

## **Minutes of WOMR Board of Directors**

**Wednesday, March 8, 2023 5:00 pm via Zoom**

**Attendees:** John Braden (staff), Sheila House, Georgene Riedl , Breon Dunigan, Sarah Burrill, Fred Boak, Justine Alten, Indira Ganesan, Tony Pierson, Dan Gallagher, Lyn Cason, Matthew Dunn (staff)

Meeting called to order at: 3:01 pm

**Public Comments:** None

Quorum present

**Minutes:** the minutes of February 2023 approved.

**Finance Committee Report:** Tony reports that we have a new Vice Treasurer, Lyn Cason.

Finances remain strong. We have over \$50k in checking and over \$215k in reserves. Trying to manage checking to be between \$30-50k. CD rates on Cape Cod are lagging national rates, so interest income is off a bit, but this is anticipated to change. Over the next few months interest will improve or we may need to get some CD's with a commercial bank that offers a higher rate. The Corp for Public Broadcasting process is complete for another year and that should unlock the second payment from them to WOMR. We expect that payment by early-mid April. Dan asked if any metro-Boston banks would be able to provide a more favorable rate. Tony stated that most national commercial banks are Above 5% YIELD. Tony stated that we will continue to maximize interest income.

Sheila: Executive Director report concerning broadcast issues.

John: The Spring Pledge Drive will be starting 2 weeks later than usual on 4/21<sup>st</sup>. 14 days duration. Goals of \$80k online and \$16k from direct appeal. So far, we've got \$40k in renewals in, so far already.

John: Carpentry work on the front of The Schoolhouse is compliant with the Town of Provincetown's requirements except for the door.

John: The solar panel project for The Schoolhouse should run between \$125-150k, inclusive of a new roof and relocating some roof vents to accommodate more solar panels.

John: The hot water thermostat on the heater has been replaced and riser built and waiting for when the plumber is able to relocate the heater off of the basement floor. Riser will put the hot water heater 20" above the ground.

John: The basement is in need of a sump pump to help mitigate future basement flooding. There's little in the basement as most items were removed when insulation was installed.

John: There'll be a meeting of the Community Advisory Board in The Davis Space at 12:30 on 3/25. Board members are welcome. John is off for vacation after that meeting.

Shelia: Are there any Federal reimbursements for the solar project? John responded that yes, there's approximately \$30%-refund anticipated as well as matching grants available. The panels may be able to either rent or lease the panels, as opposed to buying them, but this is something that needs to be researched. The question was raised as to whether there is Historic/Community preservation money available for the solar project. John stated that we have received money in the past for the window replacement project and preservation of the bell tower. John clarified that these funds are not for maintenance, but preservation.

Clark: What's the cost for the new roof? We should get some estimates. John responded that this should be approximately \$20k of the expense for the solar project.

John: There are still problems with the WFMR transmitter in Orleans. Matty responded that this is in part due to an internet signal problem in that neighborhood and is a Comcast issue that they say that they're working on.

John mentioned that there are some issues with the WOMR app. Matty spoke with the developer about the problem with fast-forwarding through archive recordings. The app developer asked if we could send the stream in a different format.

Tony: With the continuing problems in Orleans, with the WFMR transmitter site, we need better support for technical issues as it's unacceptable to be off the air for 9 days. Matty reiterated that we may be able to deal with the signal issue by sending the station's feed to WFMR via A) a Comcast encoder from WOMR, B) Taking signal from WOMR's livestream or C) installing an FM receiver in Orleans to resend the signal out, over the WFMR transmitter.

Lyn: The HR Committee will meet next week.

Shelia & Indira: The 41<sup>st</sup> birthday party for WOMR is upcoming with \$15 advance purchase tickets or \$20 admission at the door. On the 21<sup>st</sup> of October we are to have the event with music. Lyn asked if this is a venture that will raise money for WOMR. It is anticipated that the sale of WOMR merchandise and events should be cash positive.

Lyn: The next meeting should be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Suggested start time between 4:30-5:15 pm. Next meeting scheduled for 5:15 on 4/20.

Bob: Raised questions about the broadcast report. John replied that the problem is the same.

Lyn: We need a defined work description for Chris Kelly's work as well as a signed letter of agreement for that work.