

WPFW- LSB Regular Meeting Minutes October 9, 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 6:35 pm with Kamau Harris, as Acting Chair

2. Logins/Greetings/Roll Call

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| 1. Anita Irene Adams | 11. Ron Pinchback |
| 2. Vanessa Dixon-Briggs | 12. Adele M Stan |
| 3. Verna Avery Brown | 13. Minerva F Sanders |
| 4. Michael Byfield | 14. Michael Hersh |
| 5. Bill Curtis | 15. Wanda Gnahoui |
| 6. Violetta Diamond | 16. Andrew Kreig |
| 7. Robert A. Gordon | 17. Sue Goodwin |
| 8. Kamau Harris | |
| 9. Arthur Hyland | |
| 10. Tony Leon | |

Excused absence: Donna Grimes, Patrick Morrison, Mariah McClain, Wayne Bruce, Dennis Williams

Unexcused absence: Ambrose Lane Jr

3. Resignation: No resignations.

4. The agenda was approved with amendments.

Ron Pinchback’s Motion: Second by Verna Avery Brown

I move that we remove the October MASC meeting report from the agenda.

Vote: 10 Yes 5 No

5. September 11, 2024 minutes were approved.

6. Management Reports:

- **Katea Stitt, Program Director:** (submitted a report see Attachment A)

Katea Stitt was ill. Miyuki Williams read her report.

- **Sataria Joyner, Development Director:** (submitted a report see Attachment B)

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The Pledge Drive begins October 14th and ends November 3rd. Volunteers are needed to answer phones during the Pledge Drive. Many of the thank you gifts have been sent to listeners. Eblasts were sent.

Miyuki Williams, Interim General Manager, reported:

Volunteers Assistance

She thanked everyone and said volunteers have helped with a lot of the fundraisers and getting the thank you gifts to the listeners. Miyuki said she was thankful for volunteers work and collaborations.

Fundraisers

She stated that the LSB has raised \$5,000 through the 5K/Run and the Popcorn fundraiser. She expressed her appreciation for everyone's effort.

Executive Session

Miyuki requested an executive session for the November WPFW LSB meeting.

7. Finance Committee

Kamau Harris, chair reported: (submitted a report see Attachment C)

Read the Finance committee report.

The 2025 Draft Budget is in review. After the Finance Committee votes on the draft, it will be forwarded to the LSB in November for a vote.

8. Community Comment

Eric stated that members have a right to disagree. He said the Program Director decisions must be made in a collaborative manner. He had questions about the relocation and the leases.

Sabooh said the 5K/Run fundraiser was successful. He said that he sent Kamau information about properties that the station could purchase.

Martha stated that she was concerned about a statement made by an individual about the CAB. **Marsha** had concerns about the person who made allegations about the CAB and the relocation budget.

Starr stated that Katea Stitt, PD was hard working and sympathetic. She feels that Katea should be talking to LSB members more. Starr said WPFW needs more programming about individuals in Virginia.

9. PNB Report:

Minerva Sanders:

Sale of Property

Minerva said the sale of the property has closed the lean that was placed on the building and the station will move to a new building.

Pacifica Archives

The Pacifica Archives and Legacy program has been put in place and the information digitized. Full online access to this resource is only available at the Library of Congress.

Audit

Books will be audited for 2022 and 2023.

Election

WPFW did not require an election since there were 9 candidates for the 9 available seats.

Ron Pinchback:

Sale of Property

Ron said there was a sale of property that could affect our relocation. In addition, he stated that the PNB had an executive session.

12. Community Outreach

Violetta Diamond, chair reported: (submitted a report see Attachment D)

The 5K/Run raised \$4,060. Marsha commented that individuals came out of their own pockets to cover the expenses for the 5K/Run fundraiser. Michael congratulated them for the successful event.

13. New Business

Ron suggested that we have an executive session about the relocation.

14. Action Items/Agreements

Requests for an Executive Session for the November 13, 2024 LSB regular meeting.

