

## **May 12, 2022 KSPS Community Advisory Board 4pm, Zoom**

CAB members attending by Zoom: James Albrecht (Chair), Bob Morrison, (Vice Chair), Consuelo Larrabee, Patty Crone (Secretary), Christopher Powell, Shaun Higgins, Marianne Patton

Members Absent: Vanessa Strange

KSPS staff attending: Gary Stokes, Debbie Brennan, Dawn Bayman

KSPS staff absent: None

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm.

The minutes from the April 14, 2022 were approved. 1st Shaun, 2nd Consuelo

### **General Manager's Report and Discussion**

- New transmitter - hope to have by mid-Summer. Will be up and running by 9/1/22. Able to do live broadcast on all devices. Will be money saving for KSPS.
- Personnel - NETA team will provide finance services remotely.
- Civics Bowl - Paula Kerger and friends around country are congratulating KSPS on a great idea!
- Would like to have Bukola join meetings to inform CAB of her educational work and the communities served.

*Comments/Questions:*

None

### **Chief Investments & Partnerships Officer Report**

- Meeting our budget.
- Increased viewership & membership starting to recede but still way up from pre-Covid.
- Corporate sponsorship/grants up - doing very well.
- Received \$150,000 (Media Makers) grant from Career Connect WA. Have 1 year to complete. Can pay high school students to create the videos. Community is very supportive. 33 applied for grants, 8 awarded - 2 in eastern Washington
- Legislature approved 15,000,000 for film making incentive - prior funding was \$3,000,000.
- WA Film Works workshop is next week.
- 5/20 Downton Abbey screening at AMC Theater.
- Civics Bowl report just sent - 2 of 6 episodes aired. All episodes are recorded. Schools & students have been excellent to work with.
- Last session of Inland Sessions ends on 5/16.

- Education - Bukola and Braydon wrapping up school projects and starting work on Summer Camps: 1. Eleanor Wonders Why Campout for 30 families; 2. Summer Camps - 3 hours a day throughout the Summer - Excellent funding support.
- Workforce Development Crew in Tri-Cities filming spotlights on the air.

### **Programming Director's Report and Discussion**

- The January 6 Committee Hearings - tentatively looking at 6/9 but not confirmed. Will be aired on PBS 7.2 World. May have some broadcast in Prime Time.
- American Outdoors - 6 part series premieres July 5.
- Granchester Season 7 - 7/10 thru 8/14 at 8 p.m. Pledge will be week prior.
- Nova - Carl Sagan - Ultimate Space Telescope - 7/13 @ 9 pm on PBS.
- David Attenborough - The Green Planet - 7/6 thru 8/3 at 7 p.m.
- Plague of the Golden Gate - 5/24 - Fascinating show, highly recommend watching.

#### *Comments/Questions:*

*Marianne - is Flesh & Blood interested in producing a 2nd season. No official word on when/if happens.*

*Consuela - when does Miss Scarlett & The Duke air?. Starts 10/16 for 6 weeks. Debbie will check on when Downton Abbey is airing.*

### **Around-the-table comments**

- Marianne: Civics Bowl - proud that it's produced and there is interest. Enjoying Ridley Reed. Attica Prison Riot on American Masterpiece was great.
- Patty: Enjoyed Civics Bowl, Dinosaur Apocalypse. Impressed with Duke Kahanamoku on American Masters.
- Bob: Recent programming very good. Big Oil - amazing history, Enjoyed Putin's War, Nature Portugal, Series on Genes, Ridley Road, Call the Midwife.
- Chris: Would love to see 2nd season of World on Fire, Line of Separation brilliant, hope to see 2nd season. Rise of Nazis - would like to see in order occurred. Didn't care for Ridley Road.
- Shaun: Friends watched Civics Bowl and found it extraordinarily favorable. Liked World Channel and National Services from other countries. Signal problems have been an issue at times. New transmitter should improve signal. Great package for Saturday Night Cinema.

- James: Lion a great film - amazed at the story and the outcome. Civics Bowl - great show. Project Fire very creative. Duke Kahanamoku very good. Dinosaur Apolocalypse - let's hope an asteroid doesn't hit the planet!

*Comments/Questions:*

Bob - there is a variety of opinions of what people do and don't like. KSPS & PBS doing a good job to appeal to all viewers.

**New Business**

- None

**Old Business**

- None

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m. The next CAB meeting will be held on Thursday, June 16 at 4p.m. via Zoom