

WPFW- LSB Regular Meeting Minutes August 14, 2024

Teleconference via Zoom Washington, DC

Dennis Williams – Chair

Wayne Bruce – Vice Chair

Kamau Harris –Treasurer

Ellen Williams Carter - Secretary

1. Call to Order started at 6:34 pm

2. Logins/Greetings/Roll Call

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| 1. | Anita Irene Adams | 13. | Minerva F Sanders |
| 2. | Vanessa Dixon-Briggs | 14. | Donna Grimes |
| 3. | Verna Avery Brown | 15. | Dennis Williams |
| 4. | Michael Byfield | 16. | Wanda Gnahoui |
| 5. | Bill Curtis | 17.. | Ron Pinchback |
| 6. | Violetta Diamond | 18. | Patrick Morrison, |
| 7. | Robert A. Gordon | 19. | Wayne Bruce |
| 8. | Kamau Harris | 20. | Sue Goodwin |
| 9. | Arthur Hyland | 21. | Ambrose Lane Jr |
| 10. | Tony Leon | 22. | Andrew Kreig |
| 11. | Mariah McClain | | |
| 12. | Adele M Stan | | |

No absences.

3. Resignation: Karen Briggs resigned.

4. The agenda was approved.

Time Keeper: Kamau Harris

5. June 12, 2024 and July 10, 2024 minutes were approved.

6. Management Reports:

➤ *Miyuki Williams*, Interim General Manager, reported:

Finances

We are getting a constant stream of income. Jim Byer's PSA for car donations has created donations. Sankofa books is collecting money and donating some to WPFW. We have received \$200 to \$250 from them. We paid half of the Plumbing bill and next week we will pay the rest. The Version retroactive bill of \$2000 was paid. The PEPCO bill was \$2100. We are meeting Friday to review phone service costs. We have 3 different phone services. We will try to narrow down the phone service. We is trying to work with major donors to create more income. Sometime in February 2025, an art auction is planned. Daughter of Revolution, Brook is willing to make a poster print of the Ellington T-shirts for sale. Ellington T-shirts are available for LSB members and staff volunteers for \$30. They must be picked up at the station.

Relocation

We will receive a lease from a relocation site this week.

Outreach in the Community

Lorin Hershey wants more people in Virginia to be knowledgeable and listen to WPFW. They want programmers to attend some events in Virginia. Tony Browder has an event coming up.

Pledge Drive

We were off the air for an hour each day last week. The Pledge Drive has been challenging. Before the Fall drive the Compliance, Trainer will train LSB members in September.

What Management Needs from the LSB Members

What do we need:

- Social media marketing
- Social networking
- Identifying grants
- Volunteers are needed for the WPFW table at the DC Jazz Festival

Blues Festival

Arthur Mc Cloud has created a PSA about The Blues Festival.

Martha Peterson and Gloria Turner have created flyers.

Gloria Turner provided tickets.

Volunteers are needed for the Blues Festival.

Questions:

Minerva had questions about how people are given programs on WPFW airways.

Sue said they are working on election night programming.

- **Katea Stitt**, Program Director: submitted a report: **See Attachment A**
Katea was unable to attend the meeting because she was pitching with program hosts.
- **Sataria Joyner**, Development: **submitted a report: See Attachment B**
Sataria was unable to attend the meeting because she was pitching with program hosts and collecting funds.

7. Finance Committee report

Kamau Harris, chair reported:

Operating Account for the station is \$33,7690

Outstanding Accounts \$45,812

Payroll \$45, 000

Health care cost \$16,000

8. Community Comment

Martha Peterson asked, why isn't there a collaboration between the Program Committee and Program Director regarding replacing programs.

Star had questions about the jazz musical presentation in Morrocco that was aired on WPFW's air because of Morrocco's political situation. She also feels Reverend Barber takes the wrong position on Ukraine.

Eric Ramey is concerned about the rent WPFW pays at 1990 K Street.

