

## **12 October 2023 KSPS Community Advisory Board 16:00 PT, Zoom**

CAB members attending by Zoom: James Albrecht (Chair), Bob Morrison, (Vice Chair), Christopher Powell (Secretary), Marianne Patton, Anne Dyer.

Members Absent: Patty Crone, Shaun Higgins.

KSPS staff attending: Gary Stokes, Skylar Reep, Debbie Brennan

KSPS staff absent: Dawn Bayman

A quorum being present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 16:02 PT.

Motion to approve the minutes of 8 September 2023. Moved: Marianne Patton, Seconded: Christopher Powell. Carried.

### **General Manager's Report and Discussion (Gary)**

Gary began by asking James to discuss his attendance at the KSPS Board of Directors' meeting on 28 September 2023. This included Board Members' highlights, Development Team, programming highlights, education and public affairs programming.

Gary indicated that this Board is more open to what we are doing and moving ahead with the rest of the quarter's programming. He also indicated that our annual audit has begun and is anticipated to be completed by mid-November. KSPS facilitated a workshop at Yasuhara Middle School. PBS has filed a cease-and-desist order with the station regarding bootleg costumes. We must officially request use of official costumes. KSPS is now considering its own mascot. There are two city council debates tonight and two more to follow. Clarion Brass is to be recorded for a Christmas special. Hopefully this will become an annual event. Also, Spokane Symphony Orchestra is to be recorded.

### **Development Report (Skyler)**

We are currently 9% below our goal, but our endowment funding is yet to commence, therefore, we are right on schedule. National Coffee Day generated \$2,000 and moved 30 units of coffee. Sandra Kerman was the generator of this idea. Twenty development sports have just been finished by the Development Team on subjects including how to give, why to give, creative giving and other topics. KSPS has been selected for the March cohort to receive specialized streaming. This is a ninety-day testing period. Localized content is extremely important. We are Kicking off the calendar year-end with reminders for year-end gifts.

## **Programming Director's Report and Discussion (Debbie)**

Our demographic is 65 and older and they want tangibles – DVDs, CDs, etc. for their contributions. PBS is responding in a timelier basis regarding world issues. An example of this is *The War in the Holy Land* on 13 October. Other programming includes a four-part nature mini-series *Spy in the Ocean* starting 25 October. Also, *Earth Shot Prize* second season is coming 12 November. It will be simultaneously premiered with the BBC. *Groundbreakers*, hosted by Billy Jean King, starts 27 November. It profiles elite women athletes regarding social, racial, and mental health issues, especially in the athletic world. Our December drive begins 24 November. There will be a Christmas special of *All Creatures Great and Small*, also Mary Berry's *Ultimate Christmas Show*.

## **Round Table Discussion**

**Marianne** – watched the first season of *World on Fire*, also, *Sophie and Luna*. Thought *Astrid* was delightful. Marianne has a concern about partnering with *The Atlantic*. She is trying to like *Washington Grown*, but finds it choppy and repetitive, however, she loves the content. She wanted to know if there would be a tenth season of *Doc Martin* and was met with an enthusiastic yes. Regarding *Passport*, she wants to know who *Walter* is. Debbie explained that *Walter* is not a person, but rather a brand curator entity that PBS has partnered with. It provides non-English language drama programming.

**Ann** – Has been enjoying *Curious George* with her child. *Daniel Tiger* freaked her out. She is finding the PBS Kids' app difficult to navigate. Many of the adult shows she wants to watch are not available, for example *The Tempest*, as well as old kids' stuff such as *Mr. Rogers*. Gary and Debbie responded that much of this has to do with rights.

**Bob** – Many thanks to Chris for taking over as secretary. Watched *Van der Valk*. Is a big fan of *Doc Martin* and *All Creatures Great and Small*. Enjoyed the biography of *Meredith Wilson*. He ordered several DVDs from the PBS website only to discover he could have got them on Amazon for half the price. He is worried that PBS is cutting off its nose to spite its face.

**Chris** – His wife has been enjoying *Walter* tremendously. He watched *The Russians are Coming*, *The Russians are Coming* for the first time in many years and thoroughly enjoyed it. He is looking forward to the *Ken Burns'* documentary on the *Buffalo* and the second season of *World on Fire*.

**James** – He is enjoying Wild Hope, Wild Rivers, and is also looking forward to the new Ken Burns documentary, also Doc Martin. He missed the Peace Corps Story and wants to see it.

**New Business**

- None

**Old Business**

- None
- The meeting was adjourned at 17:10 PT. The next CAB meeting will be held on Thursday, 9 November 2023 at 16:00 PT via Zoom