

WEFT Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 2024 Meeting

February 26, 2024, 7pm on zoom

Present: Vicki Niswander (Chair) , Jim Eagan, Mark Niswander, Bob Paleczny, Audrey Fisher , and Station Manager, Eric Bohlen.

Absent: Barb Trumpinski Roberts, Craig Koslofsky

1. Meeting called to order at 7:10pm
 - a. Intros
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. Approval of Agenda – approval moved by Mark, Second by Bob, Unanimous.
 - d. Approval of Minutes, Approval moved by Mark, Second by Bob, Unanimous
2. Station Manager Report–Eric Bohlen – WEFT will participate in the CCP Wine Walk scheduled for May 4. Update on 111 N Market St. We have received a copy of the sales contract, but with no specific info included. Hartland Pathways will be providing us with a Quit Claim deed showing ownership of the back portion of the WEFT building as belonging to WEFT. When those are received, the attorney will look them over.
3. Executive Committee reports
 - a. Chair: The bylaws are still being examined by Dave Witzany. As soon as he has completed his notes, we will have a meeting of the governance Committee before presenting them to the Associates. We will table the underwriting discussion again due to the long agenda. The Spring Fundraising Drive is scheduled for March 19-28.
 - b. Treasurer Mark N presented the monthly report (attached). Audrey asked for info regarding the average monthly income as compared to average monthly expenditures. Mark says that info can be most easily be received from the monthly budget report provided by Jeff. Which is in the google drive folder.
4. New Business
 - a. Biennial Ownership Report is due on Friday. We still need ID numbers for each board member. Eric will email a link and instructions to Audrey and Craig, and will walk through the process with Jim on Tuesday.
 - b. Possible App for WEFT – Eric has been in touch with a company that develops mobile phone apps for Community Radio stations. The cost is \$3,000 annually. We will add this to the March agenda for further discussion.
 - c. Ad with Smile Politely – Eric has made a potential deal with Seth Fein of Smile Politely to have ads on their website at a 50% discount (\$250 per month.) Audrey moved to approve for a three-month trial period if the same deal can be extended. Bob Seconded with a unanimous vote.
 - d. Grant – Vicki was notified of a deadline for the \$20k Rotary grant (on Feb 29), which is too late for us to apply. We will get estimates from Flooring Surfaces on putting carpet squares in the great hall, and use those estimates to propose a “Clark” grant with the Rotary Club, which has a max of \$5k, but can be proposed at any time.

- e. Possible closure of N Market St.- - We have a Zoom meeting scheduled with TJ Blakeman tomorrow at 4pm to discuss concerns and issues.
5. Old Business
 - a. 1 CD is maturing on Feb 29- Bob moved to roll the amount of the maturing CD into a one from FlagStar National Bank (still supported by PNC at a 5% interest rate and a maturation date of 8/28/25), Audrey seconded, unanimous.
 - b. Updates on 111 N Market St.- covered in the SM report
 6. Committee Concerns
 - a. Digital library Committee will be installing Battery Backups for key equipment at the station.
 7. Closed Session for discussion of confidential issue with non-disclosure agreement (separate document)
 8. 8. Adjournment at 9:05pm
 - a. Next Meeting on March 25, 2024, 7:00pm on Zoom.