

## Draft Minutes of the September 21, 2005 Programming Committee Meeting

Attending: (Members eligible to vote are identified with asterisks)

David Liebttag \*  
Dorothy Read \*  
Gary Smith \*  
Melinda Underwood \*  
Alan D'Amico  
A friend of Alan D'Amico's

Call to Order

### **Agenda:**

The following items were added to the agenda during the meeting:

- Discussion of adult supervisors and students
- Discussion of Voice of Our World program

### **Agenda Item: Complaint about *His Story by Country Christian***

Alan D'Amico attended the meeting; Douglas Page did not. Alan said that Douglas was conducting auditions for his band.

Alan confirmed that he had received my letter explaining the format of the meeting. He then read excerpts of his letter of September 16 to the Programming Committee including the statement that it was not their intent to discriminate and their apology if anyone was offended.

Dorothy talked about the distinction between what they intended and what they did. She also said that their letter was not supposed to be an apology for people taking offense; rather, it was supposed to be an apology for having discriminated. Furthermore, it was supposed to be sent to the board.

Gary explained that we needed to make sure that they understood the meaning of discrimination and that it is our job to ensure that they understand and will not do it again.

Alan said he didn't know that Douglas had read the passage from Leviticus about using the death penalty for homosexuals. He said that Douglas has deep convictions and doesn't care if people disagree.

Dorothy said that in addition to the discrimination issue, if they regain their broadcast issues, they must give the station id at the top of the hour, read two announcements per hour, and read the station's disclaimer announcement at the beginning and end of their show.

There was general discussion about whether Alan might resume the show by himself if Douglas does not regain his privileges.

Alan is going to talk to Douglas and either he or both of them will come to the October 5 meeting.

### **Agenda Item: Email questions**

We discussed problems with email including the need to have a way to conduct private conversations such as dealing with the discrimination complaint. We agreed we ought to have two email addresses: one for public dissemination of information about committee activities and one for conducting the sometimes sensitive work of the committee.

David suggested that we might have majordomo daemons set up to allow members to subscribe and unsubscribe from the public addresses. He also suggested he would like to have the station run an email server so that members could send mail from the station and thereby protect their private email addresses. The group agreed that having majordomos would be good and will think about the mail server idea. David volunteered to talk to Tony Elliot about setting up majordomos.

### **Agenda Item: Programming Coordinator's Report**



The report was reviewed and accepted. It is attached.

There was discussion about the number of hosts who have not broadcast their shows recently. We agreed that although most of the hosts had excellent reasons for not broadcasting, the number seemed quite high. We also agreed to not worry about it for now.

### **Agenda Item: Students and Adult Supervisors**

Gary said he is hearing concerns about the supervisor/youth host ratio and that it may need to be flexible. In addition to the student/adult ratio question, concern was expressed that other rules may not be being followed. Visitor logs appear to be incomplete, and it may be that kids who are not certified as hosts, or do not have parental authorizations on file, or who may not even be members, may be using the equipment.

David said he would talk to Nancy and try to get an accurate accounting of the situation.

Dorothy moved that we propose an addendum to the youth policy that if requested by an educational institution, the Programming Committee can adjust the ratio of students to adult supervisors for specific shows. David seconded the motion. It was passed with 3 Ayes. (Melinda had left.)

### **Agenda Item: Media Minutes program**

Gary asked who had submitted the idea for the show. David did not remember, but said he would check his email. It turns out the submission was made by John Anderson, the producer of Media Minutes. David forwarded the letter to the meeting attendees.

Gary said that he listened to the show and it seemed like the kind of thing he liked. David said that on that basis, if it was submitted by a station member we could include it, but if submitted by an outsider probably not.

We all agreed to listen to it.

### **Agenda Item: Training Manual**

Gary proposed that we submit the following policy to the board:

Adult Supervisor Policy

Adult supervisors have the following responsibilities:

- Ensure kids abide by all station policies
- Monitor all broadcast content

- Ensure all required logs are filled out
- Maintain attendance list including names of kids who miss shows
- Make sure kids do not roam the building
- Monitor phone and internet use
- Verify that only authorized kids use station equipment
- Liaise with parents about kids' issues
- Supervise departure of kids; the supervisor should not leave the station until all kids have safely departed 33 Bridge Street.

Dorothy seconded the motion. It passed with 3 Ayes.

### **Agenda Item: Program Log Requirements**

Gary said Martha is investigating the requirements. He also said that he was investigating if more stringent requirements existed for web casts. We tabled the topic until the next meeting.

### **Agenda Item: Pacifica (Melinda and Tony)**

Postponed until next meeting since Melinda had left

### **Agenda Item: Conflicts between chair and communications coordinator duties**

We agreed things are running fine.

### **Agenda Item: Mail announcements to Tony Elliot**

Dorothy said she was doing it; she just forgot the last time.

### **Agenda Item: Training**

We agreed that the problems with training are really board concerns. Dorothy said she would add training to the agenda for the next board meeting.

### **Agenda Item: Voice of Our World program**

Postponed until next meeting since Melinda had left.

David moved that we adjourn. Gary seconded the motion. It passed with 3 enthusiastic Ayes.