

Bisbee Radio Project Inc. Minutes 2024 09 24

Attendees:

- Rob Shipley
- Michael Brown
- Kirk Reynolds
- Helen Lyons
- Joe Barron
- Suzanne Walsh
- Michael Thornton
- Stephanie Peavy
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Opening:

The regular meeting of the Bisbee Radio Project, Inc. was called to order at 5:33 on September 24, 2024 in 400 Arizona St, Bisbee AZ by Rob Shipley.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

Call to Public

Harry: wants to donate to order a plaque of founding members at their expense for the station.
Motion to vote by Michael Brown at 6:25pm to accept this donation, Passed Unianmously.

Open Issues

Liz introduction: still working at a capacity for Bisbee Science Lab
Currently office Co-coordinator with Helen

We still have available intern funds to apply to positions. Do we want to apply these funds to Liz to allow her to expand her hours?

Is this against the stipulations of the grant (Arizona Media)? The stipulations of the grant are pretty wide open. The concern is that we would be using 'intern' funds for an 'employee'

Could we call grant providers for clarifications? Probably not an issue. If we decide to use the funds for someone else we need to find that.

Michael Thornton: making a motion to bring Liz Vann in as a office coordinator intern and use the funds earmarked for the internship. And evaluate her employment at the end of the internship.

Voted unianimously YES at 5:43.

New Building Pros and Cons:

Building is in good shape, lots of parking, networking wired to the building. Big parking lot with event possibilities. Street exposure.

Cons: Not the best radio reception. Less public exposure.

Streaming updates: We have tested all components but we need to finish the set up. Deadline to finish this put at 2 Weeks

Motion to vote by Kirk to spend the the money needed to buy the last equipment needed to set up the new transmitter set up.

Passed uniamously at 6:05pm.

Finance updates: Promissory note continues to be paid, that money continues to generate interest. Membership revenue is slightly down and underwriting revenue has dropped. Less grant money compared to last year.

We are saving money on expenses though. We are saving money on a new insurance plan and we have cost savings from not having employees until August.

Yearly budget for next year is going to be about 70,000\$. We are not in the black with our revenue just yet, but theres plenty of room for improvement.

TWIBFest: We got lots of exposure, got a few renewals and new memberships and sold a bit of merch.

Liz has made some great flyers to entice new programmers and volunteers, we want to start targeting high schoolers as honors students NEED 60 hours to graduate with honors.

Membership update: we are giving them membership cards, thank you letters, a form to update their info and the current programming schedule.

New Programmer training: Motion by Joe Barron to put on a "programming volunteer" training within the year to train interested people the basics of programming. Passed unanimously at 6:52pm.

Amendment: to try and fast track the current interested people as soon as possible at 6:54pm.y

New Business

Summarize the discussion for new issues, state the next steps and assign any action item.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:01 by Rob Shipley. The next general meeting will be at 5:30pm on October 23rd in Location TBD.

Minutes submitted by: Joe Barron, Board Secretary