

**WCUW 91.3FM
910 MAIN STREET,
WORCESTER MA 01610**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: Tues, Sept 20, 2022, 7:00 PM (in-person and zoom)

ATTENDING: Rajoo Ananth, Darren Pinto, Greg Check, Rick Hendra, William Fisher, Tupac William McNeil, Tania Romero, Barry Sullivan, Jonathan O'Leary and Troy Tyree

ABSENT: NONE

GUESTS: Larry Haley, Nicholas Cousins, Saket and John Solaperto

MEETING MINUTES

- Quorum reached at 7.17pm, meeting called to order
- Self-introduction by guests
- Minutes of Board meeting held on Aug 16, 2022 proposed by Rick and approved unanimously by all.

FANTASTIC PIZZA-LEASE DISCUSSION

Saket mentioned that current business was same as 2020 surviving on assistance from the State of MA and that he is working two jobs. Saket requested no changes to be made on the lease agreement. He is hoping his business will pick up with 500 residents in new dormitories at Clark University down the road—deliveries may increase. Rising energy costs have resulted in 30% loss of business revenue and there has been no business on the food truck since Dec 2021-April 2022.

Rajoo proposed motion to keep the lease agreement same for 1 year. This was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HR COMMITTEE:

Report was discussed in executive session following the board meeting

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE:

Darren requested more cooperation in these activities. Greg stated that video arrangement will not be accommodated by the grant. Future grant can be applied for cameras, video and studio console. Larry mentioned that handicapped access is not so expensive. He had checked WNEP and WCER in Amherst.

Plan suggested is to have video production capability in both on-air studios. Details need to be presented to the board. Larry mentioned connecting with Clark for help and participation by developing a program for directed studies supervised by their faculty. Similar proposals can be made to Assumption college and WPI. Greg proposed that space plan be approved by the board so they can move on to next steps. Space plan was accepted by 6 board members.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Darren said Woosox event is postponed to spring of next year.

ED REPORT:

Please refer to documents sent by ED on Sept 20, 2022, email to Board

- Digital Marquis is already in the front room
- Building and room capacity is per Worcester building code. Egress way is a must and is reserved for handicapped. Larry visited Worcester building inspectors to check for code. Front room has 64 seats for people. According to code 80 people can be in the building with male toilet for 50 people and female toilet for 30 people.
- Parking for 15 spots on the street—4 people per parking spot (total 60 people)
- Right of the egress there is space to accommodate 22 people in the current air studio
- Total building capacity is therefore 86 people limited by bathroom facility for 80 people according to code
- Food court event on the street was accomplished—one new membership, donations of food and accolades
- Bill Fisher expanded the discussion of involving Clark students as part of a strategy to initiate internet radio club for Clark University. Troy can help internet setup, students like Debbie Rhodes can get educational opportunities

- Records sale to continue in October and November. Expected revenue is \$3000 --cash and online combined
- Announcements on Facebook were made, traffic was approximately 30 people for records sale
- Square or a card reader is a must for collections
- Two-week fund drive --Sept 26th to Oct 8th target was \$17000. Troy will share the numbers with BOD regarding both online and on-air donations
- Larry suggested shifting fundraising more towards online

ELECTION DISCUSSION

Attendance at 2 BOD meetings requirement before nomination as stated in bylaws -Article IV Section 1c has been suspended indefinitely and effective immediately.

Section 1: Qualification of Directors

“In order to qualify for nomination to the Corporation’s Board of Directors, a person must comply with all of the following conditions:

(c) attend at least two (2) of the monthly Regular Meetings of the Board in the twelve (12) months prior to nomination and at those meetings demonstrate abilities in communication, listening and working toward group agreement in a way that is respectful of others”

This suspension was voted and passed unanimously by the Board

- Meeting adjourned at 9.42 pm--motioned by Jonathan and seconded by Greg
- Executive session followed the board meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Rajoo Ananth
Secretary of BOD
WCUW Inc.