

## **WJFF PROGRAM COMMITTEE MINUTES**

FEBRUARY 1, 2012

PRESENT: John Gordon, Chairman; Edie Downs, Chris Weigand  
ABSENT: Julia Greenberg and Graham Rice  
STAFF PRESENT: Winston Clark and Nick Forte  
BOT MEMBER: Dawn Dorcas  
GUESTS: Sonja Hedlund and Donna Colavito

### Regular Public Meeting:

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the January 4, 2012 meeting were accepted as written. Motion by Dawn; seconded by Chris

### Public/Volunteer Comments:

Sonja asked about the possibility of exporting WJFF shows to other stations. Winston replied that, with the approval of staff, this would be possible. Sonja reported on her visit, with a few other station volunteers, to the radio station in Roxbury, NY. It is a small volunteer station which is on the air from 6 AM to midnight. It has been on the air for two years. Their programming is locally produced as the only network program aired is Democracy Now.

### Correspondence:

None received

### Old Business:

Permanent Friday Night replacement for Steve Richter: American Routes will continue until another show is available.

Fix-It Show status/feedback: This show was very well received – there were many calls – the ad in the River Reporter and on the website were good. Sonja Hedlund will continue as the host of this show, with assistance from John Nordstrom. It will air on the first Saturday of the month beginning on March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Continued discussion about weekday schedule rework: A notice will be put on the listserv and weekday hosts will be asked for their comments on the weekday programs offered. The weekday program schedule will be the topic of a special meeting on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. The PC will listen to the weekday network shows and discuss them at the regular March meeting.

### New Business:

Update on emergency situation reporting on wjff: Winston informed the PC that WJFF was now part of the Sullivan County alert system and would be receiving updates on school closings/road closings/cancellations.

Update on Honesdale WJFF studio: The BOT has approved a plan to have a studio and production space in the Cooperage in Honesdale. The signal would travel over the internet to the studio in Jeffersonville and go out to the tower for broadcast. Winston has been working with the owners of the Cooperage to make this a reality for the early summer.

Special programming for Black History Month: Two special programs will be broadcast in place of the weekend “spotlight” programs – the first one on Saturday, February 11th and the second on Sunday, February 19th.

**Executive Session:**

Chris made a motion to go into Executive session for program reviews. The motion was seconded by Dawn.

*Out Loud and Queer, Audio Visual* were reviewed.

Discussion about *Explorations* and *Maris’s Calendar*: Winston will write to *Explorations* to see if it is possible to have a copy of the program without the promos of his books.

*Maris’ calendar*: Need to reinforce the “no local birthday greetings”

A motion was made by Dawn to come out of Executive Session.

**Meeting dates and shows to review for March:**

The PC will listen to the 2 PM weekday talk shows in preparation for discussion at the March meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Program Committee will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2012.

There will be a special meeting of the Program Committee for the purpose of discussing the weekday programming schedule – This meeting will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, March 10, 2012.