Tom Cole spoke regarding the WPFW Volunteer Bill of Rights Programming Committee Task Force draft as revised by Tony Leon.

Louis Wolfe wants the Relocation Committee to pay \$17, 000 or less for any lease for the station.

9. Relocation Committee report: submitted a report: See Attachment C

Kamau Harris, Relocation Committee chair:

The committee met on Wednesday. The next meeting is August 15. Then they will meet on August 21, 28, and September 3.

The minimum requirement space for the station is 2210 sq feet.

10. Management Assessment and Search/Evaluation Committee (MASC)

No report.

11. PNB Report:

Ron said the Delegates Assembly on the bylaw due August 24 has been canceled until further notice. The proposal has been withdrawn.

Vanessa gave a status of the elections:

A motion was presented to the PNB changing the LSB terms from 2 to 3 years. Voting will begin August 15th and ends August 30th.

Irene said the audit committee met.

Minerva said the PNB hasn't met for several weeks.

12. Development Committee report

No report.

13. Community Outreach report: submitted a report: See Attachment D

Violetta Diamond, chair reported:

They discussed the communication between the staff and LSB committee members.

The 5k Run/Walk is scheduled for September 14.

14. Program/LSB Show Committee report:

No report.

15. Communication and Standards Committee report

No report.

16. Unfinished Business

Motion presented by the Chair:

I move to approve the WPFW Volunteer Bill of Rights Programming Committee Task Force draft as revised by Tony Leon. The document will be retroactive to August 2022.

Vote: 19 yes 2 Abstentions.

17. New Business

None

18. Action Items

The Operations Manual will be sent again to LSB members and then a motion will be presented for a vote.

19. Dennis Williams, Chair, Adjourned the regular meeting at 10:07pm

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Ellen Williams Carter

Attachment A

Katea Stitt, Program Director report

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

JULY/AUGUST 2024

PACIFICA COMPLIANCE

At the end of May, Pacifica national imposed a multilayered mandatory compliance policy to be adhered to by all network Programmers and staff as it pertains to how we talk about things on air within and without the context of a pledge drives, and how we deal with sponsorships/underwriting. Most of our Programmers completed the training. There will be a few more training dates in August to accommodate the few that did not yet complete the program.

AUDIOPORT

We are in the process of compiling a list of WPFW programs to place on Audioport for Pacifica sister stations and affiliates to take. Been in discussion with Ursula Rudenberg who administers our Affiliates Program and Audioport about this.

NEW PROGRAMS:

We had several slots to fill between the loss of Programmers due to family responsibilities, death and illness or programs not being consistently delivered or available.

***Berimbau*, hosted by Roberto dos Santos (Sundays, 8-10pm, replacing Daniel del Pielago):**

A program exploring the rich sounds of Brazilian music, from samba to bossa nova, and beyond. Includes interviews with artists, music reviews and more.

***Music Memories*, hosted by Alvin Nedab (Sundays, 2-5am, replacing Arthur McLoud who moved to Saturdays, 5-7am)**

Presenting the best in old school from the 50s, 60s, & 70s. Alvin Nedab was a former Programmer with Andrea Bray.

***Equal Portions*, hosted by Seychelle Richardson (Mondays, 1-2pm; replacing Covert Action Bulletin, which became consistently unavailable over the last few months)**

This program explores the problems the DMV community faces in relation to food justice, including food insecurity and food deserts, while also spotlighting the DMV food scene bringing positive attention to the people, restaurants and places within the DMV area making a difference. It also features music by young artists throughout the region. Seychelle is a young woman passionate about bringing young people to WPFW.

***Expansions*, hosted by Vince Brown (Tuesdays, 2-5am, replacing Miles Willis who moved to Larry Appelbaum's slot)**

A weekly show hosted by veteran broadcaster Vince Brown. It features dance music from around the world, including funk, disco, rock, and world music from 70's-90's. It also includes Jazz, both funky and straight ahead, in the last hour.