15. Kamau Harris, Acting Chair, Adjourned the regular meeting at 8:59 pm

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Ellen Williams Carter

Attachment A

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

OCTOBER 2024

FINALIZING WPFW PACIFICA COMPLIANCE

Trainings continued into second week of October. All Programmers and LSB members Bill Curtis and Irene Jefferson have completed training.

WPFW 3rd QUARTER REPORT FILED

The FCC requires public radio stations to file reports once a quarter that highlight the issues covered during the previous quarter. Reports must be uploaded to the station's public files by the 10th of each month. Reports are filed in April, July, October and January.

NEW PROGRAMS:

Dissecting Racial Capitalism, hosted by Jon Jeter and Denise Young (Thursdays, 2-3pm):

Former WPFW host Jon Jeter returns to us with a new program focused on the intersection of economics, both macro and micro, local and global, and social justice impacts the masses, especially those most vulnerable. Scheduled to begin Thursday, October 17, 2pm. Start date delayed a week due to the death of Denise's grandmother.

From the Browder File, hosted by Anthony Browder (Wednesdays, 5-6pm):

Renowned Kemetologist Tony Browder presents a new program in the spirit of some of WPFW's legendary programmers (Lorne Love, Ambrose Lane, Hodari Ali, Vince Godwin and Kojo Olohuniyo). Featuring interviews with local, national and international historians, scholars, artists and thought leaders (many of whom are personal friends and colleagues). It will also include cultural critiques on music, film, historical and current events as well as archived lectures with historians presented between 1987 and 1992. This material will be edited and curated to offer a contemporary analysis of historical events. Tony Browder replaces Nkechi Taifa who will be stepping away at the end of October, due to professional commitments.

WEEKLY JAZZ AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CALENDARS UPDATE

WPFW's Jazz Calendar will be produced in partnership with Capitol Bop; the Jazz listings will live on the Capitol Bop site with a link to WPFW in order to garner some of their followers. Our Social Justice Calendar returns thanks to a grant from the Diverse City Fund to provide funding. Netfa Freeman has trained Consuela Watts, a Howard University senior interning to produce the calendar through May 2025, after which time another intern will take it on. Both calendar Producers asked that start date could be pushed to the beginning of November.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT LAUNCHES!

Our new initiative, conceived and spearheaded by our small but mighty News Department – Sue Goodwin and Chris Bangert-Drowns launched on Friday, October 4. Many of you might have received it in your inbox on that day. Again, this is a weekly newsletter (and eventually radio promo and social media post) featuring a listing of public affairs programming from the previous week. The goal of this new project is to serve our existing audience with expanded on-demand listening options as well as to amplify awareness of WPFW's news and public affairs among a wider audience of potentially new listeners.

CO-FUNDRAISER FOR WPFW & FRIENDS OF THE CONGO, SUN., OCT. 20, 5-8PM

I am producing this joint fundraiser with Maurice Carney, ED, Friends of the Congo and Ayanna Gregory. Friends of the Congo and WPFW invite you to *LoveSound: An Evening of Soul Sisters in Performance* supporting the work of both Friends of the Congo and WPFW on Sunday, October 20, 5-8pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church - 400 I Street, SW, Washington.

The evening features performances by musicians and poets including Free BenJamin, Wayna, Anna Mwalagho, Ayanna Gregory, Congolese artist Déjà Belle, Navasha Daya, Laini Mataka, Maimouna Youssef and Sweet Honey in the Rock. Tickets are \$50, including post-performance reception, and can be secured at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lovesound-an-evening-of-soul-sisters-in-performance-tickets-1016583487577> or by visiting Blue Nile Botanical - 2826 Georgia Avenue, NW. All proceeds benefit Friends of the Congo's DRC Women, Peace and Security Centre in Kinshasa, and WPFW! (flyer attached)

UPCOMING SPECIAL PROGRAMMING:

