KUTE Inc.
KSUT Board of Directors
Monthly Meeting
September 9, 2020, 5:30 p.m.

"KSUT is a community supported public broadcasting organization serving the communities of the Four Corners, providing diverse and eclectic entertainment, education, news, and information while promoting multicultural awareness and understanding."

Call to Order@ 5:32 PM

Present in person: Tami Graham, Robert Ortiz, Mike May, Rick Gore, Gary Skiba, Buz Bricca, Kree Lopez, Eddie Box Jr. Board candidates Terri Reherman and Mike May

Not Attending: Bruce LeClaire and Amy Barry

Approval of Meeting Agenda

No amendments.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (August 2020)

Move to approve by Buz, second by Rick, unanimously approved.

Board Candidates: (see submitted info for details on background)

Introductions all around.

Board members and Tami asked several of questions about Terri and Mike's background.

Terri Reherman: 30 years in Durango. Several boards, hard worker, likes to get things done. Has worked on several Boards. Durango Center for the Performing Arts was favorite.

Mike May: Lots of concert/presentation experience. Worked for DSNGRR. Found that KSUT was an amazing station to be found in SW Colorado. Spends Lots of time on road.

Eddie gave history of KSUT.

Executive Director Report (see report for additional detail)

Audit Update

Engagement letter should have been here from FZA, not in hand yet. Want audit by Jan 13, need to make sure that's clear to FZA. Rob Brantley's work will help. Rob and Tami have done a lot to improve things this year.

FZA is only local choice. We feel this is their last chance to perform. Rick and Tami and Rob will meet wit FZA staff to impress the importance of timing. Will ensure that our expectations are clear.

COVID-19 Impacts Update

Following same protocols. Fall pledge drive will be from old building. Much of data entry will be at EBMC. Having a great year in spite of COVID. Should hit our $300,000 goal.

Media Center Update

Expect October 12 broadcast start, Eddie Box Jr. will be first person on air from the Eddie Box Jr. Media Center. Tribal on-air studio is looking great, trainings are starting.

Grants

$5,000 from CDOT for best work at home practices. COVID grants have helped keep KSUT's budget healthy through the COVID crisis

Planned giving—an individual has informed Tami that they intend to make KSUT the beneficiary of their life insurance policy, should be around $250,000.

Draft budget will be available for October meeting.

Tribal Radio

Native Lens collaborative with RMPBS is moving forward. Will be on Native America calling, Monday at 11 AM.

Development Report (Chris Aaland)

3,200 views of virtual 4 Corners Folk Festival

Special event revenue – will exceed the revised budget, which changed to reflect the realities of COVID.

Membership revenue is going great.

Festival profit/loss (Rick Gore): 296K valuation was made last year. Most of it was intangibles. Since we couldn't hold festivals, question of writing down value. Auditors felt there was too much uncertainty to evaluate properly, need to wait a year. So value staying the same for now. The expectation is that festivals will hold their value in the future.

Rick asked if there were new memberships that have come in due to festivals. Tami said that many of new members are entirely new, coming in because of festivals. This has been one source of funds that has helped.

Robert asked about keeping value at same level…how will it affect the budget overall?

Tami noted that the value was treated as donation by CPB, part of their support based on that. Should not affect any future funding or cash flow.

Not sure if last broadcasting license will be used. Currently working with Northern Utes out of Duchesne UT, looking at potential tower site, need help to get photos of sites. Jicarilla reservation is another possibility, would reach western end of Jicarilla lands. Will continue to work on both possibilities.

Committees

Activities and Updates

Development Committee (Buz, Kree, Bruce) No activity.

Tribal Radio (Amy**,** Buz, Robert) No activity.

Finance (Rick, Amy, Tami) Covered above.

Other

New set of officers will be selected at the October meeting, we need to decide how to do that with a new board member coming on. Buz felt that we should select officers before selection of the new board member. We agreed that makes the most sense.

We also discussed the bylaw requirement of attendance at board meetings as one board member has recently missed multiple meetings. Kree asked if there was any communication with Robert before meeting. We agreed to send a message saying here are the bylaws and that we need board members who participate. If that board member makes the October meeting they may continue as a board member, but if not, we would consider that to be a resignation from the board.

Next Meeting Date October 14, 2020 – Eddie Box Jr. Media Center

Adjournment: Moved by Buz second by Gary. Unanimously approved.

Adjourned at 7:29 PM