

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on the Zoom platform by Board President Rich Liebert. Board members present on Zoom were Lonnie Hill, Joe Moll, Jason Olthoff, Thomas Risberg, Matthias Schalper and Diane Stinger. There were no guests present.

The minutes from February and March meetings (secretary's report) were reviewed. Jason O. moved to accept February minutes as written, Matthias S. seconded, the motion passed unanimously. Lonnie H. moved to accept the March minutes as written, Matthias S. seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Rich L. discussed finances. Rich reported a UM account total of \$46,467.31 and a Great Fall First Interstate Bank account total of \$21,047.47, including \$620.00 in direct donations to KGPR. Rich noted he has requested MTPR, through Sue Ginn or Ray Ekness, provide GFPR precise documentation of UM administrative fees taken for transfer of GFPR monies from UM account to any outside account (to GFPR bank account at First Interstate, fees paid, etc.). Lonnie Hill stated he created monthly recurring donations to KGPR through Facebook, it should appear under "Network for Good" on the First Interstate Bank statement, the first will dropping within the month. Thomas suggested we do a video promotion similar to what Matthias did recently on his Facebook page, encouraging donations. Cassiopeia Books and Great Falls Symphony are new sponsors. Rich discussed expenses, general operating cost each month is \$3,000. Wolfram Engineering has been doing work on transmitter. Thomas questioned progress of T1 line switch, Rich noted if the GFPR revenue stream remains stable the T1 line can be transferred to VisionNet from Century Link for monthly savings, but it will require purchase of two Barix Boxes and some firewall technology at a cost of about \$2000. Rich is hopeful the transfer can be made in June, with overlap with Century Link until new line is stable.

Gabe Vasichcek, volunteer program director, emailed a written report. Gabe reported more downloads of podcasts from local shows. He also wrote he will be accepting a position at a business in Missoula starting on June 1, can be in Great Falls on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for the "short to medium term" to assist with recording and preparing schedules and program logs. Gabe wrote he is streamlining the studio procedures and preparing step by step breakdown of the processes he uses for recording, editing and preparing for podcasting the shows. Gabe will assist with a transition to new program managers as much as possible. Rich and Thomas expressed an interest in learning to record. Possible ways to take over the tasks were discussed. Thomas suggested reaching out to the college to find interested students and planned to email personnel at the college. Thomas and Lonnie H. agreed they could handle getting shows up on podcasts. Lonnie H. suggested the shows' editor(s) can send it on to Lonnie or Thomas to upload when editing is complete. Jason suggested we could do some of it from our homes, if necessary. Thomas suggested the documents and folders could be uploaded to Google Docs and shared with everyone working on them. It was agreed Thomas would create a folder for Google Docs and send it to everyone involved.

Engineering Report: Cherry Creek radio is changing ownership and that process required a transmitter test, which could have but did not affect KGPR broadcast. Greg did, however, find KGPR is in need of a new control interface for the transmitter box due to dirt from wind on the hill at a minimum cost of approximately \$1500 used.

It was noted by Rich Lonnie H. has put hyperlinks on sponsor logos on the website.

Future events: Matthias reported a Multicultural Fair is still being planned for August 16 in downtown Great Falls. KGPR plans to have a presence there. KGPR will have a presence at Give Great Falls May 4, 410 Central Avenue from 4 – 7 p.m. Rich will take the portable tape recorder to do interviews, as Eric Peterson is unable to be there to video.

New Business:

Programming policy was discussed. Lonnie H. moved, Joe M. seconded, to retroactively and into the future approve Electric City Currents events programming. The motion passed unanimously. The need for a new host for Electric City Currents was discussed. Rich L. reported Eric Peterson is proposing a Neighborhood Council monthly program on KGPR on a Tuesday for 15-30 minutes. Lonnie noted Eric Peterson is highly skilled and such a program

would benefit all who live in the area by reporting on Neighborhood Council activities. Joe M. moved to accept Eric's proposed Neighborhood Council program, Diane seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Rich suggested a studio orientation visit for the board. It was agreed that would be helpful; Rich will set up a time with Gabe.

Insurance was discussed. Rich noted GFPR currently has liability insurance for the board as well as medical liability insurance for employees and volunteers in the studio. Thomas R. questioned the necessity of insuring the board. Lonnie H. asked whether we can get a further explanation of what each policy covers. Jason O. suggested Rich ask the agent at Patterson Insurance whether some aspects could be purchased a la carte. Rich noted the decision needs to be made by May 25, when payment is due.

A Phillip Aaberg concert or concert series in the fall was discussed as a possible fundraiser. The fall listener appreciation night was discussed. The Newberry was suggested as a possible venue, the consensus was the Kellergiest is a superior location for KGPR purposes.

The next meeting was set for in-person and Zoom at Alliance for Youth on May 16 at 6:30 p.m.