

Minutes of WOMR/WFMR Program Committee Meeting April 16, 2025

Attendees: Mike Fee (Chair), Matty Dunn (staff), Moe Keane-Bottino, Denya LeVine, Bud Pyatak, Andy Rahorcsak, John Braden (staff), Georgene Riedl, Breon Dunigan, Mary Lyttle, Fran Sullivan
Regrets:, Ira Wood

Minutes: Bud Pyatak

Meeting called to order at 4:08 pm

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion and seconded Committee unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2025 meeting, without revision.

Program Proposals

Matthew Dunn proposed a Jazz Fest live feed for April 24-27 and May 1-4, with two Thursdays and one Sunday. The program is live so our station will need fillers. No performer schedule has been provided as yet.

Program Updates

Matty indicated he would give up 2 shows in favor of the New Orleans Jazz Festival feed. Braintree Jim and Michael Casey were also willing to defer to the Jazz Festival. Kirsten will market the show.

Matty discussed the challenges of coordinating shows and the importance of timely submissions from contributors. He also mentioned the need for a mentor program to support new DJs. The possible loss of Federal funding which constitutes 18% of the annual budget of the station was brought to the Committee's attention. A short discussion followed which emphasized the importance of community engagement, partnerships, and strategic planning to maintain financial stability.

Lise King had her first show and Denya felt the show was terrific.

Tony Scungilli has returned from vacation. Michael Casey's Footlights Broadway is now in the schedule.

Sean Gardner is on leave from April 22 thru October. Rhonda is on leave from June 18 through July 2.

Robert is out from April 30- June 11.

Cody Sullivan has withdrawn his program proposal.

Andy Needel's proposal for every Thursday from 9 PM to midnight was placed before the Committee. On motion of Bud Pyatak and seconded by Mary Lyttle the proposal was approved unanimously.

Training and Development

Matty said he would be reaching out to potential trainers to formalize the training process. He spoke of three training visits with three different trainers and a final shift with a mentor.

Fran wondered if we have communicated our postponement of program review until next year which the committee had passed last month and suggested that this information be included in communication to programmers.

Pledge Drive and Future Financial Support from Government

Matty advised that the present fund drive had exceeded last year's results but called the committee's attention to the potential loss of federal funding. Current funding level is \$118,000.00 with the next and possibly last check due in November although there is talk in Congress about rescinding that grant.

Matty urged us to be positive about what a great benefit WOMR is to the community and the greater listening audience with even better improvements to come if we can stay on the air. He felt that there are still many people who have not donated or have infrequently donated that would be moved to donate if we take this tact. He urged us to tell our story and the need to focus on local partnerships and community engagement to increase visibility and support.

Final Remarks

Matty mentioned the need for more up-to-date program promos. Also, that veteran DJs are thirsty for feedback.

Adjournment

Upon motion duly seconded the committee voted to adjourn at 5:09 PM.