

WEFT Board of Directors Meeting  
OPEN SESSION  
Sept. 28, 2015, 7:00 pm  
Champaign Telephone Co. Conference Room  
1300 S. Neil St., Champaign

x	Board Members		Guests
x	Vicki Niswander (VN), chair	x	Dave Witzany
x	Al Kurtz (AK), Vice Chair	x	Bruce Zimmerman (BZ)
x	Mark Niswander (MN), Secretary	x	Ed Mandel
x	Don Davis (DD), Treasurer	x	Bob Paleczny (BP)
x	Barb Trumpinski-Roberts (BTR), at-large	x	Bernice Ruhl
x	Sandra Ahten (SA)	x	Kevin Elliott
x	Andrew Cardinal (AC)	x	Gina Paluso
x	Robert Gattermeir RG)		
x	Lori Serb (LS), SM (ex-officio)		

1. Call to Order VN @ 7:02
2. Introductions
3. Public Comment -- BP praises some new BOD member involvement in substituting shows, being committee members, learning how the station operates from the bottom up.
4. Approve Agenda – BTR moves, RG seconds. Acclamation.
5. Approve minutes from last meeting (8.24.15) – AK moves, RG seconds. Acclamation.
6. Chair's Report – VN thanks BZ and BTR for their efforts in completion of the SM duties while the SM was on medical leave. Programming costs are historically ~\$6000. PRSS costs ~\$4000 for download to ENCO. No penalty to terminate service. May have to return some equipment. BTR will keep the Programming Committee informed of upcoming changes. Ursula at Pacifica says that the affiliation fee will be waived since WEFT lost CPB funding. ASCAP/BMI fees are covered by the CPB due to blanket coverage; other fees likely covered the same way. Online fees are paid through the NFCB and SoundExchange.
7. Treasurer's Report – For FY2015 WEFT is \$15,000 in the red. WEFTfest brought in \$600-700 (minus poster printing fees (~\$100)).

8. Reports (All standing reports should be provided in written form at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting)
  - A. Station Manager Report – 3 cars donated for a total of 5 for the year. Fall Pledge Drive has brought in \$14,660.05 from 172 pledges as of 9/24/15.
  - B. Committee Reports (PC, Music, Building, Engineering, PR, Finance, Digital Library, HR, Community Shares, Underwriting, Pledge Drive) – Last Programming Committee report was in April 2015.
9. New business
  - A. Strategies for moving forward – SA presents ideas for changing/improving WEFT. Discussion ensues. VN moves to hold study session, open to the public, October 12, 2015 at 7pm, location TBD. BTR seconds. Acclamation.
  - B. FY 2016 Budget – DD says the tower rent should remain constant. All other fundamentals remain relatively constant. The BOD would be approving a deficit budget temporarily until we can determine a way out. AK moves approval, BTR seconds. Acclamation.
  - C. New Board meeting location – VN says that Community Choices has a conference room in the Lincoln Building that will hold 15-20 people. This room could be used by the WEFT BOD for free. VN moves to table this item. AK seconds. Acclamation.
10. Old business
  - A. Grateful Dead Hour – DW reports that most businesses are not able to pay \$520 for underwriting but might be more inclined to pay \$130 for 3 months (\$130x4). SA motions to have DW engage 4 underwriting businesses under one contract and the money be used to pay for the Grateful Dead Hour fees to keep it on the air. AC seconds. Acclamation.
11. Fundraising – Discussed as part of SM's report.
12. Closed Session – planning for personnel evaluation
13. Adjournment – AK moves. AC seconds. Acclamation.

Action Items		
What	Who	When
Include PC in pgm cost reductions/changes.	VN	Soon
Provide a list of business owners contacted.	DW	Next BOD meeting
Adjust underwriting contract.	?	?