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**WMHT Educational Telecommunications
WMHT Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2020**

A Meeting of the WMHT Board of Trustees was held on May 21, 2020 via a zoom visual and audio conference call. Kathleen Jimino, Chair of the Board of Trustees, presided.

Present

Kathy Jimino	Annemarie Lanese
Robert Altman	Lee A. McElroy Jr
Don Applrys	Steady Moono
Bridget Ball Shaw	Susan Novotny
Karen Carpenter-Palumbo	Karen Opalka
Gloria DeSole	Mary Ellen Piche
Doris Fischer Malesardi	Harry Rutledge
Mona Golub	Viki Sand
Susan Kress	Kelly Smith
John Kolb	Teresa Zielinski
Martin Mbugua	

Excused

Shelby Schneider

Also Attending

WMHT Staff: Sandra Beer, Val Belden, Virginia Claus, Mary Gribulis, George Hauenstein, Keith Martin, Julie Raskin, Joseph Tovaes, and Chris Wienk.

Call to Order

Ms. Jimino called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM.

***Consent Agenda
Items***

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

Minutes and Notes

- March 19, 2020 Board Meeting
- March 26, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting
- April 3, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting
- April 15, 2020 Investment Sub-Committee Meeting
- May 19, 2020 Finance Committee Meeting

***Governance
Committee***

Ms. Golub presented the recommended slate of Trustees to serve on the Audit Committee. On a motion by Ms. Golub seconded by Mr. Moono the following Trustees were unanimously approved to serve on the Audit Committee by the Board of Trustees.

- Viki Sand
- Susan Novotny
- Martin Mbugua
- John Kolb

Finance Committee Report: FY20 Mr. Rutledge reported that as of the end of April Net Income before Depreciation was \$280,293 better than budget and \$26,935 worse than prior year actuals.

Mr. Altman added some comments about the current fiscal year. He shared that the stimulus funds through CPB and the Paycheck Protection Program I have been a great help in giving the station time to plan and adjust to the changing circumstances. He noted that the significant increase in sustaining memberships since the last downturn a decade ago is helping to keep membership relatively strong. Corporate support and production services are where there is a significant drop in income. Given the expense control that has happened this year, it appears that WMHT will end the fiscal year in the black.

Finance Committee Report: FY21 Budget Mr. Altman spoke about the continued uncertainties in the months ahead as he outlined the approach to creating the FY 21 budget. He reviewed assumptions and options being considered to look at a number of operating budget scenarios. He and the executive team will be working to refine the probable income outlook in order to present a recommended break even budget at the June meeting.

President's Report In addition to sharing some of the impact of COVID-19 on WMHT operations during the Finance Committee report, Mr. Altman noted the shift made to all radio and digital production from staff homes, the creation of new series of Art In Residence and Extraordinary Neighbors and the start of Facebook Live and Zoom events. He and the senior staff are looking at how to carefully re-open the offices as seems appropriate. He expressed his gratitude for the great work begin done by staff.

Chair's Report Ms. Jimino thanked everyone who is working for WMHT in this time which has so many challenges.

On a motion by Ms. Piche seconded by Ms. Smith the board unanimously approved moving into executive session at 4:55 pm to discuss proprietary financial matters.

Executive Session On a motion by Mr. Rutledge seconded by Ms. Golub the board unanimously approved moving out of executive session.

Adjournment On a motion by Ms. Golub seconded by Mr. Mbugua the board unanimously approved adjourning the meeting.