

PC MINUTES
Thursday, May 28, 2020

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IN ATTENDANCE via ZOOM: Valerie Mansi, Jason Dole, Tim Bruno, David Dann, Judy Rosen, Mary Hall, Nick Forte

Meeting opens at 11:08am

February 2020 minutes are approved.

Jason Dole, PD, talked about the enormous changes made in March 2020 due to Covid-19. He discussed the process of transition to and the resulting program changes including more local interviews. An extra hour of ATC was added to allow more time for local Covid-19 news and issues concerning the SC community.

Tim Bruno helped Jason by booking the local interviews which usually occur at 4:44pm, 5:44pm and 6:35pm. These times fit the NPR clock best.

Jason archives the interviews and pulls clips so Tim has headlines for the morning. Tim and Jason work together to make it all happen.

Feedback has been positive from guests and listeners.

According to Jason and Tim we have between 12-15 volunteers working remotely. Paul Henshaw has conducted a few trainings on broadcasting remotely via Zoom and Jason has sent out information about additional sources of training to the listserv. There are two live shows broadcast remotely.

The listeners need for information, connectedness and a break from Covid informed the changes.

Jen can cover for Jason Tougaw from time to time but can't do more right now.

Midday programming changes were made because some shows do not leave time for headlines which are needed now.

Will ATC 6-7 remain? Jason's not sure. What's next for local content? Jason is looking at the options to keep local content.

Undercurrents midday from 12 to 2PM got mixed reviews and Jason said it pretty much a place holder for now. The importance of a music show having a balance of both the music and talk, ie, information was discussed. This gives a music show its personality.

Feedback on The Secret Show and Kassie's Corner was given and Jason will follow up with the programmers. Their placement on the program grid was discussed.

Since Covid lots of musicians are not working, it might a good idea to have a program devoted to them and their issues.

As of June 1, NPR's Special hourlong coverage of Covid will end and schedules changes will have to made.

Meeting ends at 12:10pm