

The meeting was called to order by Board President Rich Liebert. Board members present in person were Rich, Joe Moll, Jayson Olthoff, Thomas Risberg, Diane Stinger. Board members present on Zoom were Lonnie Hill. Guests present in person were Constance Moll and Gabe Vasichek, volunteer program manager. Guests present on Zoom were Tim Hodges.

Program Director's report: Eric Peterson's "Crimestoppers" show will air starting tomorrow, August 16, in place of Neighborhood Council reports, as NHC are not meeting in summer. If there are too many of both to air Gabe will rethink air dates. Eric's Friday a.m. shows going well. Electric City Currents tomorrow will feature one hour with Lyle Monroe, a delegate to the constitutional convention in 1972. Station has been going well. Gabe called to Lonnie Hill to do a show on one Friday per month, Lonnie is interested. Genres: unknown. Lonnie said "eclectic mix", perhaps Americana and older R and B. Gabe looked into podcast feed, Apple looks promising for making podcasts more accessible.

Rich is still working with Peter Bryant and Philip Aaberg for a concert or concerts in Great Falls.

Secretary's report: Reviewed. Jayson moved and Joe seconded to approve as written. Motion passed.

Financial report: \$33,880 in the UM account, \$20,422 in the First Interstate Account as of August 5th. Farmers' Union, Wild Montana and Renditions Music have paid for sponsorships. Expenses: Adobe \$15 fee per month was discussed again. Gabe will cancel it. In September the Associated Press Fee of \$6900 will be deducted from the UM account. Other expenses were routine: phone, rent, T1 line, Vertical Bridge. It was noted the T1 replacement line is on hold until the engineer has time to work on it.

Engineering report: Rich noted nothing significant was reported over the month.

Old business: Philip Aaberg show is continuing to be planned.

Steve Kellers proposal for the "Last Best Music" show was discussed. The proposal is to record it live, edit it to one hour, air on Tuesdays. Recording dates and location yet to be determined, perhaps with "curated audience" there for the recording, with intentions of listening. Planning is going forward for tentative Kellergiest venue, open to all genres that fit the KGPR sound. It was agreed if the pilot is recorded in October KGPR would air it in the fall. There was some discussion of finding a name other than "Last Best Music" for the radio show, but nothing was determined.

Election interviews were discussed. Thomas Risberg: core issue, going forward, if our policy is to interview every candidate in a race it is not possible. Tim Hodges pointed out two issues; first, establishing KGPR's journalistic ethics in the community, perhaps engaging a journalist to assist our policy decisions in the realm of journalism. Fair and equal coverage requires a trusted platform. Tim suggested the equivalent of a questionnaire establishes trust. Each candidate has 3 minutes of unedited time. Tim thinks it would be worthwhile to have a journalist advise us on our policy. Tim does not like the idea of approaching both sides but stating, "Well, one side responded, the other did not." Lonnie Hill noted venturing into subjects as serious as elections could influence people's opinion and vote and we would benefit by advice from a professional journalist. Lonnie Hill suggested Rich Ecke, and noted Jenn Rowell seems reluctant to be contacted. Gabe suggested as far as KGPR goes we should not interview candidates, as it is venturing into news bureau territory. It was stated by several KGPR should stay with covering school board and city commission elections. Jayson pointed out that keeps with our local focus.

Diane said Dusty Molyneaux is interested in having students on the radio, his question was how often, and when. Also Dusty is uncertain the quality of the recordings of the concerts in all the schools, both rural and urban. The process of featuring student works will continue.

Rich requested a "show and tell" on social media at next meeting. Lonnie Hill and Thomas Risberg agreed. Lonnie suggested 20 minutes.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

