

Friends of KSPS

Board Meeting

September 28, 2023 at KSPS PBS and via Zoom

Members present: Roberta Brooke, Marti D'Agostino, Jessica Deri, Craig Gracyalny (Vice Chair), Jon Heideman, Jaye Hopkins, Nikki Kennedy, Kim Llyod (Treasurer), Kristine Meyer (Chair), Beth Pellicciotti (Secretary), Rosemary Selinger

Absent: James Alexie, Kiantha Duncan

Staff present: Gary Stokes, Dawn Bayman, Sarah Gehman, Sandra Kernerman, Jim Zimmer

Guest : James Albrecht

Guests : KSPS Managers

Call to Order Kristine Meyer called the meeting to order @ 4:30 pm; a quorum is present. Welcome to new members.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda was approved, including the minutes of the July 27, 2023 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Kim Lloyd presented the July/August 2023 Financials, still ahead of budget and in a good liquidity position. Jaye Hopkins moved to accept the July/August 2023 financials, seconded by Beth Pellicciotti, and this motion passed unanimously.

Endowment Report: Sandy Kernerman presented on the Endowment. The 4% Distribution from the Endowment held at Washington Trust has been moved into operating funds (\$71,667.26). By board policy, 90% of all undesignated bequests are placed in the Endowment. 10% of each year's bequests are held back in savings, and the Board votes each year on whether to place those funds into the Endowment or use them for the operating budget. As of the end of FY23, that total is \$75,561.85. Kim Lloyd moved, and Rosemary Selinger seconded that the \$75,561.85 held back from FY23 bequests be transferred into the Endowment. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Calendar: Roberta Brooke moved, and Craig Gracyalny seconded that the FY24 Board Calendar be approved. The vote was unanimous.

Ratify the Diversity Statement: Gary Stokes presented the statement for re-approval or changes. Jon Heideman moved and Kim Lloyd seconded to approve the statement. Following discussion, Jon Heideman moved and Kim Lloyd seconded to table the motion to allow the following changes to the statement: remove the specified number of Board members, add disabled and equity into the policy. The vote was unanimous to table the motion. Gary Stokes will make these changes and will send the revised Diversity Statement to Board members for a vote for the amended statement via email.

The amended Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility statement was approved by email vote.

Community Advisory Board (CAB) Report: James Albrecht, CAB Chair presented this report.

Reports from Staff:

Gary Stokes, President and General Manager: Excellent staff and increasing recognition for fine work by KSPS PBS.

Dawn Bayman, Station Manager for Skyler Reep, Development Director: Ongoing goal is to diversify funding support beyond Membership, and that has been happening, as evidenced by significant growth in planned giving, major gifts, and corporate sponsorship.

Patiel Bedrosian, Operations Manager: Detailed report on operations/traffic and engineering departments.

Brooke Matson, Education Director: Work focuses on serving families and educators. Implementing large grant through the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Jason Miller, Corporate Investments Director: Review of Career Explore. Strong underwriting support by businesses. He presented a challenge to the Board on introducing the most people to Career Explore.

Adjourn: Kristine Meyer adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm