

WVTF Friends Council Meeting Monday, June 29, 3:00pm
Tele-meeting via Zoom hosted by General Manager Roger Duvall

3:08pm: Council Chair Anna Lawson calls the meeting to order.

Roger Duvall announces this is a closed meeting due in-part to COVID-19 social distancing procedures and that such a meeting under these circumstances has been announced as being allowed by Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Also, given that public comment was solicited and encouraged for WVTF-devoted meeting of the Virginia Tech Foundation Board meeting of June 4, 2020 there has been a vehicle earlier this month for public comment. It is anticipated that the fall Friends Council meeting will once again be open for public comment.

Minutes will be posted as usual.

**WVTF staff in attendance: Roger Duvall, Cynthia Gray, Brian Black
Community Members in attendance: Anna Lawson, Dana Martin, Wes Spruill**

Anna Lawson stated that October 2019 meeting minutes will be approved at the Fall 2020 meeting – a copy of those minutes had been mailed to all Friends Council members prior to today’s meeting and are also available at the WVTF website.

Roger Duvall summarized the 2020 Fiscal Year stating that though the Fall and Spring Fund Drives were just shy of goal, WVTF will end the year exceeding annual goals.

He described special programming through the COVID-19 Pandemic including Sandy Hausman’s COVID-19 Minute and PSAs recorded by Connie Stevens from United Way. He reminded the group that it was Cynthia Gray’s penultimate day before her retirement and asked her to explain reconfiguration of development staff.

Cynthia Gray explained changes to positions for Brian Black and Roger Fowler. Brian Black has been promoted to the position of Annual Giving Coordinator and will implement the processes for individual giving. Roger Fowler has been promoted to Corporate Support Manager and will take supervision of new and existing corporate support representatives. These positions were created to free up the development director to focus a greater percentage of time to major giving. Brian Black and Roger Fowler briefly described their new job positions.

Roger Duvall announced the departure of Program Director Josh Jackson. Josh’s last day was in April. Roger explained the redistribution of duties in programming and that Kevin Sanders would take on many of the responsibilities that Josh had. Roger continued to announce the cancellation of the APM program “Live from Here” (formerly “A Prairie Home Companion”). This will be replaced with “Mountain Stage” in September.

Roger Duvall gave update on Richmond Radio IQ stations. 89.7FM signed on in January and new transmitter was purchased and activated this week. 92.5FM remains on the air in Richmond but 89.7 covers a larger geographic area transmitting from Charles City. Some discussion on changing programming on 92.5FM to music.

Roger Duvall announced new Corporate Support Representative Anne Booze Adams to start July 10 and the 2020 Journalism Awards. Radio IQ won a total of 10 awards from several news organizations including "Most Outstanding Radio News Operation".

Roger Duvall concluded with names and plans for new part time announcers. Amanda Bocchi has covered All Things Considered for Luke Church during the quarantine. Craig Wright comes to us from commercial radio. Radio IQ's Morning Edition local host Jeff Bossert will interview new 1A host Jenn White which will air next week.

Meeting concluded and other WVTF staff were invited to log in and say a few words regarding Cynthia Gray's retirement.

Respectfully submitted - Brian Black.