***Full Spectrum*, hosted by Anthony Rogers-Wright (Tuesdays, 6-7pm, replacing Andy Shallal's program)**

A 360 degrees analysis and discussion of domestic and global politics. Full Spectrum also features the segment, "Burn Notice," which offers listeners a rare and seldom take on the climate crisis from an unapologetically Black lens and perspective. The program will include commentary from the host and interviews with subject experts from around the country and world. Anthony is a member of Black Alliance for Peace and a racial and environmental justice activist.

***Unionism Drives Community*, hosted by Renee Bowser (Thursdays, 5-6pm, replacing Extinction Rebellion and Economic Update)**

Longtime Trade Unionist discusses the importance of knowing your rights in the workplace; the impact of unionism on working class advancement beyond the workplace, and how unionism can activate robust community among all of us.

Spirits Free Radio, hosted by DJ M (aka Miguel Garcia) (Thursdays, 2-5am, replacing Mojugba Radio)

DJ M, presents a variety of Jazz music from free and spiritual to cool and smooth, to groovy and funky! (thanks to Craig Hall for training him)

New Economic program, hosted by Jon Jeter. We are in discussions about this. Hope to confirm next week.

HD CHANNELS

Staff has begun discussing how to populate the HD Channels. We've concluded that it makes the most sense to populate with syndicated/pre-produced FREE material, so we will be including Covert Action Bulletin, Extinction Rebellion, Economic Update, Electronic Intifad, and more there on the public affairs stream. Having a music stream is more challenging because of the additional cost associated with licensing via Soundexchange, which collects royalties for streamed music. Hosts/contacts for all aforementioned programs have been contacted.

RETURN OF TWO WEEKLY CALENDARS

We are working on the return of our Jazz and Social Justice calendars. WPFW's Jazz Calendar will be produced in partnership with Capitol Bop. Our Social Justice Calendar returns thanks to a grant from the Diverse City Fund to provide funding for Netfa Freeman to train an intern to produce the calendar; an intern has already been identified. Thanks to Baba Ayize and Stephanie Wells for securing this grant. We are targeting September to rollout both calendars.

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

AUGUST 29 – Free Them All: A Black August Commemoration

Mumia Abu-Jamal reminds us that August is a month of meeting of repression, of radical resistance, of injustice and divine justice, of righteous rebellion, of individual and collective efforts to free the slaves and break the chains that bind us.” On August 29th, from 1 until 7pm, through both public affairs, and music, WPFW reflects on the heroic African people who fought against all forms of injustice against people of color, the origins of Black August, and honor the lives and legacies of Jonathan and George Jackson, and other Black freedom fighters, as we recommit to the sovereignty and resilience of Black people around the world.

SEPTEMBER 2 – The Grind: Work, Resistance and Hip Hop!

This Labor Day, September 2, WPFW centers programming celebrating workers with *The Grind: Work, Resistance and HipHop*. From 9am until 1pm, we'll hear from workers about conditions, organizing, and resistance, as well as present our annual survey of labor music. At 1pm, our Decipher collective takes over until midnight with Hip Hop reflecting the highs, lows and mid-ranges of the daily grind!

JULY (PAST) SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

JULY 4 – *LET AMERICA BE AMERICA*:

On July 4th, WPFW presented *Let America Be America*, from 12am until midnight. Langston Hughes wrote in this epic 1936 poem, “there’s never been equality for me, nor freedom in this homeland of the free.” For millions of people in America, those words still ring true! Throughout the day you’ll hear music, activists and artists, both contemporary and ancestors, who fought for freedom and who continue to resist! That’s *Let America Be America* on WPFW, building a better world one broadcast at a time!

9-9:25am Frederick Douglass - What to the Negro is the 4th of July.

9:25-10am -Music and speeches including Sweet Honey In The Rock, Ida B. Wells-Barnett, Living Colour, and Jimi Hendrix - Star Spangled Banner

10-11:43am: Sekou Sundiata’s seminal multi-media work the 51st Dream State

11:43am-12pm: Music/poetry including Paul Robeson, Amiri Baraka, Childish Gambino, Brave New Voices Los Angeles Team 2014, and more.

