



ReadyFM Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 12th, 2025

Attendees:

Brian Benedum
Rick Hartman

Opening Prayer by:

Secretary's Report:

Discussion Items

- Bureau of Workers' Compensation letter.
 - I have been receiving monthly invoices from the BWC since I came on board with a credit for the amount due. Last month I received a letter stating that our policy has been in a lapsed state for more than 18 months and will be cancelled if we don't pay the amount due in the next 30 days. Not sure if we will receive a check for the \$107.58 on the account, but I will be allowing this coverage to be cancelled.

Motions:

- Accept –
- 2nd –
- Approved

Treasurer's Report:

Discussion Items

- The \$50 check to RS Tax Services for Rick's 1099 has not been cashed yet. I'll send an e-mail if it hasn't been cashed within the next week or two.

Financial Reports (reports available online):

- Open Invoices
- Balance Sheet
- Profit & Loss
- YTD Financials compared to prior year

Motions:

- Accept –
- 2nd –
- Approved

Station Manager's Report:

Discussion Items

- Sports season is over. Jonathan Alder's season was very successful. We had the largest listenership of the basketball season for their final game with just short of 300 listeners.
- Rick will be working with Todd Boyd on the new 'Community Matters' show
- We need to get with OHSAA about the category we will fall under which impacts the fees charged for playoff games. We are currently in the Low Power radio station non-profit category which is \$25 per game. If we only do internet streaming this amount goes up to \$60-\$70 per game.
- Rick wants to add more liners and change the way they fall in the programming. For example, matching the liners with the music that will follow.
- Rick is adding more music to our library, going up to the year 2004.
- Rick will also be doing some production type stuff with the programming. Like a 7am Monday wakeup call, for example.

Motions:

- Accept –
- 2nd –
- Approved

Technical Report:

Discussion Items

- Windows Remote Desktop is going away
 - Being rolled into 'Windows App'
 - Support ends May 2025
 - Will probably still work going forward but not long term
 - Found an open-source solution – RustDesk. Has good reviews. Will research to see if we should replace Remote Desktop between station computers and Team Viewer.
 - Another option is a KVM switch for the two studio computers – around \$40.00.
- I created a new PayPal account and set it up as a charitable organization.
 - The organization shows up as Madison Area Youth Center, not ReadyFM though.
 - When I get time I plan on calling PayPal to see if this can be changed.
- Podcast Archive update:
 - Having an issue with larger files (>2GB) getting a connection timeout and not completing
 - Affected shows: Football/Basketball games, Special Events (baseball)
 - As of January 1st, the Asura Help Desk has passed this issue off to the LiteSpeed support team. This is the software that Asura is using on their servers.
 - They upgraded to the latest version, but the problem still exists.

- All other issues have been resolved and the following shows prior to 2023 have been archived: Beyond the Barn, All Church Services, Board Meetings
- We were still running out of space, so I've archived anything over 1 year.
- It looks like I'm not going to get a solution from Asura or LiteSpeed, so I'm working on re-writing the code (again) to request an upload from the NAS drive. This basically reverses who is initiating the file transfer. I hope this fixes the problem, but I now have to have my NAS set up as a web server as well, and I have some issues to resolve with communication between two different domains.
- Since I have to change the NAS configuration, the archive retrieval process on the website will not work until I get the alternate solution working.

Traffic Report:

- Total Visits – 277 up from 210
- Total Listeners – 28,538 down from 31,880
- Total Listening Hrs. – 1,902 down from 1,930

Motions:

- Accept –
- 2nd –
- Approved

Old Business:

Discussion Items

- Restructuring of Sponsorships due to new regulation enforcements
 - Internet broadcasts are not regulated, but over air is
 - Simulcast internet and over air using both studio computers and both StationPlaylist programs.
 - Rick will need to have separate schedules for internet and over air broadcasts with full commercials/spots for internet and 'business card' spots for over air.
 - Current hardware should be able to do this with some procedural changes
 - Live broadcasts will only be on the internet with the new setup
 - Rick and Brian discussed the options for the Spots off-line and Brian will have a draft of the re-worked spot options for the next meeting. Rick and Brian will also test how to re-configure the Studio computers to do separate internet and over the air broadcasts with different spots for each. We will also work on different options for doing live broadcasts only over the internet or both over air and internet with the over air spots muted.
- Potential new Realty show/Community Matters like show hosted by Todd Boyd.
 - Rick will be working with Todd on this.
- Look into promoting radio station on sign at Elm & Main St.
 - No Cost for us due to our 501c status
 - Contact person – Eve Breedlove 740-852-3243
 - Brian will follow up with this as time permits.

Motions:

- Accept –
- 2nd –

- Approved

New Business:

- No New Business

Motions:

- Accept –
- 2nd –
- Approved

Closing Prayer by:

Motion for Adjournment by:

- Accept –
- 2nd –
- Approved

Next Board Meeting:

Wednesday April 9th at Phat Daddy's 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Action Items:

- none