OCTOBER 14 – *Unpacking Indigeneity*

We are kicking our Fall Pledge drive off on Indigenous People's Day. Amid an unpredictable change globally, indigenous peoples are frequently referred to as prime examples of resilience and resistance, charting the course for a new way of being – decolonized, anti-imperialistic and communal. On Monday, October 14, Indigenous People's Day, 9am until 7pm, WPFW ponders what it means to be indigenous and celebrates indigenous cultures around the world. Participants/topics include John Kane/*Resistance Radio*, Indigeneity in the Congo, Bushmeat Radio (aka Thomas Stanley) with the *Landback Soundtrack*,

and DJ Lance Reynolds highlighting the work of North American indigenous soul, funk and popular artists. Thanks to both Jacquie Luqman and Garland Nixon for agreeing to be pitch partners on the day.

9-11am John Kane/Resistance Radio (pitch partner Jacquie Luqman)

11a-12p Africa Now! w/ Mwiza Munthali and James Pope

12-1pm Building Bridges with Mimi Rosenberg and Ken Nash

1-3pm Thomas Stanley aka Bushmeat presents the Landback Soundtrack

3-7pm House of Soul: the Indigenous Edition with DJ Lance Reynolds (pitch partner Garland Nixon)

DATE TBD – ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF GAZA

In concert with the *Palestinian Film and Art Festival*, being presented October 24-27 (<https://www.dcpfaf.org/>) WPFW will present special programming commemorating the genocide continuing to unfold in Palestine, and now the assault on Lebanon, and highlighting the resistance movements that have emerged. We are also supporting the festival with promotion leading up to the event.

NOVEMBER 5/6 – ELECTION DAY AND RESULTS COVERAGE

WPFW and WBAI lead the production of Pacifica's National Election night coverage airing on November 5, 8pm-12am. Th effort will include contributions from KPFK, KPFT and the Affiliates' Program. On November 6, 8-10am, WPFW will carry Democracy Now!'s 2-hour post-election coverage.

PAST SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

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

WPFW presented exceptional Labor Day programming on Monday, September 2, 9am until midnight. The producers – Chris Garlock, Elise Bryant, Mimi Rosenberg, Ken Nash, Dominic Painter, Bushhead Ed, RBI, Noodles and the Holla Back crew, Mazi Mutafa, and DJ Mchete all centered public affairs and music programming celebrating workers with *The Grind: Work, Resistance and HipHop*. From 9am until 1pm, we heard from workers about workplace conditions, organizing, and resistance, and presented our annual survey of labor music. At 1pm, our Decipher collective took over until midnight with Hip Hop reflecting the highs, lows and mid-ranges of the daily grind!

9-11am: Labor Heritage Power Hour with Chris Garlock

11am-1pm: Building Bridges with Mimi Rosenberg/Ken Nash

1-3pm: Bushhead Ed

3-5pm: DJ RBI

5-7pm: Noodles and Holla Back Crew

7-9pm: Mazi Mutafa

9-10pm: Dominic Painter

10pm-12am: DJ Machete

PSAS AND PROMOS

I continuously write, edit, choose music for all PSAs and Promos, with production assistance from Chris Bangert-Drowns as well as a new production intern, Leon Johnson.

OTHER DUTIES

Coordinating Subs

Curating additional and/or special programming

Board-Oping when necessary

Correspondence and phone calls with Listeners as necessary

Other duties as assigned or needed

Attachment B

Development Report

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Sataria Joyner, Development Director Report:

1. Pledge drive begins October 14-November 3, 2024 with special Indigenous People's Day Programming. The goal for the drive is \$300,000. Goals have been distributed. As always, I encourage you to contact Viinnie and sign up for pledge drive volunteer hours. If you would like to volunteer for the drive but do not feel comfortable answering phones, please still sign up with your available times and let Vinnie know.
2. After a lot of help from volunteers, I was able to get the inventory room and office much cleaner. This also allowed us to locate nearly 100 individual thank you gifts and send them out. Some of the volunteers who helped were Camille, Art, Grace, Esther, Tom and a new volunteer, Anjali. This same project also included the To Contrary space. I am still working to rectify the thank you gift situation but I am happy to say that it has gotten a lot better and hopefully we will be current very soon.

