

PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE MEETING - WOOL - GFCBC TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2005 DRAFT MINUTES

AGENDA: Regroup for the beginning of a new year for the Committee.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:45PM

ATTENDING: Dot Reed, Gary Smith, Martha Schmidt

NOTED: The Draft Minutes of the July 5, 2005 meeting were available for review and had been emailed to the Programming Committee. Not moved for acceptance.

DISCUSSION: An open round table took place to brain storm topics as they relate to community radio and its policies.

Review how the trainings were going and how many new potential djs might be available.

Review the programming time slots. Review again after the new djs finish their training.

GARY: "Philosophy of how a community station runs. The more chaos, the less control....there needs to be some control." For management and for FCC requirements.

DOT: "consensus" does not mean everyone agrees. It does mean to have healthy discussions aimed at coming to "consensus" so everyone's views are heard and if not all agree on the items discussed come to the point the group can decide on an action plan and move forward.

GARY: Believes in Community Radio. "Giving the needs of the marginal a voice".

GARY: At what point does a question leave Programming and go to Policy Committee?

DOT: Programming Committee to Policy Committee to Programming Committee to the Board.

GARY: What about - Programming Committee to Policy Committee to the Board?

GARY: What is the Policy Committee going to do - underwriting and fundraising? Programming should not do underwriting - the committee can address the needs of the Fundraising Committee. Each committen could be at odds with the good of the whole. Policy is going to be the watch dog.

DOT: Is against WOOL using any of the local newspapers or print journals to quote from on the air or to paraphrase from even WITH PERMISSION. ...AND CALLING IT NEWS FROM WOOL. THERE WAS ALSO A LONG DISCUSSION OF CONCERNS ABOUT SLANDER. Dot's amendments submitted 7/18/05 to Martha for revision.

MARTHA: Is against censorship of the individual programmers/djs who are producing in their own names and filling out Indemnification Forms to hold the station harmless.

DOT: There may be a future news department/or program produced by WOOL. It must be done carefully with internally generated newsgathering staff.

MARTHA: Even every major network quotes or sources the "NY Times", "Washington Post", "Wall Street Journal", etc.

DOT: we are not going to do that. DOT amended minutes: I did not say this, said don't recommend....long discussion of concerns about slander.

More discussion about this topic.....

GARY: Thinks an individual has a right to speak. Other than having a No Hate Speech Policy.

DOT and GARY: Believe public meetings run too long and are of little interest.

DOT: Our station encourages careful reportage that has reasonably been checked.

MS: GFCBC has disclaimers and Indemnification Forms to protect the station and allow for individual speech.

GARY: Difficult to summarize the FCC acceptable speech statements and First Amendment issues. There will be continuing education about this.

MARTHA: Will research this and find out what other radio stations do.

MARTHA: Would like to see the Fairness Doctrine return and Candidate's Forums.

DOT: Would also like to see this happen.

GARY: Doesn't want to serve the general mainstream media programming. Our programming should be Garage Band eclectic. Delete underlined per Gary's request that he never said that. MS agrees.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:45pm

Notes provided by Martha Schmidt, July 18, 2005