

The meeting was called to order on the Zoom platform at 6:30 p.m. by board president Rich Liebert. Board members present were Lonnie Hill, Dan Manella, Joe Moll, Jayson Olthoff. Thomas Risberg, Matthias Schalper, and Diane Stinger. Guests present were volunteer program manager Gabe Vasichek.

The minutes from past meetings were reviewed. One change from December minutes was made: Matthias Schalper was not present. Thomas moved to approve, Dan seconded, motion passed. Matthias moved, Joe seconded to approve November minutes, motion passed. It was noted that in September minutes the broadcast agreement amount stated in the minutes needs adjusted to \$35,000. Joe moved, Matthias seconded to accept the September minutes with that correction. Motion carried.

The engineering report was discussed. Greg consulted Tim Hodges. In the process of replacing the T! line Tim stated we need devices to increase the firewall at a cost of about \$400 each. The additional firewall protection would also cost a one-time Visionnet installation fee. Greg is working on remote control capability of the satellite dish at the transmitter site from his house.

Gabe reported things are continuing "steady as she goes." He reported a number of new interviews have taken place. He is searching for a new Friday host, as Josh has been deployed. Tim Hodges is not interested in a regularly scheduled host position, Doug Wendt is interested in occasional hosting and/or a Friday a.m. hosting position alternately with "Horns A'Plenty." Ken Robison has expressed an interest in recording his February Black History Month talk at the bookstore. It was suggested to talk to Eric Peterson about making that recording. Thomas interviewed Tim McGonicle from KRTV, and may look into "McGonicle's Chronicles" for broadcast. Thomas also noted the Rotary Club's Tuesday presentations are very worthwhile, easily packaged local content. It was also suggested we air something from The Electric, have Jenn record something. Gabe suggested it could be recorded on a phone for broadcast. Gabe pointed out Jayson's Coffee and Business (CAB) meetings on Wednesdays are good local content, and KGPR has time to fit in more local programming. Thomas suggested the Best Dam Town podcast as a possibility for broadcast. Further local podcasts were discussed as possibilities for broadcast. Gabe suggested KGPR could gather the links to all such podcasts, presentations and post them on the website, as well as condense some to a 15 or 30 minute local program. Thomas emphasized magnifying content that is already being produced. It was agreed Thomas would speak to Rotary Club and Lonnie would speak to Jenn Rowell, to begin with. Gabe stated we have a half hour one week, an hour the next to fill with local content.

Financials: Rich stated the donation income is approximately \$6,000 per month, KGPR received about \$800 in website direct donations, and \$8500 in sponsorships last year. He reviewed income and expenses. A spreadsheet of total donations from 2021 was received from MTPR business manager and reflected a total of \$90,000 in donations from the 58404 zip code area. Diane noted the discrepancy between this total and the totals on the monthly spreadsheets, which was about \$51,000, although April 19 through May 31 were not reflected on the monthly reports. Rich stated there is currently \$46,000 in the UM account and about \$20,000 in the local account, making a total currently of \$66,500 currently in accounts. The broadcast agreement fee has not yet been taken out.

Rich investigated the UM administrative fees. By speaking with the deputy comptroller at UM Rich learned every department that deals with UM pays an 8.5% administrative fee for handling their account. The fees are incurred when GFPR requests a transfer of its money from its account at UM to its local bank.

The broadcast agreement with MTPR was discussed. It was agreed to accept the administrative fees as written, to ask for a monthly accounting of our funds held at UM. Also, that GFPR will provide MTPR a budget based on revenue forecasts, UM will provide electronic funds transfers to GFPR, UM shall provide GFPR copies of the Community Service Grant issued by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting identifying what portion of the CSG is tied to KGPR's covered area population. Lonnie moved to approve the broadcast agreement, Joe seconded, the motion passed.

A strategic planning meeting was discussed, it was determined it is not needed at this point.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Submitted by Diane Stinger, Secretary

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