chair the retreat with Sam. Concern about keeping the retreat focused and productive was voiced. Sam said mini agendas for the breakouts are yet to be developed that will help keep the discussions on track. The public is enthusiastically encouraged to attend, as this is the primary place the public can brainstorm with us on the direction, programming and management of the station. Coffee and bagel will be provided before the retreat.

Attendees are encouraged to bring lunch as a working lunch session is part of the agenda.

Station Manager Report January 2010

FM Project

The new antenna has arrived and the City of Lafayette has approved the new lease agreement. Target date for installation: Sunday, January 24th. Our FM signal will have to be shut off for at least several hours, possibly the entire day. Cold weather and/or snow may delay the installation. If on Friday, Jan. 22nd, the Sunday forecast calls for snow and/or a high temp lower than 35 degrees, installation will be rescheduled to the following Sunday.

After successful installation, we file required documents with the FCC for permission to begin testing FM broadcast at our approved higher power. FCC approval to begin testing takes about two weeks. Testing period last 30 days. We are broadcasting at higher power for those 30 days. At the end of that period, if there are no problems or complaints the FCC will sign off on it. If there are complaints or problems, we'll address them as quickly as possible.

End of Year Appeal

Our end-of-year gift appeal brought in about \$29,000. The prior two year average was about \$19,000. We had almost 300 responses this year, compared to about 200 in 2008 and 165 in 2007. We sent the mailing out earlier this time, increased web presence and on-air mention of year end giving and it all made a difference.

All Station Retreat

We are set for Saturday, Feb. 13th, 9:00-4:00, at First Unitarian, 1400 Lafayette in Denver. Our facilitator, Sally Kane, and I are drafting the agenda based on input from staff, board and volunteers. Need to schedule follow-up board/staff session, preferably before the end of February.

Community Advisory Board

Community Advisory Board (CAB) meetings were held on Dec. 3rd at our Denver studio and on Dec. 9th at our Boulder studio. Notes from both meetings are attached to this report. We have two listeners who have committed to being CAB members, working on recruiting 2-3 more. In 2010, we're planning one meeting in Spring, one in Fall.

Upcoming events

MLK Parade: Jan. 18, meet at City Park, Denver, before 10 AM

Jim Hightower: Feb. 4 at Mercury Café, Denver, Feb. 5 at Unity Church, Boulder, 7 PM

Sam Fuqua

Program Committee Report

January 10, 2010

The Program Committee continues its evaluations of music and news/public affairs programs and programmers, working to identify areas of strength and areas that need improvement. Expanding our review process to include evaluation of at least one music and one news/public affairs programming at each meeting is a goal we set for this year.

Currently, the committee is considering a proposed change to the Wednesday evening schedule, which would include a new, one hour weekly Celtic music program. While most of the committee favors this new show, there is some concern about the proposed change to the Wednesday Jazz & Beyond time slot, which would become an evening free-form music program. This would leave us with only two evening slots for Jazz & Beyond, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The proposed changes have been announced on air and on the KGNU website in an effort to solicit feedback/input from the listeners before implementing any changes.

The committee will meet on Tuesday, January 19th, to continue discussion and vote on this proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Sherman-Boemker
Chair, KGNU Program Committee

Dev Com Report 1-22-10

The Development Committee meeting took place January 22, 2010, at the Denver studio. Present were Sam Fuqua, Hilarie Ryals, Meredith Carson, Judy Trompeter, and prospective committee member Deb Taylor. Annie Sugar was in Virginia caring for her injured father.

Additional members of the committee are being sought, and Shawna will be asked if any of the new volunteers have indicated interest in fundraising.

The committee is beginning work on researching small family foundations; if any board members have contacts in foundations, please talk with Sam, Annie, or Judy. The station receives money currently from Buck and is applying again to them; Sam will enter into discussions soon with Brett, an application is due to Denver by 2/1, and he is finishing up one to DAETC which was due the day of the meeting.

We continue to keep an eye out for possible speakers; David Barsamian asked Arundhati Roy to make an appearance on our behalf during her upcoming U.S. book tour, but she had to decline.

The committee plans to organize house parties throughout the month of May.

Ted, the underwriting salesman, has been having a lot of success and is likely to hit our \$80,000 goal this year.

Annie is drafting a plan for the year which will include approaching major donors. Loan re-negotiations have been successful in some cases and are underway in others. End-of-year donations were 30% higher than the year before. It was suggested that once the new FM tower is up and running we ask selected donors in key parts of the Metro area to listen in and report on sound quality; asking them to do so will keep them involved with more than simply giving money.

Trust the Dust will close soon, as the landlords are shutting down the building.

DevCom meets on the fourth Friday of each month except for November and December, when it conflicts with holidays; alternative dates will be chosen later in the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Trompeter, Chair

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Bylaws Com Report 1-25-10
Bylaws [Review] Committee Report
01-25-10 meeting

We completed looking at Article IV, Nominations and Election of Directors, expanded on 4.4 Terms, and discussed and drafted a recommendation about Leaves of Absence.

We will be looking at a rough draft of the new language at our next meeting.

Also at our next meeting, we will be starting Article V, Nominations and Elections of Officers.

We are recommending a re-arrangement of four of the Articles (shown here in red), so they fall in a more common sense order.

preamble

article I name purposes mission

article II offices

article III board of directors

article IV nomination and election of directors

ARTICLE V Nominations and Elections of Officers

ARTICLE VI Duties of Officers

ARTICLE VII Meetings and Notices

ARTICLE VIII Committees

ARTICLE IX Contracts, Loans, Checks, and Bank Accounts

ARTICLE X Fiscal Year

ARTICLE XI Annual Audit

Article XII Indemnification.

ARTICLE XIV Amendment of Bylaws and Mission Statement

ARTICLE XV Recall of the Board

Attachment A : Board Member Letter of Agreement

Attachment B : Grievance Procedure

Attachment C : Petition of No Confidence

Although we did good work at this meeting, only 3 people showed up. We agreed that we need at least 5 people in a meeting to have a truly rounded conversation. We also agreed that meeting more often is do-able, if we shorten the meetings to 1 hour. It seems that meeting more often would help us stay mentally connected to the topic.

If you know anyone in the volunteer or staff base who might relish the type of work we're doing, please send them our way!

We are proposing meeting every 2 weeks for 1 hour meetings. Committee members must be able to use pbworks.com. And we aren't necessarily adamant about meeting on Monday nights.

One of the more substantial topics coming up is the Article on Committees, about which we have gotten a lot of feedback already.

Our next meeting might be during the week of Feb 8.

Bylaws Chair, Arleigh