12-4pm Scooter Magruder

4-7pm: Lance Reynolds

7-10pm: Tim Masters

10pm-12am: Rusty Hassan

JULY 11 – *ELLINGTON 125*

Born in 1899, Edward Kennedy Ellington ranks as the greatest all-around musical figure. On Thursday, July 11, from midnight until midnight, WPFW honored Ellington on the occasion of his 125th birth year with *Ellington 125: A Celebration Beyond Category*. As you know, WPFW must move, so we earmarked the day as a relocation fundraising day.

Midnight-5am Säis Kamaladin -

5-8am Craig Williams - Ella and Ellington

8-9am Democracy Now

9-11am Tom Cole - Ellington and Strings

11am-1pm Candy Shannon

1-3pm Miyuki Williams -

3-5pm Jim Byers - Ellington goes Latin

5-7pm Miles Willis -

7-10pm Tim Masters - Solo and Small Group Ellington

10pm-12am Rusty Hassan - concerts recorded by Jack Towers in 1940, include an interview with Duke Ellington

PSAS AND PROMOS

I continuously write, edit, choose music for all PSAs and Promos, with production assistance from Chris Bangert-Drowns

OTHER DUTIES

Coordinating Subs

Board-Oping when necessary

Correspondence with Listeners as necessary

Attachment B

Sataria Joyner, Development Report Development Report August 14, 2024

The Pledge Drive began on August 11, 2024 at midnight. It is currently our main focus. Unfortunately, we are currently behind in our efforts to make the overall goal but it is still early in the drive. Call 202-588-9739 or Click <https://pledge.wpfwfm.org/index.php>

Pledge reminders will be sent once a week with this week's reminders going out on Wednesday. If you make a donation via our website or by calling and you do NOT receive a receipt/reminder via email, please let me know. You can email me at sjoyner@wpfw.org.

Tickets for the Blues Fest (August 24) are available via Eventbrite. After getting your ticket(s), I ask that you share the link with all those in your community and close circles.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/15th-annual-wpfw-blues-fest-tickets-979041107307?utm->

campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl

Relocation Ellington 125 On-air fundraising yielded \$3905 in pledges. Unfortunately, this did not meet the goal of \$15000.

There will be a few eblasts sent informing people encouraging people to participate in the drive and to get Blues Fest tickets. Introductions to the jazz and justice circle and bequests pages will be included.

The major giving club called the Jazz and Justice Circle now has a page on the website <https://wpfwfm.org/radio/support-us/circle-of-excellence> . There's also a page with information about bequests. <https://wpfwfm.org/radio/support-us/charitable-bequests> . Promos

Attachment C

Relocation Committee WPFW Local Station Board (LSB)

Report to the LSB August 14, 2024

Kamau Harris, Chair
Adele Stan
Verna Avery-Brown
Ronald Pinchback
Vanessa Dixon-Briggs
Wayne Bruce
Robert Gordon
Dennis Williams
Miyuki Williams
Moe Thomas
Stephanie Wells

The Committee meets every Wednesday of the month, except for the 2nd Wednesday, at 7:30pm via Zoom.

At the August 7th meeting, Committee members determined that a summary of the progress made to date should be submitted to the Local Station Board.

Summary

The Relocation Committee met Wednesday, August 7 t 7:30 pm on Zoom. All 10 members attended.

Previously the Genau Group had vetted a list of properties developed by the committee and produced four recommended properties, including one chosen by them. The committee had asked the brokers to obtain nonbinding letters of intent (LOI) for these four properties (all of which, by the time of the meeting, had been cleared for operation by the Chief Engineer).

One property in Takoma Park, declined to provide the LOI because of concerns over Pacifica's financial profile.

One property in Northwest Washington was determined by the committee to be inappropriate because of the time it would take for a build-out.

