



Meeting Minutes: Friends of KSPS Full Board Meeting
Regular Meeting
January 29, 2026
KSPS 3911 South Regal
Spokane, WA

Members Attending: Kristine Meyer (chair), Craig Bakker, Emily Geddes, Jeff Ferguson, Jon Heideman, Jaye Hopkins, Kim Lloyd, Beth Pellicciotti, Rosemary Selinger

Members Absent: James Alexi, Jessica Deri, Kiantha Duncan, Ken Spiering

Staff Attending: Shawn Claypool, Maddi Dykeman, Leilah Isaacson, Ian Maikisch, Jason Miller, McKayla Fox, Zana Morrow, Jill-Lynn Nunemaker, and Skyler Reep

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Kristine Meyer at 4:30 pm. She announced a quorum.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Consent Agenda – It was moved and seconded to approve the consent agenda. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer’s Report – The cash in the financial report increased due to the Innovia deposit. The Innovia account balance is \$5000 after the movement of funds to KSPS. Revenue, development funds and member support are up. An RFP has been set to five CPA firms for an estimate to conduct the KSPS audit. The Finance Committee moved, and Beth Pellicciotti seconded that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted. The vote was unanimous.

Shout-out – Board member, Jeff Ferguson, was featured in the Fig Tree newsletter.

Upcoming Events Update (America250 and Civics Bowl): During the November showing of parts of the Ken Burns’ documentary, *The American Revolution*, media makers created videos of attendees sharing, “What does liberty mean to me?” Additional America250 events are with the Spokane (Central) Library, the Museum of Arts and Culture, and a regional Farmers’ Market.

Leilah Isaacson, KSPS Public Affairs Producer, reported that the Civics Bowl is back (fourth year) after a one-year hiatus. Nine high school teams will be participating, with recordings scheduled in April. Civics Bowl episodes will be broadcast through June 8. League of Women Voters writers are using textbooks with a focus on Washington State and Native American history and government, and US History. The moderator will be Scott Leadingham.

General Manager Transition Update: Kristine Meyer reported that the search committee work for the next KSPS general manager is drawing to a close. She thanked the search committee, the Board and the staff for their commitment to this process.

Development Director's Report: Skyler Reep reported that KSPS has reached a milestone where more than 50% of all members are sustaining members. As noted in the Treasurer's Report, development numbers are strong.

Interim General Manager's Report: He reported on a media meeting with Congressman Michael Baumgartner and noted that the Congressman is very interested in workforce development. Board members are writing thank-you notes to donors.,

Board Committee Updates:

Governance – Attendance/Alumni Club: Emily Geddes said that 77% of the Board are committed donors. Board members are expected to attend 80% of the Board meetings. Recruitment of Board members is important, as three Board members will be going off the Board at the end of their terms: James Alexi, Kim Lloyd, and Rosemary Selinger. Jessica Deri is working on the development of an Alumni Club.

Education – Future Day—Jaye Hopkins described the progress for the upcoming Future Day (February 21 at Spokane Community College). This is a hands-on activity day for elementary school students who are thinking about their future. STCU has awarded KSPS \$21,000 for education work.

Civic Health—Jim Zimmer said the Civic Health Committee will be meeting on February 20 at 4:00 pm.

Workforce: Jason Miller reported that 161 careers are “live” on the website and another 57 are contracted to be created. Avista is featuring careers in the arts -- museum workers, illustrators, writers, and artists. Jason Miller also reported work with an organization that provides information on careers for those differentially enabled.

Executive Session: Kristine Meyers called an Executive Session.

Kristine Meyer adjourned the Board meeting at 6:15 pm.