

Minutes of WOMR/WFMR Program Committee Meeting May 21, 2025

Attendees: John Braden (staff), Matty Dunn (staff), Andy Falconio, Michael Fee, Melinda Krasting, Denya LeVine, Mary Lyttle, Georgene Riedl, Fran Sullivan, Ira Wood, Moe Keene Botino, Breon Dunigan

Regrets: Bud Pyatak

Minutes: Michael Fee

Meeting called to order at 4:02 pm

Minutes from April 16 were reviewed. Mike and Fran suggested minor revisions. Ira motioned to approve, Fran seconded, all approved unanimously.

Program Updates

Matty informed that Jeremy Ain, Bradford Street Bluegrass (3rd and 5th Wednesdays 5-8 pm), Ken Sutton, Musical Magpie (alternate Mondays 9-11 pm), and Skip Wallace, Shaboo Review, have resigned. Lisa _____ is a promising prospect for the Bluegrass slot.

Rob V. and Mike Gialongo will fill in for DJ Potato Salad, Helltown Getdown (Tuesday 8-9 pm) for the summer.

The old Mike Gialongo slot (4th Sundays 9-12 am) will be filled by Matt Coes until Labor Day.

Kevin Hume (once a month Sundays 6-9 pm) also needs to adjust his schedule for the summer. Matty is working with him.

The interest of former DJ Brett Sokol was discussed.

Denya suggested that one of the orientation/training goals should be to gauge whether the volunteer is ready to make a long term commitment. The challenges of that task were bandied about by the Committee.

DJ Updates

Matty described the progress of potential new DJs Mia Phillips, David Gagne, Ben Gotoff, Lisa Collins, Ava Berardi, Boz Bosworth and Susan Ormont. Mike will reach out to Boz to gauge his continued interest. Consensus is that it will not work out with Susan Ormont.

Program Proposals

The Committee discussed proposals from Jeremy Ain and Rob Visconti for 3rd and 5th Wednesdays 5-8pm. After discussion, Georgene motioned and Fran seconded awarding Jeremy Ain the opening. Approved unanimously.

JazzFest Debrief

Listener response to our carrying live portions of the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival was muted, although a few people expressed enthusiastic enjoyment. Members of the Committee expressed concerns that the amount of talk far exceeded the music. Other members suggested that Matty and Mike create our own JazzFest program. Ira suggested that a mini-pledge drive could be built into our home grown JazzFest programming. We should plan to discuss again early Spring 2026.

Training and Development

Matty described the response to his efforts to create a training team. Invitations to join were accepted by DJ Pablo, Braintree Jim, Ann McDermott, Fred Boak, Mark O'Leary, Bruce Ployer, Steve Shervanian, Brenda Conlan, Robert Johnson, Mike Fee, and Fran Sullivan. We have yet to hear back from Deb K. Several members suggested that gender diversity on the team is lacking, and that invitations should be extended to Pandora, Indira, and Denya.

Matty described his vision for rolling out the program. First step is a meeting of the team and he will send a survey to find an agreeable meeting date.

Matty stressed the need not only to train emerging DJ's, but also the continuing education that veterans seem to require. The members discussed some of the common errors made by established volunteers, including station identification, strict adherence to underwriting text, and apologizing for pledge drive requests. The members discussed the different approaches that must be taken to training of new volunteers, and correcting the common errors of established DJs.

The members also discussed the limits of political commentary.

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:11 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 18 at 4 pm at the Congo Church in Wellfleet and by Zoom.