One property in Silver Spring remains under consideration. The committee asked the broker to request an updated LOI and provide financial information to the landlord.

The fourth property, in Northwest Washington, produced robust discussion and was strongly endorsed by the Chief Engineer and the Interim General Manager. The committee agreed to have Pacifica management sign off on the LOI and will meet on Thursday August 15 to vote on whether to direct the broker to ask for a lease. **Conclusion**

The Committee will meet on Thursday August 15th at 6PM via Zoom. Meetings will continue as

regularly scheduled on August 21st, 28th and September 4th beginning at 7:30Pm via Zoom 1

Attachment D

Violette Diamond, Community Outreach Chair report

OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

August 6, 2024

Members Present: Mariah McClain, Marsha Edwards, Martha Peterson, Sabooh Hikim, Violetta Diamond (chair), Arthur Hyland (excused), Irene Adams (excused), Minerva Sanders (excused) and Jim Dingman (WBAI).

Agenda:

1. Committee Communication and Coordination with Station Staff

The Committee continues to work toward transparency and open communication with WPFW Staff and Designees to conduct its work. There continues to be a lack of communication and coordination concerning Legacy events.

Follow Up: The Committee will: 1) Continue to update the Event Coordinator concerning Committee events and dates. 2) Committee Leads will copy the WPFW events Coordinator on significant emails; 3) The Committee will set up a separate meeting with the Event Coordinator based on her schedule to discuss; 4) In order to continue the success of Legacy events, the Committee will continue with its normal process in planning and holding events. This includes adherence to the guidelines for functions that have already been approved.

2. **Newsletter Update**

The Candidate Forum took place at the time of the meeting and Arthur and other candidates were at that meeting. Arthur advised that Vinnie has a programmer in mind to interview for the next newsletter.

Follow up: Arthur anticipates getting started on the next edition next week.

3. **Blues Festival**

Ms. Turner, Sabooh, Minerva and others have been organizing the Festival and working with the Event Coordinator. There was some confusion about ticket sales and collection, but an understanding was achieved. Advertising started last week. It is anticipated that there will be four groups.

Follow up: 1) Advertising and tickets sales will take place through Eventbrite; 2) Participants will continue to be able to attend the Festival and pay at the door. Sataria and others will assist with bookkeeping. 3) Money to pay for four groups is needed.

4. **5k Run/Walk**

Martha is the lead/liason for this event. Martha thanked committee members for making the edits on the letters that were circulated. The price for the boat ride is \$75.00. There will be no scavenger hunt. The instructors for the wellness classes are set. Classes so far are Tai Chi, Yoga, and Jump Rope. Mariah shared information on a possible grant for the event.

Follow Up: 1) Committee Members are to let Martha know of any events that will draw more people to the 5k run/walk. 2) There will be more investigation to determine if there are people interested in running in the afternoon. 3) The Committee will try to secure a dance class. Possibly hand dancing or line dancing. 4) Mariah will make a google form. 5) Martha will investigate getting a time clock, which will save money. 6) Advertising for the event should begin. The Committee will request to have PSAs aired and to have the event posted on the WPFW website. 6) Further investigation into whether we can get a grant to help subsidize this event will take place. 5) Mariah will make a google form.

5. **Townhall Meeting**

The committee decided to plan our second Townhall meeting for September 28, 2024, and it is to be held at the same church. Violetta emailed the events coordinator and copied the LSB Chair and the Interim Station Manager. To date, there has been no reply to the email.

Additionally, a notice for a July Townhall meeting was posted on the website and later disappeared. It appears that no one knows anything about it.

Follow Up: Violetta will follow up to make sure that the date is okay.

6. **Youth Brigade**

Mariah reported that she and Jordan, Fred, and Paul met. It was decided that the immediate focus would be on making the WPFW website more user friendly. They met with Otis about an upgrade. Otis stated that an update was already planned. The donation page needs to be updated because it is convoluted, and the link is hard to share.

Prepared by: Violetta.