

WEFT Board

May 2024 Meeting

Minutes May 29, 2024,

7pm on zoom

Board Members	Present	Guests
Eric Bohlen, Station Manager (EO)	x	
Vicki Niswander (Chair) 3/26	x	
Audrey Fisher (Vice Chair) 9/24	x	
Mark Niswander (Treasurer) 9/25	x	
Barb Trumpinski Roberts (Sec) 3/25	x	
Jim Eagan 9/25	x	
Craig Koslofsky 3/25	x	
Bob Paleczny 3/25	x	

1. Meeting Opening

- . Intros- none
- b. Public Comment, none
- c. Approval of Agenda, Mark/Craig, unanimous
- d. Approval of Minutes, Mark/Audrey unanimous

1. Station Manager Report–Eric Bohlen

New neighbors are still undecided about first floor and we haven't seen plans for upstairs. Removed printing press. Haven't talked to them since Wine Walk.

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Wine walk was very successful. Had a lot of volunteer help.

Working with Champaign Park District. First jazz concert was successful with volunteers and wefties. Rich Bressler announced the group

Friday night live starts May 31. Lots of changes for entertainment experience. Saturday will have events, not sure what yet. June 1 is Pour Brothers Beer Festival. See thebeatdowntown.com

2. Executive Committee reports

- . Chair-Vicki may write a grant that will apply to WEFTfest and other events if we receive it. "gig grant"

- . Treasurer-Mark (see online)

2. New Business

- . PC election - Tim Burnette Mark/Barb
Discussion- unanimous
- . SM report - The city is sponsoring a grant for artists. A venue can have an event, hire an artist(s), money goes to the business for the artist.
- . WEFT Garage Sale - discussion only. May do in conjunction with WEFT Fest.

2. Old Business

- a. PNC CD investment-Bob/Audrey The board will invest \$25,000 in an 18 month PNC non-callable CD yielding 5% or more. motion was amended by Craig to avoid a specific bank. Amendment approved by Bob/Audrey, unanimous
- b. Member election to the board of directors- possibly 3 candidates for 4 seats-Dante "Zen" Winslow has applied, Abby Racine from Champaign Center Partnership, Mitch Marlow from Virginia theater.

Motion to send stamped return envelopes to members for board election. Craig/Audrey, unanimous

3. Committee Concerns

- FDC-Vicki-Potential bands for WEFTfest
- Digital Library-Discussion about the new hotel (2025?????)
- Should we consider new equipment due to rearrangement of antennas from Lincoln Building to Inman Hotel?

0. Adjournment 8:33pm

- . Next Meeting June 24, 2024, 7:00pm on Zoom.