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**WMHT Educational Telecommunications  
WMHT Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
June 16, 2022**

A Meeting of the WMHT Board of Trustees was held on June 16, 2022 via a zoom visual and audio conference call. Kathleen Jimino, Chair of the Board of Trustees, presided.

***Present***

Kathy Jimino	Lee A. McElroy
Robert Altman	Mary Ellen Piche
Bridgit Ball Shaw	Del Salmon
Karen Carpenter-Palumbo	Tobi Saulnier
Angela Dixon	Danika Vittorio
Doris Fischer Malesardi	Teresa Zielinski
Mona Golub	

***Excused***

Don Applyrs	Khadijah Peek
Ian Berry	Viki Sand
Susan Kress	Shelby Schneider
Martin Mbugua	Mary Simoni
Steady Moono	Kelly Smith
Barb Nelson	

***Also Attending***

WMHT Staff: Sandra Beer, Virginia Claus, George Hauenstein, Will Pedigo, Julie Raskin and Chris Wienk.

***Call to Order***

Ms. Jimino called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

***Consent Agenda  
Items***

On a motion by Ms. Ball Shaw seconded by Mr. McElroy the consent agenda, of minutes and notes listed below, was unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees.

Minutes and Notes

- May 19, 2022 Board Meeting
- June 6, 2022 Community Advisory Board
- June 10, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting
- June 14, 2022 Governance Committee Meeting
- June 14, 2022 Finance Committee Meeting

***Strategic Plan  
Update***

Mr. Altman the plan approved last year has four sections, Engage, Create, Organize, Sustain and the three areas of focus are Kids and Education, Arts and Culture and Public Affairs. The second year goals are in the report that was sent in advance. These are the tactical plans for the year ahead.

**Finance Committee  
Report and FY23  
Budget**

Ms. Ball-Shaw noted that the finance committee met this week and the next investment committee meeting will be on July 19<sup>th</sup>. The financials for May were very similar to those in April. As of the end of May the positive trend from past months continue; net income before depreciation is \$674,886 better than budget and \$510,859 lower than prior year actuals. The bottom line is very strong

**FY 23 Budget**

Mr. Altman presented the proposed FY23 budget. It does not yet contain some New York State project based funds that will be add about \$650,000 to income and which will also include additional expenses. This will be presented to the board in September. Ultimately, it will have a net positive effect on the budget.

The overall budget looks very much the same as what was presented last month. The major change in this intervening month is that we reduced the membership income by \$100,000 due to current fundraising results and the economy as a whole. This makes this budget even more conservative. Overall income is increased by 3.1% over projected FY22 levels; while the projected expenses are up by 14.1%.

The net from operations is -\$135,155. Such a negative balance is usually offset by a couple of major income and expense items. The station often draws funds from the Board Designated Fund at a rate of 4%, which basically offsets the debt service. As surplus from the past 2 years has been set aside to make the final 2 payments on the IDA bond. The Finance Committee recommends that the station refrain from taking the annual draw from the Board Designated Fund. The committee is also proposing modest capital expenditures of \$188,505 to be paid for with excess working capital.

On a motion by Dr. McElroy, seconded by Ms. Golub, the board unanimously approved the Fiscal 2023 Operating and Capital budgets as presented.

**President's Report**

Mr. Altman yielded to Will Pedigo who outlined upcoming plans for television and digital projects. Mr. Altman outlined events coming up celebrating the anniversaries of our radio stations and a special event in Troy following up on our *Bridging the Divide* program.

**Chair's Report**

Ms. Jimino thanked everyone on the board as it has achieved exceeded its goal of \$43,000. There are still a few others who we hope will contribute so there is 100% board participation.

**Executive Session  
And Adjournment**

On a motion by Ms. Piche, seconded by Mr. Mbugua the meeting approved concluding the Executive Session.

On a motion Ms. Piche seconded by Ms. Fischer Malesardi the board unanimously approved adjourning the meeting at 5:35 pm.

