

The meeting was called to order at 12 noon. In attendance were: Andrew Bindursky, Jim Conerly, John Coutret, Tim Chauvin, Rabbi Dr. Jana De Benedetti, Mary Decker, Henry Edwards, Margaret Elrod, Hardy Foreman, Jerry Huffman, Joe Kane, Havard Lyons, Kermit Poling, Carol Zaffeter.

The end of year budget is balanced.

All accounting and personnel info has to go through *Workday*, a new system from LSU Baton Rouge. Even vendors need to apply through *Workday*. Utility payments require new forms. This has created complications, but we are complying with the new guidelines.

Garrison Keillor has retired from Prairie Home Companion. The "New" Prairie Home Companion has cut the price sufficiently to be able to continue working with them. We have an option of re-runs or the 6 new episodes with the new host: Chris Thile. The name of the show remains, we believe that the format will change, but the skits may remain.

New personal spots were effective.

Henry Edwards: We had a successful fund drive. The testimonials seemed to be helpful for the fund drive. We are hoping not to do 3 and a half weeks in the summer next year.

The new *Workday* system is causing extra work.

Ranae is contacting more businesses in East Texas to make contributions and become underwriters.

Kermit: Last year was best underwriting year, this year was second best.

Letourneau University Belcher Center is covering the cost for a *From the Top* show in Longview Texas. Red River Radio will get to split the proceeds with the Belcher Center in exchange for our promotional efforts.

*Getting to know you* events are more difficult with smaller staff.

Wanting to set up internships with schools in many area colleges to have them write feature stories. We have been in discussions with East Texas.

We have a small presence in South Arkansas.

Jerry Huffman: He is now retired. He is in East Texas and wanting to improve the presence of our station in Lufkin and Nacogdoches. Hoping to add some key people in the area. Wanting to get NPR people into the community to speak with key people in that market. He is director of a non-profit that offers grants up to \$10,000. Kermit is working on a possible grant.

Suggestions for new Board members: Curt Fenley (in mid-fifties); Hilary Walker at Regions Bank (late thirties). Jerry moved to accept these new members, Andrew seconded. The members were approved unanimously.

Hardy Foreman moved to accept Nell Shehee as a board member. It was seconded and unanimously approved.

It would be helpful to have Board members from Longview, TX and El Dorado, Ark.

Magnolia would like another translator, but it costs \$50,000. Camden also gets poor reception, but sometimes gets HD.

We should look to add Ruston connections.

Testimonials do not have to include the Donate request.

Suggestions about giving frequency (like coming to you from Bossier city at 89.9)

Add a welcome letter to new board members included in a welcome package.

We need to get new board member list.

Next meeting is Thursday, September 22, 2016. It was scheduled to be Wednesday, but that date was problematic for a majority of those in attendance.

Officers commence their new positions as of this meeting: Gail Beil becomes Immediate Past Chair; Mary Decker becomes Chair; Rabbi Dr. Jana De Benedetti becomes Vice-Chair; Andrew moved that Hardy become secretary. The nomination was seconded by Jim, and unanimously approved.

Hardy moves to adjourn. Jim seconded

Respectfully submitted by Rabbi Dr. Jana L. De Benedetti