

**KSPS Community Advisory Board October 8, 2020, 4pm
Zoom**

CAB members attending by teleconference: Consuelo Larrabee (Vice Chair), James Albrecht (Chair), Shaun Higgins, Terrie Ashby-Scott, Patty Crone, Bob Morrison, Vanessa Strange (Secretary)

Members Absent: n/a

KSPS staff attending: Gary Stokes, Cary Balzer

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm.

At 4:06 pm, the minutes from the September 10, 2020 meeting were approved (motion: Shaun second: Consuelo) Vanessa will forward them to Dawn to be posted on the KSPS website, in compliance with the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) requirements, and Monica Samper, Friends of KSPS board secretary, in compliance with the bylaws.

General Manager's Report and Discussion

- James presented our annual report to the board in September
- KSPS staff mostly still working from home, but more working in studio regularly
- Year is finishing up in good shape financially, including some CARES act funding
- Remaining creatively thrifty, there's some savings from no travel this year, will hire someone in the Education department in January
- Inland Sessions debuted this week, (music and stories) Mondays at 7:30 well received
- Debate season ongoing
- Revenue ahead of budget again, and hope to continue that trend

Comments/Questions:

- Shaun was blown away by Inland Sessions, appreciated elements like: artist integrity, great production quality, intimate feel

Chief Investments & Partnerships Officer Report:

- n/a

Programming Director's Report and Discussion

- Programming updates distributed by email
- Debate postponement and rescheduling as needed
- Candidates are reluctant to debate this year
- PBS *NewsHour* complaints about being left-leaning, mostly based on perception of analysis after debates, some commenters not KSPS members
- Sesame Workshop Oct 15 special- *The Power of We*, 11am, special response programming

- A lot of programs have been suspended due to COVID, including *Father Brown*, all of 2021 will be lean due to production being stopped most of 2020
- Comfort reruns include: *Poirot*, *Cranford*, *Ballykissangel*, *Jane Austen*
- *Summer of Rockets* 6 part series coming out

Around-the-table comments

- Shaun: Saturday Night Cinema cancelled *The Big Bounce*, would like to screen out not-great movies before they get added to the schedule
- Bob: COVID still going on in Canada also, economic downturn in Alberta, 10-20% decline in housing prices by 2022, climate friendly budgeting, will be trying out Passport
- Patty: has been watching Passport *Grantchester*, debates
- Vanessa: Reports helping out “cable-cutters” with Passport and other streaming options, glad to see the website posts the Inland Sessions for viewers to watch any time
- Consuelo: Enjoyed *Great Performances: Haydn*, *Nova: Writing Changed the World*, and *Caine Mutiny*
- James: Commented on one evening’s programming going from *Lawrence Welk* to *Bill and Ted*, asked about the new *Oregon Field Guide*- answer: we will get when new episodes come out. CAB application discussion: encourage people to apply, and more outside the area to join, explain what we do in the ad
- Gary: For the Civic Health pillar, Providence is coming back to sponsor another season of Health Matters, November 19th first episode

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m. The next CAB meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 12th, 2020 at 4pm via Zoom

Action items

- Vanessa will forward the approved September minutes to Dawn and Monica