



**Minutes for Friends of KSPS Board Meeting  
October 30, 2013**

**Attending** – Leo Stevens, Pati Dahmen, Jeffrey Adams, Clint Marvel, Marvo Reguindin, Roberta Brooke, Rosemary Selinger, Gary Livingston, Steve Walther, Bob Morrison (phone)

**Absent** – Mary Joan Hahn, Kelly Konkright, Kathleen MacKenzie, Mary Phillips-Rickey

**Staff** – Cary Balzer, Dawn Bayman, Sandra Kernerman, Gary Stokes

President Leo Stevens called the meeting to order at 4:32pm.

President Stevens called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting. Roberta Brooke pointed out Dr. Christine Johnson was not listed as either attending nor absent. Motion to approve amended minutes made by Roberta Brooke, seconded by Rosemary Selinger and unanimously approved.

**New Business** – President Stevens reminded the Board Linda Oien of businessPATHS will attend November meeting to gather information for the next Board retreat.

Co-Treasurer Clint Marvel reviewed the September Financials– with one month into the new enterprise, we are ahead on revenue and under on expenses for a \$147,000 net favorable variance compared to budget year to date. Gary added there are still some major budget impact items ahead, including the costs of the phone and network system transfer and the PBS Dues, which will both hit in November. The biggest concern there is final approval by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which impacts the timing of our grant payment. We still hope to get that approval in time for our December grant. Clint also mentioned the year end audit from Dingus Zarecor is done and except for some question about capitalization of assets connected to the Murdock Grant, everything went well. We'll get the audit report at the November meeting. After some discussion about assets and possible pursuit of a line of credit, President Stevens called for a motion to approve the September Financial report. Motion to approve made by Marvo Reguindin, seconded by Pati Dahmen and unanimously approved.

Co-Treasurer Jeffrey Adams reported there will be an update on the Investment Policy as we continue to examine our current financial picture.

President Stevens introduced new Board member Dr. Christine Johnson of Community Colleges of Spokane, who said she's happy to be part of this distinguished group of colleagues.

President Stevens also recognized KSPS Programming Director Cary Balzer, who was pleased to be invited to address the Board.

GM Gary Stokes explained to the Board the need to approve a series of policies to become a CPB member station. Our compliance plans for these policies (which cover diversity, donor lists, and public

meeting notices among others) were submitted with our CPB application and the Board action approving them will be submitted as a supplement to our application. After some explanation about select policies, and discussion about implementation, President Stevens called for a motion to approve adoption of these policies. Motion to approve made by Christine Johnson, seconded by Rosemary Selinger and unanimously approved.

**General Manager's Report** – Vacancies on the FCC have been filled – the new Chairman used to be on the PBS Board; Budget talks in Congress will start soon and there may be some cuts in federal funding; KSPS fundraising is going well, so far; and while we are now off the air in Missoula, we hope to be back on in a few weeks from a different location.

**Development Report - Dawn Bayman** – September was good, and so far, September good, October has been better, including a \$25,000 check from someone in Calgary who had never been a donor and just wanted to support us. Rick Steves is back in December and in addition to pledging several of his programs, we also have a sponsor and venue for a lecture prior to the Pledge event (Thanks to Sandra.) Strong interest in Downton Abbey sponsorship, and we expect that to be done soon; Downton Season 4 Preview Party already a success – 150 signed up to attend (still looking for sponsors); Jason Miller joins us as Corporate Support representative.

**Programming Report – Cary Balzer** - New children's programming – Peg + Cat (animated series to solve math problems) but Barney and Word World move to Sunday only; Comcast moved World and Create from channels 108/109 to 313/314. Not much notice from Comcast about the change. Inside Washington and Moyers and Company are both ceasing production and leaving the programming lineup. New Tricks final season is coming in the Spring. We're currently airing the Father Brown mysteries, acquired through the Patty Starkey Fund, pledge special to follow. Sherlock is also coming back in January and will follow Downton making better flow and providing a great lineup. Call the Midwife, Selfridge and Bletchley Circle will all be appearing on Sundays next year.

**Committee Reports - Development Committee** – Committee Chair Pati Dahmen reported the Committee met on October 17th. Sandra Kernerman discussed the drafting of a case statement (making the case for supporting KSPS.) She also informed the Board, per a suggestion from Committee Member Bob Morrison – we have to think about bigger dollars and we came away with new giving levels - Explorer (10k) and Masterpiece (25k). There will be a \$500 a plate at the old Joel Ferris mansion on February 22<sup>nd</sup> for 20 people, followed by a salon gathering for 80 people @ \$100 apiece for dessert, cigars, billiards and brandy.

There being no more official business, President Stevens adjourned the meeting at 5:49pm.