3-26-18 Meeting for WEFT Board of Trustees

Call to Order at 7:21 pm

Roll Call: Sheri Williamson (SW)[Board Chair], Robe Guennewig (Robe)[Vice-Chair], Vicki Niswander (VN), Jermaine Raymer (JR), Bob Paleczny (BP)[Treasurer], Denise Curia (DC)[At-Large], Brian Dunn (BD), Ryan Gilmore (RG), Andrew Cardinal (AC)[Secretary]

Absent: none

Guests: Todd Hunter (TH), Todd Durnil, Jon Wason, Mark Niswander, Holly Curia, Gina Pagliuso (GP)

Public Comment: Introductions given, as there are many guests present. Jon Wason asks to move public comment to the end of the meeting. Some discussion ensues.

Agenda: RG moves to move elections to 6. 6e and 6f added. Discussion of election times and terms. Public Comment moved to 9. Closed Session is 10. VN moves to approve, JR seconds. Acclamation.

VN moves to approve open session minutes with corrections. JR seconds. Acclamation.

VN moves to approve closed session minutes. DC Seconds. Acclamation.

Board Chair: SW asks what improvements we’d like to see.

BP wants hardware fixed, finances up. Happiness up.

VN wants better finance, less need for Zara.

JR wants to be able to afford paid staff.

BD wants no sexual harassment or threats.

DC says ditto to all.

RG Ditto to all and PC slots filled.

AC wants less confusion.

Robe wants more filled slots and a fixed faucet.

A strategic plan may result.

Continued. Station personnel must look at voting rules soon (Jeff Machota heading relevant committee). SW would like an outside source to examine WEFT procedures. Discussion ensues on advisory committee. Further discussion on WEFT infrastructure.

Vice-Chair: No Report.

Treasurer: “Profit” went from $8,500 to $5,500, mostly due to STLs. $13,165.86 in checking, $30,005.11 in savings. Paypal at $92.94.

Many new and large donations listed.

We were forced to dip into Money Market account due to circumstance.
2017 FY loss corrected. $13,947, previously listed at $11,134.

Start of tower and AC therein discussed. Much work on this will be needed. $180 in parts needed.

JR moves to approve. VN seconds. Acclamation.

Digital Library Committee: Checking to see if we’re ready physically after meeting. Drive is underway, $15,000 goal. We may have a major grant coming from the IAC. Community Foundation will have an equipment-only grant available in August.

Music Committee: Small turnout at last meeting. Some talk on how to aid with station coordination. Jon Wason wants people to be aware of Music Committee work and resources. Invites others to observe.

Underwriting: AC cannot devote proper time. Discussion ensues on hiring a coordinator. AC moves. VN seconds on removing delinquent underwriting (payment wise) by 4-2-18 with assistance of BP and GP. 8 yays, 1 nay. Yays have it.

New Business: SW would like a set way of contacting Board for feedback and the like. RG wants more info on WeftB accessibility. TH, VN and BP expound on the technical aspects. RG would like a set, managed email to address feedback. VN suggests making it a weft.org address. BD volunteers to manage it.

Survey: No news.

Member election procedures examined, and a heads up given to member elected trustees to act and validate their candidacy. VN requests notifications for 2018.

Election for Board Elected Candidate (Todd Hunter). Done by ballot.

5 Yays and 4 Nays. TH is elected.

Accountancy Payment: BP moves to pay $500 for 30 hours of work. VN seconds. Acclamation.

WEFT Voting Process Committee: No new developments.

Board Comment: RH finds Jon Wason’s statement on the amicability of the music committee disingenuous due to online comments in ongoing thread.

Public Comment:

Todd Durnil wants less factionalism on the Board, begins to describe how he sees the balance of power at WEFT.

A massive discussion ensues.

TH believes there have been disingenuous comments regarding appreciation of members.

GP is concerned that the Board NDA has been violated.

Jon Wason says he has what is likely a view in opposition to Todd Durnil. Recounts WEFT incident centered on Randall Cotton.

Closed session to be attended by TH and GP. JR moves, RG seconds. 9:36 pm. Ends at 11:17 pm (JR moves to end, DC seconds).
BD moves to ban Jon Wason from WEFT. JR seconds. Vote is:

Yays: DC, BD, RG, JR

Nays: BP

Abstain: VN, Robe, AC, SW

Per WEFT by-laws concerning election rules, abstentions go to the majority. End result is 8-1 in favor of banning.

JR moves to adjourn. BD seconds. Acclamation. Meeting ends at 11:18 pm.