

Executive Committee Minutes
January 26, 2008

Start Time: 7:43 AM

End Time: 3:48PM

Attendance: Michael, Rob, Erin, Avalon, Amanda, Matt, Josh, Kimberly, Devon, and Rebecca

7:43 General Meeting Review

Josh wants to talk about last night's General staff meeting. Swell idea Josh, swell idea. Rebecca, Devon, and Avalon, chime in saying that it went well and the new contract idea was simply brilliant. After confirming the positive feedback on the new contract hours plan, the floor is briefly open for other comments, the main comments are, long and food was late.

Josh mentions that there was poor attendance, Rebecca, = questions, "are you going to give out minor violations?" Josh, pause, replies not yet. He then discusses why. Some people had legitimate excuses, while others claimed work was the issue, but Josh reminds us that he gave the dates way in advance

7:51 World inferno show

Josh quickly changes the subject to the world inferno show. Matt Jackson talks about his suggestion to get a band to join them from L.A. The Band is Punk Funny, a trashy, fun loving, brother and sister punk band that's just plain outrageous. Other band names are thrown around, but Josh asks that a demo tape or link should be sent to him for approval. There is a quick discussion about the ability to get Puck Legends Youth Brigade to play. But the issue with that is they may bring older punks rather than those rascally young hardcore kids. A brief discussion ensues mocking hardcore kids and how they are bad, but still get dropped off by their moms to shows. There is plenty of giggles until Amanda voices her dislike for driving and how she enjoys her mom dropping her off. The fun stops

7:55 awkward pause

7:56 zacks silly water cooler idea persists

Josh reviews zacks idea, the crowd is not amused. All mention interesting points such as; it's not worth it, we don't need it, we already have a water faucet, get a bottle of water, the use and waste of paper cups en masse, and people would do, "unsanitary things to the water cooler." Such as putting their mouths on it (ew gross!).

Matt Jackson cleverly motions to make Zack get a water bottle, Devon seconds and I think Kimberly follows suit, the motion is derailed when Elizabeth talks about other options and how the nexus has a microwave (yea microwaves!).

IT is a unanimous no and Josh, "will be the bearer of bad news."

8:02 Budget

Elizabeth passes around the current budget and prepares to debrief us on the topic. She first directs our attention to the annual report. Our attention is directed to our total budget this year, \$142,000. She talks about how we do not need to approach AS about using money but it is up to us to take care of the budget. She talks about using that money would go into, advertisement, paying bills and other things with the station. She shows us the special projects

row, on the AS budget request. There is \$2300, any money that is leftover this year will go in there, There is also a fees section with \$4325, that we have to pay to AS. Back to the AS Financial Report, She continues to review each row, and notes the money allocated to Independent contractor should probably be in work-study. She shows us that there is still money left over for paychecks. Next is Operating, which unfortunately we have over spent by \$27,364.84, not factoring in the almost \$40,000 in the encumbered section, she notes that its not unusual for us to over spent this section, and its dependent on how many “big things’ we purchase.

We review the money spent on things such as democracy now, and on travel expense, which she notes is low. She talks about special projects and how she needs to check something with AS, especially on reimbursement for carpeting and painting. All in all we have spent \$110,072.71 of our total budget, so we are on budget and things are looking good. (yea for on budget!)

My happiness is subdued when she informs us we need to fill out a budget request, but my mood is restored when I'm informed that all will received a raise. We are informed that we can now considered reallocating some money for other projects we have in mind. Some ideas include adjusting money that is paid on the phone, copies and duplications.

8:16 Awkward pause
interrupted by matt saying its cold

8:17 budget resumed
Elisabeth talks about saving money for posterity and the ever-growing threat of inflation. Rebecca wants to start a record label, josh asks about an account where we can put money in for savings. She also mentions the possibly of investing some money in socially responsible things not like war companies, tobacco, alcohol, oppressive governments, negative screens but rather invest in positive screens such as, healthy work enjoiments, eco-friendly companies and so on and so forth.

Josh brings up the money left for paychecks, and how we have used about 1/3 of it so far. There is a short dialogue between josh and Elizabeth on the issue of money for paychecks. We our now left to figure out the budget (yea?). Erin poses a quick question on the details of which I missed but Elizabeth seems to answer it thoroughly.

