

Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2018

Present:

Roger Warner, Herschel Soles, Reggae Bob Hamilton, Dan Shramek, Delphine Criscenzo, Erin Yanke

Facilitator - Delphine Criscenzo

Note taker - Erin Yanke

Introductions

Public Comment - none

Staff Reports

Zelos/Sam

- Sam did a weekly news roundup pilot

Derric

Erin

- Kickstarter
 - Successful, took a lot more energy than expected
 - Still less energy for Erin, but in a different way.
 - On air promos
 - Dan - Sheet with scripts - had 3 versions - having more would be helpful
 - RB - volunteer to read the scripts - schedule a time with him to do it
 - Erin will leave scripts in mailbox for RB
 - (Kickstarter conversation)
- Call Carry system
 - Kip, Erin, Del, Ani are rotating weekend
 - Reggae Bob says put me down for transportation - I can help getting people here!
 - Same as the paid system, we are trading the cell phone around.
- CPB Money - hired a National Syndicator (Jenna is here to explain and discuss)
Jenna Yokoyama - The Syndicator!
- First part of the job was to upload audio to audio report to get 2017 numbers up to our goal
 - 8-10 shows up on a regular basis, such as
 - Labor radio
 - Rose City Native Radio

- Locus Focus
 - Food show
 - Voices for the animals
 - Prioritize POC, Fem, etc less available in the world
 - 3 stations picking up shows on a regular basis
 - PRX specials
 - Get set up for internship
- Money from bequest: \$8200 for native programming
 - Working out a process of decision making and a process of community input as to what is needed to support or increase native programming
- Erin wants to get feedback on this idea as a long term project - still in development phase
 - KBOO radio will partner with Multnomah county Library System to create KBOO Hubs, mini KBOO studios all over the region so communities have access to creating podcasts and other audio for broadcast use at KBOO
 - Remotes from the library!
 - Lots of positive feedback
 - RB - relationship with North Portland library, wants to be partner

Board Report

General

- Kevin Barrett situation
 - Staff is empowered to make decision, PAC helps with long lasting evaluation and programming decisions, but not daily
 - First amendment - freedom of speech issue - we make explicit decisions not to air perspectives every day, through our mission and vision statement to prioritize specific voices. KB would be problematic.
 - We were not feeling that we could trust that a healthy conversation could happen. Would the guest be confronted on antisemitic, damaging, and problematic work? "Anne Frank is a myth" etc. We were not comfortable taking the risk.
 - Host/Volunteers may agree with part of this persons message, but we didn't feel that it could stand alone
 - Some voices we don't hear as much and at KBOO we make an effort to hear those unheard voices. He's getting plenty of exposure
 - This may be something that PAC wants to take on - how does KBOO engage with debates and different viewpoints on the air
 - Derric took lead, Erin and Ani weighted in agreeing with Derric, Del approved.
 - Received emails that we are the instruments of the jewish state, and being manipulated by Antifa, People complaining from older white male perspective, "I deserve the space"
 - Del is meeting with John to discuss further
 - Islamophobia discussion, but harmful to other communities

- Dan - how much notice does staff get, or need, from programmers about guests?
 - Del - no notice, necessarily. We don't screen guests.
- Dan - backlash from opposing?
 - Del - yes. People people who supported we are contacting with this response:

Dear Community Members,

We truly appreciate the level of community input we have received following our decision to cancel Kevin Barrett's appearance on The Beloved Community program produced by John Shuck last Friday. We stand with the decision we made.

It is a decision that was made by KBOO's program staff in accordance with [KBOO policy# 6](#) and after consulting with KBOO's management. It is extremely rare for KBOO staff to intervene in volunteer programming in this way. The role of KBOO's program staff is not only to develop overall standards for broadcast and podcast, but it is first and foremost to ensure KBOO's programming is aligned with [our mission and programming charter](#). KBOO's staff evaluated that Kevin Barrett's speeches, writing, and other publicly available material are diametrically opposed to KBOO's values.

To be clear, KBOO is independent and this decision was made by staff who have ethical integrity and not as a response to any type of pressure. At this point, we would like for the folks who are questioning KBOO's decision making process, policies and leadership to explore their identities and that of the people who are entrusted by KBOO's current policies and members to make these decisions.

KBOO values community input and we heard the arguments all of you brought forward. Thank you for your feedback. We stand with the decision we made last Friday.

Thank you

Best,

- Herschel went to the forum where they talked about the zionist connection to 9/11. Was shocked
- Reggae Bob - not officially hate speech but leaning towards?
 - Del - leaving room to investigate. It's framed as islamophobia. Like Herschel just said "9/11 truth" the zionist state is connected to the 9/11 events
- It may be an unheard perspective, but how does it dismantle the oppressive system that we are in, air time is precious, vilifying one community to absolve another is not what KBOO is here to do.
- RB - I'm ok with controversial guests, but not if it's ani- something or someone, even if it's just a one time thing "you can't say we didn't let you on"

- Dan - consistency in the process, adhere to mission and charter, gray areas, but staff make those decisions
 - Program staff is familiar, they listen, and it is what makes them the most effective people in setting the standards. PAC, Board, and Del are there to be checks and balance.
 - Del - RB you're okay with controversy
 - RB - will take a look at him
 - We read policy #6 and talked about it
 - Roger advises making a file about this since it's the first time that it's happened in anyone's memory - Share information!
 - Could be a worst case scenario and would be good to have example as a tool for what we do
 - RB - did we tell host that KB is not welcome ever?
 - Del hasn't talked to John yet, but we will send all folks the email above. We are just dealing with current situation
 - Dan - how does this work
 - Erin - not interested in picking guests for hosts. Went through ways we get general complaints and how we deal with it
 - Roger - don't need our platform
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- New Board Liaison - T-Sixx has stepped down from being the Board Liaison. We are unsure who our Liaison is at this time.
 - Shaheed is our new liaison.
 - Del will call him
 - Erin will add him to email list.
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- Dan - what's up with second stream
 - Monthly special programming that last through a weekend, Robert is experimenting with live broadcasting software, no timeline
 - RB - Issue? Erin - main one I think is that there's no IT person, so it's a lot of work for tech staff.
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- RB - have we ever had an all folk day special for the membership drive?
 - Not that I know of, talk about it
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- RB - music shows - reggae - one prime time a week evening - reggae heads would love it. I love hip hop too, next opening we can get reggae back in there, it would be nice.
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- Herschel - did you hear from woman who was interested in unanimous juries?
 - nope

NEXT MEETING

- LOOKING A PROGRAMMING:
 - Survey all who are on the air (hosts, board ops, djs etc) to find out who is on the air
 - identities, etc

- Beloved community self assessment
- ONLY THEN PLAN ALL PROGRAMMER MEETINGS

FUTURE

All Programmer meeting planning (Idea to have programmers be involved in planning program changes, this meeting is to discuss what we're looking to achieve with the strategic plan, and make a process) Issues: Funds, outside facilitator, space, food

Adjourned 7:55pm