

Approved Minutes
WORT Board of Directors
Regular Monthly Meeting
June 19th, 2019 | 7:00 PM
Vinyl Library, Madison
Minutes

All Directors Present: David Devereaux-Weber (President), Stuart Levitan (Vice-President), Chali Pittman (Secretary), Martin Kehrein (Treasurer), Jerry Chernow, Doug Holtz (Staff Representative), Katherine Hoveland, Kurt Kobelt, Paul Novak, Eric Finch, Gilman Halsted

Meeting called to order 7:05pm. Unanimous approval of May 2019 minutes. Slight modification to dates on draft agenda, then approval. No communications from the public.

New Business

Come to WORT's Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 30th, at 2pm at Art In--1441 E. Washington Avenue. There will be brief staff and Board reports, voting (by qualified volunteers) for 3 Board Seats and Bylaws Amendments, AND refreshments! If you're not able to make it, you can get an absentee ballot from any staff member: completed ballots may be deposited in the "ballot box" in the lobby by 5pm on Friday, June 28th.

Committee and Staff Reports

Discussion of Finance report and impact of air conditioners. WORT's balances for the month are a little off because not all the finances are done from the summer pledge drive. A little preview of the annual meeting report: we have now complied with all the audit requests, and we are doing well and wise with our money but we're not wealthy. Finance committee recommends that we ought to stay with auditors we have now in future years.

Discussion of personnel changes to the programming committee. Discussion of applications to late night Saturday show slot. Discussion over why one application was approved over the other. **Nine in favor approve recommendation of the programming committee for a format change from hip-hop to eclectic/punk/rock, with two abstentions.** Chali and Eric Finch abstained out of concern over a general thinning out of the hip-hop programming at WORT.

Discussion over internet roadblocks. One of our internet service providers recently faced a denial of service attack, but WORT was protected because we had two internet streams. Paul raised **some questions about Spinitron 2.0**, and Doug says staff is dreadfully aware of general usability issues. Kathy says the receptionists would like step-by-step instructions on how to get to Spinitron playlists and Doug noted he would look into that.

The Security Committee is getting a couple more proposals for door access systems—they wanted to see more options before making a decision.

Discussion of repairing relations with an underwriter. New businesses have been contacted about possible opportunities.

The programming committee has several openings for representatives. **Unanimous approval** to accept the Programming Committee's recommendation of Agustin Olvera as the new music representative on the committee. There is an open position for the slot of news representative to the Programming Committee.

Discussion over the appropriate course of action toward an existing volunteer with current legal trouble, and discussion over the proper course of action in general. The question of what to do when an existing volunteer comes into legal trouble informally referred over to staff, and the Board asks the staff to bring that forward as updates to the Volunteer Handbook emerges from staff—then, the policy will be presented to the next Policy & Bylaws Committee. Doug noted that the upcoming changes to the Volunteer Handbook will be a long process, and will likely require one if not several general listening sessions at WORT.

Stu asked Doug for clarification over what items constitute staff time.

Discussion over the needed work the next Personnel Committee will need to do to work with staff on evaluations.

Recognition of Jerry Chernow, Stu Levitan, and Chali Pittman as their last or potentially-last meeting of their seat on the Board.

Stu moved, Kathy seconded, to adjourn. **Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.**

All volunteers are invited to the WORT Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 30th at 2pm at Art In.

The WORT Board of Directors meets every third Wednesday of the month. Upcoming board meeting dates in 2019 are July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20, December 18.