

Program Committee Meeting Minutes  
July 21, 2020  
Approved Minutes

Present: David Dann, Jason Dole, Mary Hall, Valerie Mansi

Absent: Nick Forte, Judy Rosen

In Attendance: Sonja Hedlund

Meeting called to order: 11:16 AM

Minutes from May meeting approved.

During public Comment Sonja suggests PC should have more Members. The Suggestion will be referred to Dan Rigney.

Jason delivers his report and it is discussed.

- The possibility of a new program produced and hosted by Josh Fox and titled "Just Fox" is discussed. It is currently a podcast which is approximately 45-49 minutes long. In order for it to air on radio it needs to be edited down to 30 minutes. Jason also feels that the introduction is too long and rambling. Discussion ensues of whether or not an activist show is appropriate and where it might fit in the schedule. Monday night is filled with talk shows, so it might fit there, but it might also mean that there is way too much talk on Monday nights and that it would do better on the weekends. Josh Fox might

bring listeners to the station, and maybe a younger audience, because of his well-known name. Decision is pending.

- \* People are sending in thank you notes with their contributions for the station's ongoing activity during the pandemic and for the local programming additions. In particular, Thurman Barker called to exude gratitude for Retro Cocktail Hour being moved to the evening which means that he can now listen. Another listener and contributor called, however, to complain about the local news interrupting the national news and that Fresh Air was now too early.

Jason discusses his on air conversation with travel show host, Rick Steeves. "Only A Game" will be dropped by NPR in September.

- Jason has been going through a list of possible Hispanic shows and realizes that a new producer is needed to make this happen. There is a regional Hispanic newspaper, La Voz, and a woman from that paper works for Radio Kingston. She has put Jason in touch with the host of a show there called La Dosis Perfecta (The Perfect Dose.) Though there is agreement with the concept of the La Voz idea and with that of the Kingston show, there is concern that we do not know what the show is about or how commercial a bent it might have. David Barnes, who speaks Spanish, says he will listen to it, as will PC members
- It is agreed that the Program Committee should have a Spanish speaking member.
- \* There is a new show, Soul DeLuxe, airing on Wednesday at 10 PM. It runs Ad Council PSAs at the end of the show and Jason is going to "move the tails" to get rid of the ads.

Bhodi Talk needs a new spot and Saturday is discussed. Discussion ensues about aspects of the show.

Ron Pensca has left the station and is no longer making Hillbilly Heaven. A replacement will be needed. The station is currently doing reruns which Jason says will do until the end of the summer but probably not beyond.

- Kusar Grace has been recording on the porch of the station He might be able to go live from home. Paul Henshaw is helping him.
- The station responded to George Floyd's death and the subsequent protests by airing the funeral and with many shows discussing the Black Lives Matter movement and running appropriate music.
- There have been many band width problems at the station with dropouts of several seconds at a time. This seems to be a result of the increase in Zoom usage. Spectrum may have addressed the problem.

Jesse and Aldo is recording live from home. Greg DeNunzio sometimes fills in.

- The station has stopped airing the Sullivan County meetings about COVID. Instead they are doing weekly interviews and newscasts.
- Owen, from the River Reporter, is doing the newscasts, replacing Fritz who has left the paper. The station is moving forward to increase partnerships with other news organizations, including the Sullivan County Democrat and Manor Ink, which has a monthly segment on Chatskill.

The Program Committee expressed their appreciation for and approval of the work the Jason and Tim have been doing during the Pandemic.

The social justice statement that was put out by the CAB was shared by Sonja. She has issues that will be brought to Dan Rigney.

The meeting ended at 12:20.