

**WOMR Board of Directors  
Minutes of January 7, 2020 Meeting at 5 pm  
Davis Space at the Schoolhouse**

**Attendees:** John Braden (staff), Tony Pierson, Bruce Bierhans, Sandra Hemeon-McMahon, Breon Dunigan, David Wilber, Justine Alten, Rick Sigel, Mark Adams, Georgene Riedl, Marcy Feller, Sheila Lyons, Eli Ingraham, Barbara Blaisdell, Steve Gass, Matt Dunn (staff)

**Regrets:** Fred Boak

**Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm**

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes:** Motion to approve December 2019 minutes; it was approved unanimously, with corrections and amendments

**Finance Committee report**

- There is no hardcopy available but the first quarter variance will be made available before the next Board meeting in February.
- Comments by Treasurer Tony P: WOMR continues to be in good financial condition, there have been no new expenditures from the reserves. The new equipment project continues to be within budget. As reported in last month's minutes, Tony will be meeting to seek a loan modification sometime this month with Seaman's Bank.

**Executive Director's report attached**

Additional comments made by John B:

- The Gutter people found a piece missing from the Old Schoolhouse roof (photograph passed around); this will be addressed soon and reported back on.

**New Business :**

- Welcome to new Board members Eli Ingraham and Barbara Blaisdell, and intro of all Board members present. Welcome, and Happy New Year!
- Proposal by Bruce B for a "New Idea" component on the meeting agenda on a regular basis.
- Program Committee Discussion:  
Reaffirmation of PC bylaws re: make-up of 9 people, including 2 Board members: in all, no more than 5 programmers, and no less than 4 listeners. Two deejays stepped down at the December PC meeting, in order for the committee to come back into compliance with the policy. The PC is now actively seeking 2 additional Listeners for membership, as it has 2 already.
- Election: Board Representative to Executive Committee:  
Tony P nominated Dave W; Justine seconded; approved unanimously.

- Additionally, Eli Ingraham joined the Finance Committee. Congratulations, Dave and Eli!

### **Old Business:**

- BEIC – Update: We still have not received anything by way of reimbursements from the Mass Cultural Council; however, the deadline is the end of 2020/start of 2021, so it should be coming. These things take time and perseverance.
- Questions/Comments about Committee Reports/Minutes: None.
- Future Agenda Items:  
Georgene proposed that WOMR could participate in Art Week (May 1<sup>st</sup>-May 10<sup>th</sup>).
- Discussion on WOMR's role in the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Provincetown this year: We currently have a trade agreement = WOMR promotes the events, and in exchange the radio station's logo is displayed at these events. Tony proposed that we have even more of a role. Sheila suggested that with the new remote broadcast equipment, we could broadcast from the events planned. Discussion on advantages and challenges of this kind of a new role for volunteer programmers. Mark A asked what kind of support does WOMR need, in order to do more live broadcasts; John B replied that someone is needed in the field (even better = more than one person), and someone (or more than one) is also needed in the studio. Matty pointed out that when live remote broadcasts work well it may seem effortless, but it takes competent and experienced on-air talent to pull it off. General agreement that more live concerts on-sight may now be possible in the future, but there are still questions of tech support and deejays conceding their airtime, as well as having to observe property rights clearances in order to broadcast concerts. General agreement that the WOMR staff should be trusted to take the lead, that we should start out small, that we should find out the schedule of events for the 400<sup>th</sup>, and that we should table this discussion for now and make it a Future Agenda item for the next meeting.
- Next meeting: When/where? / Set-Up Regular Meeting Day?  
Tony proposed having a regular day each month and a regular time = the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 4:30pm. General approval. Location to rotate, in order to accommodate various Board members living in different parts of the Cape.

### **Other Business:**

- None.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm in the Eastham Library.

**Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn by Bruce, seconded by Marcy. Approval was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 5:56pm.

*Minutes taken and written up by Sandra Hemeon-McMahon*

**Report of the Executive Director**  
**Meeting of the Board of Directors of WOMR/WFMR**  
**Tuesday, Jan 7, 2020 – 5:00 PM**

**Broadcast Equipment Upgrade:**

I hope everyone can take a minute to walk through the on-air studio. Almost everything we need to complete the studios has been received except for the on-air mixing board and some other minor parts. We will be using Matt's mixing board in the air studio until the real thing arrives mid-January. It's been a pretty exciting project.

**Efforts to Move the WFMR Transmitter:**

We finally heard back from our current landlord; they sent a copy of a signed amendment to our site agreement that puts our renewal date at June 1<sup>st</sup>, not April 1<sup>st</sup>. I had never seen this amendment before and I don't know why it was necessary. I will ask the new landlord if we can execute the new lease a couple of months later than we were planning.

**Fall Pledge Drive:**

So far we have raised \$71,615 on air and \$15,920 through the direct appeal. The on-air goal is \$65k and direct appeal goal is \$15k. This gives an overage of \$7,535 as of 1/3/2020.

**Update on Building Projects:**

I have the energy audit work on hold until we can get through the studio upgrade and transmitter and antenna move. I had to hire another carpenter to replace the door on Howland St because our regular guy (Rupert) is having his hip replaced. We still need to get the fire suppression system repaired as well; it still works but is in need of repairs that were identified by the inspectors over the last few years.

**Upcoming Meeting Schedule:**

- **Program Committee:** Wednesday Jan 15, 4:00 at the Eastham Library

Summited Jan 3, 2020

John Braden, Executive Director