3. Hopefully, you have noticed that the eblasts were ramped in promotion of our paid events as well as special on-air programming. As I mentioned last month, our list has expanded by approximately 2000 people. We have seen an increase in interaction with the eblasts. By this, I mean the number of clicks on the various links included. This may not be completely due to the new people.
4. The Reggae Show was successful and well attended. We are still tallying up the money received. I do apologize for not being present due to Covid and I Thank all those who stepped in to take up the slack.
5. I am working on the report detailing CARS donations for the previous fiscal year. This is taking a little longer than expected due to some site issues they are experiencing. I have been in contact with CARS and they are working to fix the issue and are hopeful they should have news today.
6. Although it is not a new income source, I am trying to improve the collection and reporting of the sustainers and installs. I have been going through to look for those with both lapsed and current monthly payments to eliminate duplicates. Once those can be thinned from the list we will have a better look at who truly constitutes monthly declines.
7. October 20th is the Love Sound: An Evening of Soul Sisters in Performance fundraiser. This is a joint fundraiser with Friends of the Congo. It will be at Westminster Church at 400 I St SW from 5-8pm The flyer is available on our website at wpfwf.org. Tickets are \$50, including post-performance reception, and can be secured at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lovesound-an-evening-of-soul-sisters-in-performance-tickets-1016583487577> or by visiting Blue Nile Botanical - 2826 Georgia Avenue, NW

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Finance Committee Report

September 2024

Description2	Sum - Amount
??	-\$25
5K Run/Walk	-\$450
Ark Telecom	-\$1,453
Bank Fees	-\$4,570
Blues Fest	-\$800
BMI	-\$2,000
Contributions	\$57,042
Electricity	-\$24,748
LSB Fundraiser	\$753
Marketing	-\$124

Transaction Summary	
Beg Balance:	123,321
Deposits	57,795
Debits	-60,257
Checks	-71,538
Ending Balance	49,321

Office Expense/Copier	-\$91	Transaction Type
Office Rent	-\$16,884	
Payroll/Compensation	-\$71,340	
PD Cell Phone	-\$81	
Telephone	-\$2,948	
Tower Rent	-\$6,233	
YouTube	-\$15	
Zoom	-\$34	
Total Result	-\$74,000	

Attachment D

Violetta Diamond, Outreach Committee Chair, reported,

October, 2025 Outreach Committee Report

The Outreach Committee met via zoom on October 1, 2024. Marsha Edwards, Minerva Sanders and Violetta Diamond were present. Those present decided to follow up with the other Committee members to arrive at a consensus after the October 1st meeting.

On October 7, 2024, Outreach Committee members: Martha Peterson, Art Hyland, Marsha Edwards, Mariah McClain, Sabooh Hikim, and Violetta Diamond communicated via email and agreed on this report.

I. The 5k Run/Walk was a success. The community enjoyed the activities that were presented and the feedback was positive. Here is the summary:

WPFW 5k Financial Summary

1. Expenses: \$1,180

a. Race Director - \$450.....paid by Outreach Committee

b. Rental of Bladensburg Park - \$300.....Outreach Committee

c. Membership into Road Runners Club of America, (necessary in order to get \$1 Million Liability Insurance).....\$320

d. \$1 Million Liability Insurance - \$110.....paid by Outreach Committee

Donations Collected by Outreach Committee: \$1,010

2. Cash Collected

a. \$170.00

3. Checks Collected:

a. \$1,885

4. Credit Card Sales at 5k:

a. \$460.00

5. Online Payments:

a. \$505

6. Cash App:

a. \$40

7. Credit Card Gift:

a. \$110

Total Monies Collected:

a. \$4,060WPFW

II. The Committee had scheduled the Town Hall meeting to take place on October 26, 2024. However, the Committee has decided to postpone the Town Hall meeting due to a need for all staff and volunteers to focus their efforts on helping to make the fund drive a success.

Violetta Diamond,

On behalf of the Outreach Committee