

Minutes of WOMR/WFMR Program Committee Meeting November 15, 2023

Attendees: Justine Alten, John Braden (staff), Carol Courneen, Breon Dunigan, Matty Dunn (staff), Andy Falconio, Michael Fee, Melinda Krasting, Denya LeVine, Andy Rahorcsak, Ira Wood

Regrets: Mary Lyttle

Minutes: Andy Rahorcsak

Meeting called to order at 4:02 pm

October Minutes were reviewed. Carol motioned to approve, Andy F. seconded, approved unanimously

Program Proposals

- There are currently two vacancies for the Monday 12:30-1:00 time slot. Eden Allegretti (“Seaside Storytime”) has produced two episodes, one broadcast already. Laura Parkin (“Cape Climate”) – will air Monday 11/20 at 12:30. Ira motioned, Andy F. seconded, and after discussion the Committee approved each proposal for one Monday per month.
- Although publicized as once monthly vacancy on Sunday noon to 1 pm, Andy R. pointed out that previous occupant of the timeslot aired on the 3rd and 5th Sundays (when there is a 5th). The Committee discussed the proposals from Susan Lumenello, Dave Kasheta, and Phil Hailer for the now agreed upon 3rd and 5th Sunday opening. Carol motioned, Ira seconded, awarding Phil Hailer the time slot, approved unanimously.
- Hank and Andy proposed dropping the moniker “Friday Afternoon Jazz” from their show’s title. Format will be slightly tweaked to employ a folk/jazz hybrid of music as “Stirred, Not Shaken” going forward. Breon motioned, Ira seconded, approved unanimously.

New Business

Jeremy Pilone (“Blackbird Radio”) has resigned his weekly Tuesday 9 pm – midnight slot effective at year’s end. The Committee discussed utilizing the vacancy as a lab for new programmers much as Saturday mornings are currently used when teens are not readily available.

Old Business

Committee discussed the summary of the DJ Summit on strategic programming. Among the issues discussed were a review of the four topics discussed in the break-out groups; having the Board weigh in on the use of a second internet stream and the cost involved to implement it; the possibility that when a shift opens up, consider awarding to two people instead of one; when awarding new program consider limiting the number of hours per month, so instead of 12 to 15 hours you have six to nine hours; paring syndicated content when appropriate. Mike will work on drafting the “Next Steps” final paragraph for the Report of the Program Committee to the Board of Directors on Strategic Plan Progress and the DJ Summit.

It was noted that with the new year, Breon and Justine, as retiring Board members, will be cycling off the Committee and will be missed for their active commitment and involvement on the Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 5:11 pm

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 20th, at 4 pm via a hybrid in person and zoom.