

## Draft Minutes of the October 5, 2005 Programming Committee Meeting

Attending: (Members eligible to vote are identified with asterisks)

David Liebttag \*  
Dorothy Read \*  
Gary Smith \*  
Nancy Stefanik  
Kristin Coates  
Alan D'Amico  
Nancy, a friend of Alan D'Amico's

Call to Order

### **Agenda:**

The following items were added to the agenda during the meeting:

- Linda Limoge's questions about PSAs
- Scheduling future meetings

### **Agenda Item: Complaint about *His Story by Country Christian***

Alan D'Amico attended the meeting; Douglas Page did not. Alan said that Douglas has a prior engagement.

Alan reviewed the letter he had sent earlier that week in which he apologized and confirmed he would not violate station policies.

Committee members expressed concern that his letter included text asking the station to respect his position. This text seemed to suggest that he would follow his convictions rather than abiding by station policy. Alan said those sections were unnecessary and that he would remove them.

After lengthy discussion, we told Alan that we needed to discuss the matter privately before deciding and that we would contact him with our decision in a few days.

As the committee chair, David agreed to draft letters expressing the committee's decisions to Alan and Doug which will be sent by the end of the week.

### **Agenda Item: Budgets**

Nancy Stefanik asked us for estimates of budget items. She recorded the information and will present it to the fund raising committee.

### **Agenda Item: Proposal for reserving time for kids shows**

Nancy Stefanik proposed that we reconsider the programming schedule and open Friday evening for shows hosted by kids. The timeslot in question currently belongs to Ezra Veitch. She said that kids are unable to run shows on weekdays because of other commitments such as homework and sports. After lengthy discussion, she and Gary agreed to try to rearrange the Friday evening schedule to accommodate the currently scheduled hosts and a kids' show. Ideally, Nancy would only like two Fridays each month.

### **Agenda Item: Programming Coordinator's Report**



The report was reviewed and accepted. It is attached.

There was extensive discussion about the improvement of training and its relationship to improved programming. Dorothy said that she has been unable to get help learning how to transfer recorded material from the Marantz to the studio equipment and that our program content would be improved if people had the engineering skills currently unavailable to many hosts.

Gary suggested a variety of solutions: hiring experienced engineers to hold seminars, interested people could attend non-WOOL classes, interested people could find engineers willing to offer help.

No resolution was reached.

### **Agenda Item: Pacifica (Melinda and Tony)**

Postponed until next meeting.

### **Agenda Item: Email questions**

We once again discussed difficulties with carrying on committee business using a public mailing list. Dorothy expressed concern that people sending email to [programming@wool.fm](mailto:programming@wool.fm) may presume it is being sent only to active committee members when, in fact, others are on the email list. David said he did not talk with Tony as he said he would. We did not reach consensus and tabled the item until the next meeting.

**Agenda Item: Students and Adult Supervisors**

David said he did not talk to Nancy about questions raised at the last meeting. The topic was postponed.

**Agenda Item: Media Minutes program**

We reached consensus that we would not broadcast this program.

**Agenda Item: Log Requirements**

Gary said that Martha had researched the FCC requirements and found that they do not require program logs. Gary also said that a log may be required for webcasts. He is researching it.

**Agenda Item: Voice of Our World program**

Postponed until next meeting.

**Agenda Item: Vermont's Open Meeting Law**

Dorothy said that she had heard people say committees do not have the authority to go into executive session. She proposed that we adopt Vermont's Open Meeting law which would enable us to conduct business privately if necessary. We agreed that, even without adopting open meeting law as our policy, perhaps the board should develop a rule giving committees the authority to go into executive session.

**Agenda Item: Hate Speech Policy**

Postponed until next meeting.

**Agenda Item: Recording Announcements**

Tony asked that the programming committee arrange to record announcements for use in automation. Gary said he is recording some as he has time. David suggested that Gary add an item to the next memo to hosts to encourage them to record announcements. Dorothy commented that some hosts are not trained to make recordings.

David moved that we adjourn. Everyone agreed.