

KSPS Community Advisory Board (Regular)
12 Dec. 2024 16:04 PT via Zoom

CAB Members Present: James Albrecht (Chair), Bob Morrison (Vice-Chair), Christopher Powell (Secretary), Patty Crone, Ann Dyer.

Regrets: Marianne Patton,

Absent: Donna Phillips

KSPS staff attending: Gary Stokes (General Manager and President), Dawn Bayman (Station Manager), Debbie Brennan (Programming Director), Skylar Reep (Development Director).

A quorum being present, James called the meeting to order at 16:04 PT.

Motion to approve the minutes from Oct. 2024. Moved by Chris, Seconded by Anne.

Motion to approve the minutes from Nov. 2024. (Special thanks to Bob for doing the minutes for this meeting.) Moved by Patty, Seconded by Bob.

Reports

The Community Advisory Board heard reports from the following staff:

Gary Stokes, General Manager and President

Dawn Bayman, Station Manager

Skyler Reep, Development Director

Debbie Brennan, Programming Director.

Staff Action Items

Gary advised that with the end of the calendar year concerns regarding federal funding can be a challenge. With the turnover in Congress, what does this mean post January 20? The priority is the two-year forward funding stipend. This is the real issue. Gary asked Dawn and Skyler to elaborate on this.

Dawn informed the Committee that there is a bill in the House to completely defund public media. There is a similar bill in Senate. PBS is ensuring that lawmakers know our values and supporters know how to communicate with lawmakers. Recommends checking out the website protectmypublicmedia.org. PBS is putting together talking points and graphics. Skyler reiterated the suggestion of checking out protectmypublicmedia.org.

Dawn reported that the education team has been very busy, attracting 160 people to an event at a local school, and over 100 anticipated at another.

She has just been informed that grant approval has been received from Humanities Washington. Another grant of \$140,000 has been approved to expand Careers Northwest. There will be a screening of *Arthur's Christmas* at the Garland Theatre on December 21. The Public Affairs position has been posted. Thirty applications have been received.

Skyler informed the board that we have experienced a six percent decrease in support. The Canada Post strike is taking a big bite - \$22,000 in November, should be worse in December. We have a new auction site for fundraisers. Pop-up shops have been a huge success. Door-to-door canvassing is over – 27,000 doors knocked on, 530 members recruited, 80% of them new.

Debbie reported that there will be lots of traditional programming through the holidays – marathon *Call the Midwife* on Christmas Day, “New Year’s Eve Celebration from Vienna” (*Great Performances*). *All Creatures Great and Small*, *Vienna Blood* Starts January 12. *Antiques Road Show*, *Finding Your Roots*, Lucy Worsley – *True Crime*. Inauguration will be broadcast live 22 January.

Round Table Discussion from CAB Members included the following programming:

All Creatures Great and Small, *Patsy Cline* (apparently it got cut off), *Leonardo*, *Marlo's Murder Club*, *Antique Road Show*, *Frontline's* “China, The U.S. and the Rise of Xi Jinping,” *Inland Sessions*, *America's Heartland*, *The Harriet Wary*, *Willy Nelson Turns 90*, *First Official Thanksgiving*.

Old Business – None.

New Business – None.

Next meeting is 9 January at 16:00 PT.

The meeting adjourned at 17:24 PT.