

The meeting was called to order by Board President Rich Liebert at the Alliance For Youth offices. Present with Rich were board members Joseph Moll, Jayson Olthoff, Thomas Risberg, and Diane Stinger. Board member Matthias Schalper was present on Zoom. Guests present in-person were Tim Hodges and Constance Moll.

The minutes from the April meeting were reviewed. Jayson moved and Joe seconded to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Rich reviewed the financial statements. He reported an \$18,469.79 balance in GFRA accounts at First Interstate Bank in Great Falls, and a \$47,540.13 balance in GFRA account at University of Montana. Two transfer requests from UM to First Interstate accounts were made and assessed a 5.5% transfer fee. Tim Hodges noted KGPR will soon be requiring new technology and a capitol drive may be needed to fund the upgrades.

Engineering report: Greg Muir suggested we hold off on T1 line conversion due to appreciable repair cost to the control panel, which will require its removal and a transition to low power. KGPR broadcast at low power will cover Great Falls but people in outer areas will have to stream the programming. Broadcasting on low power for more than 10 days will require contacting FCC through an attorney. A newly refurbished control panel will cost about \$2500. The last time a control panel for KGPR was replaced was when the entire transmitter, at \$80,000, as well as a control panel at about \$2,500, was replaced. At that time the board ran a capitol drive for one and one-half years to fund replacement of both in 2007. There may be grant opportunities for funding a replacement control panel, and it is also a question of how much Missoula can contribute

Program Director Report: Gabe Vasichек texted a report. He reported he can continue to host Tuesday programming through June, and could continue to maintain station operations on Tuesday and Wednesday through July. He commented on the great local shows on weekday mornings, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons. Matt Donnelly has agreed to resume hosting Tuesday programming as needed. Eric Peterson has one Neighborhood Council program ready and is prepared to continue for Tuesday broadcasts.

Matthias was questioned about a fundraiser tied to Oktoberfest in late September or early October, including a listener appreciation party. Additionally, Peter Bryant will discuss a fundraiser involving Philip Aaberg with Philip.

Podcasts were discussed. It was noted podcast downloads are decreasing. It was suggested KGPR be in podcast stores, and Lonnie Hill is working on that process. The process and formatting involve a learning curve. It was suggested the podcast information be shared with Great Falls and highline Facebook groups, that businesses share them on their FB pages. For example, Western Ranch Supply, North 40, Montana Electric Cooperative Association share Land of Grass podcasts.

A studio orientation visit for board members with Gabe Vasichек was tentatively scheduled for next Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. pending Gabe's availability.

Board liability insurance was discussed. Joe moved and Diane seconded to keep liability insurance for the board. Joe, Jason, Thomas and Diane voted yes, Matthias voted no. Motion passed.

Doing interviews of customers and vendors at the Farmers' Market was discussed. The consensus was it would be a good idea but no firm plans were laid.

Give Great Falls was reviewed. Thomas stated the only value to KGPR is to get material for broadcast by doing interviews at the event, but the amount of preparation necessary to participate as a non profit is not worth the time, and GFRA does not have the staff to prepare. Some interviews were done at this year's Give Great Falls.

The next meeting of the board of Great Falls Pubic Radio Association was set for June 27 at Alliance For Youth and on Zoom. Joe moved, Diane seconded to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:00 p.m.