8:27 there is quick gathering of info for the coffee run
josh-hot chocolate (rad)
mat – Ice water (at this time of year? Matt your crazy!)
Erin – green tea
Amanda – hot chocolate (rad)
Rob – chai latte
Kim – chai latte

8:27
There is a little of chatter, talks include Chris not being here, and lack of sleep from everybody

8:28 budget discussion

josh calms us down to talk about the budget and special projects. One such item is fixing the leaking of nasty brown liquid from the roof. Next in line is work-study and fixing the problem with the independent contractor. Matt asks about setting money aside for Digitizing/ data basing the library

Ted coe arrives d=fashionably late 8:32

Back to budgeting. There is quick talk about the remodeling of the music directors office, and the chaos that surrounds the media center. We think that phone and paychecks should stay the same, we want to know what we were spending a lot within operation costs that caused us to be almost 30,000 over.

There is a sidetrack not of what I'm actually writing about, my immaculate detail is reviled and laughs abound

Ted coe brings us back to the budget and figuring out operating cost and making sure that the expenses are one time cost or other things that we may need to continually play. Skip honoraria, contracts stay the same. A discussion ensues between josh and matt on the contract spending. Next is travel and there is talk about the cost for GRC and such.

8:41 Ted leaves the room to help Elisabeth with the drinks

Matt talks about the future location of GRC and how that will affect the cost, it may be in Oregon therefore cheaper.

8:42 meeting on hold for drink passing

8:43 all have their drinks, all are happy, therefore meeting continues

Josh informs Elisabeth what we have been talking about. Josh addresses contract and Operations and Elisabeth address his concerns. Operating is high because, we have not been reimbursed for carpet, computers that we purchased, work done to the generator at broadcast peak, and the new server. All these are seen as one-time things and the need to increase operating budget doesn't seem as dire. Rebecca's thinks operating budget should stay the same, Amanda thinks we should provide a \$5,000 d "cushion."

8:50

meeting is interrupted by a snap, all heads turn to Elisabeth whose plastic knife has been compromised due the extraordinary strength of the organic cream cheese.

8:51 meeting resumes

it is decided that contracts will stay the same.

Next is talk of travels and cost that will follow such adventures. Since GRC is in Oregon there is talk of just driving which would drastically cut the cost. Other travels discussed South-by-South West. Matt throws out a seemingly random number for travel costs, but all is cleared when explains his elaborate planning of the budget. Rebecca, reasonably bored ask, "josh don't you have class?" a tired josh response, "its Friday." Elisabeth talks about another confrere, nation federation of community broadcasters, that we could consider when deciding the travels budget. However it is very expensive. Erin questions about money for sports. Rob reminds her of the Diexler account. Rebecca asks about money for UCRN. Rebecca express he like for Matts plan. And Elisabeth talks about another conference that she once attended that wasn't so good but that has been approaching us to come. We are talking about GRC and when we will

have to pay registration. Matt submits his proposal on the budget to Josh and eloquently explains.

9:02 everyone pauses in awe of Matt.

9:03 meeting resumes

Rob brings up the cost of special projects and media center. Elisabeth addresses the issue. Elisabeth briefly mentions the unfinished paint job to which Rebecca expresses her like for the mismatch paint, Ted mentions the peeling paint on the control room door, the discussion concludes with Josh saying it looks like a bunny

Josh brings us back to the budget by saying he wants us to do more traveling. There is more talk among people on what the final verdict for the traveling budget. There are some last minute questions and statements for clarification. The biggest factor in travel to Conference is its location. There is much discussion of Matt's proposal.

9:14 Matt motions to support his proposal, Rebecca's seconds and it's unanimous.

9:15 Josh and Elisabeth talk about the work-study and independent contractor issue. Rob has a few questions but is quickly interrupted as people do a courteous good morning wave to Bryan Brown as he walks by. Elisabeth talks to Rob about his question.

9:20 Josh hints at wrapping up the meeting. Josh foreshadows the creation of committees to discuss upcoming events. There is talk about South by South West, and going to go, and maybe sending someone interested in the music directors position next year. Elisabeth clarifies that who ever is chosen to go to the conference isn't guaranteed a job and if three people go to make sure it is not always going to be that way.

9:26 Erin notes the rain and there is short talk of umbrellas in the wake of the topic

9:27 Back to discussing Josh wants to know how much time we have before the cost of SxSW goes up.

9:28 Amanda wants to double-check the actual date of the winter retreat (Feb. 2). People scurry to their planners and notebooks to mark the date and make sure all is well with the planned meeting. IT is scheduled to go from 9:00 to 1:00.

9:30 Devon politely leaves the room to take an important call

9:31 Ted steps up to remind co-promotes

Molotov 2/2

St. Vincent, watercolor paintings at Velvet Jones on 2/16

A.S. is bringing Living Legends on the 2/8 (maybe we can table or make a spot)

Numbskull is bring Bedouin Sound Clash to Velvet Jones

9:34 Amanda motions to support all shows, Josh seconds, and everyone is in favor

9:35 Josh wraps up and doesn't want to do reports.