

Meeting minutes of the
WEFT Board of Directors Meeting
Aug 24, 2015, 7:00 pm
Champaign Telephone Co. Conference Room
1300 S. Neil St., Champaign

	Board Members		Guests
x	Vicki Niswander (VN), chair	x	Bruce Zimmerman (BZ)
x	Mark Niswander (MN), Secretary	x	Dave Witzany (DW)
x	Don Davis (DD), Treasurer		
x	Barb Trumpinski-Roberts (BTR), at-large		
	Sandra Ahten (SA)		
x	Andrew Cardinal (AC)		
x	Robert Gattermeir (RG)		
x	Al Kurtz (AK) (left meeting at ~8:30 due to illness)		
	Lori Serb (LS), SM (ex-officio)		

1. Call to Order – VN @ 7:01
2. Introductions – Not necessary
3. Public Comment – BZ said that he and RG have been working upstairs at WEFT removing old books and documents. BZ will have a banjo band in the studio on his World Beat show to start the fall pledge drive.

DW says things are in order for the David Gans benefit concert at the Iron Post, August 31. There will be a \$10 cover charge. Posters have been made and will be distributed around town tomorrow. DW would like to pay David Gans \$100 out of the proceeds. DW has not inked any \$520 underwriters. The Grateful Dead Hour fee has been reduced to \$1040. More discussion during specific agenda item.

4. Approve Agenda – Deleted the item concerning WEFT as a co-op (SA not in attendance to lead discussion), deleted duplicate officer election item, and deleted BOD member job description item (BTR not prepared to lead discussion due inordinate amount of time volunteered at station). DD moves, AK seconds. Acclamation.
5. Approve minutes from last meeting (7-27-15) – One typo identified and corrected. AK moves, AC seconds. Acclamation.

6. Chair's Report – VN offers formal thanks to BTR, BZ, and RG for putting in extraordinary time at WEFT during the Station Manager's absence. Because of their help things ran smoothly.

VN stressed the importance of the success of the fall pledge drive. The pledge drive training presentation is available online and important for people to review.

7. Treasurer's Report – DD gave an overview of WEFT's financial situation. DD repeated the importance for a successful pledge drive due to several factors. For FY2016, the IAC grant is unfunded due to the State's lack of a budget and even when/if approved any grants to WEFT will likely be less than in the past. FY 2016 WEFT budget drafted. Programming costs reduced from ~\$10,000 to ~\$5000 however if we cut NPR and Pacifica, we may not be able to air Democracy Now! Additionally, royalty fees (ASCAP/BMI, etc.) now covered by the purchasing of some of this programming may have to be paid by WEFT directly. If income does not increase enough to balance the budget, WEFT may have to consider reducing the number of hours of the Station Manager since nearly every other expense that can be reduced or eliminated has been so far. VN calls for Finance subcommittee meeting to work on budget. AC, AK, DD, and VN volunteer. Meeting to be held Sept. 2, 2015.

8. Reports (All standing reports should be provided in written form at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting)

- A. Station Manager Report – None.
- B. Committee Reports (PC, Music, Building, Engineering, PR, Finance, Digital Library, HR, Community Shares, Underwriting, Pledge Drive)

The Digital Library Committee report submitted by Bob Paleczny revealed that public affairs programs such as Disability Beat, Prairie Monk, Smile Politely, and World Labor Hour have now been archived and are now available on the website for download. Kudos to the DLC!

9. New business

- A. WEFT Vice-chair election – DD nominates AK for Vice-chair. BTR seconds. MN moves to close nominations. RG seconds. Acclamation. AK is elected to BOD Vice-chair 7-0 by secret ballot.
- B. Space rental WBXC – SA texted VN earlier in the day saying that WEFT has too many obstacles in place to make this work. Elliott Counseling is considering hosting WBXC and donating some proceeds to WEFT. More information to come later.

10. Old business

- A. WEFT Fest – BTR reports that everything is in place for WEFT-fest at Mike 'n' Molly's on September 13 from 5-10pm. 5 bands featured.
- B. Grateful Dead Hour – DW stated that there was underwriting potential at lower amounts, specifically at the \$130 level. \$520 was too much for most businesses. DW asked if 4 businesses could underwrite as a group at \$130 each. Or run an announcement for a partial year. No money has been committed so far. Discussion ensued. AC moves the following: The BOD approves the use of WEFT's proceeds of the David Gans benefit concert at the Iron Post on August 31, 2015 to be applied to the Grateful Dead Hour for 6 months provided the proceeds reach a minimum of \$520. RG seconds. Roll call vote:

BTR – yes
 AC – yes
 RG – yes
 DD – no
 MN – yes
 VN – no

Motion passes 4 to 2.

11. Fundraising – Pledge drive
12. Adjournment – AC moves. BTR seconds. Acclamation.

Action Items		
What	Who	When
Get copies of electrical bills (tower and studio) to AK for investigation of rate reduction.	VN via Jeff Machota	September 2, 2015