

LOVE of KDHX
2.4.25 Board and Open Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Hound Dog Brown, Jim Bruce, Jeff Corbin, Allen Dahm, Tom Flood, Professor Skank, Kristin Gleich, Fred Gumaer, Kate Gumaer, Jeff Hallazgo, Matty Dread, Caron House, Mark Hyken, Carlos Jove, Roy Kasten, Tom Kuehnle, Chris Lawyer, Rob Levy, Brian Lock, Laura Lock, Kip Loui, Jean Ponzi, Tim Rakel, Rich Reese, X24, Sheila Shahpari, Anne Silverstein, Ital-K, Paul Stark, Drea Stein Walter Volz, Willa Volz and between 175-200 guests

Ital-K called the meeting to order at 7:03PM. He provided opening remarks, particularly paying homage to founders and past leaders of KDHX. Allen Dahm, Rich Reese, X24 and Jackie Teuber also provided opening comments. Jean Ponzi, moderator/timekeeper for the evening made opening comments and briefly went over the ground rules. Guests began speaking at 7:30PM

31 people provided comments and questions. Some of these are paraphrased as follows:

Over time the relationship of the current board, staff and volunteers has changed, resulting in the removal of the democratic structure of KDHX.

How can I help the LOVE of KDHX as a volunteer?

Someone commented on the misdeeds of the current Executive Director and the board's failure to take corrective action.

How do we find a new Executive Director?

One of the newly hired/dismissed DJs said his spidey sense was triggered when the staff told him that nobody listens to terrestrial radio any more.

One speaker said he was here to try to learn what went on with KDHX's finances, as he suspects fraud or fraudulent solicitation of funds was involved.

A founding member provided more Double Helix history and noted that the philosophy and process have been inverted. The staff were originally there to support the volunteers, not oversee their contributions to KDHX.

Another newly hired/dismissed DJ explained what it meant to have his own show and to support local artists,

One speaker thanked Courtney Dowdall for suffering the indignities heaped upon her as a board member.

A speaker said she grew up on KDHX beginning at age 15 and she is confident we can regain our community radio station.

A speaker asked what amount will need to be raised in order to buy the frequency.

One speaker noted several financial crises with KDHX through the years and believes we need professional financial help. One LOVE member has an MBA and another is an investment professional, but we need people with expertise in several key areas.

Another recent hired/dismissed DJ wanted to know how to challenge their dismissal. Reply was to send an email/first class mail to Double Helix contesting their dismissal as an associate, and requesting that their name and show be removed from the schedule.

A veteran DJ recently dismissed thanked the LOVE of KDHX for their hard work in this, meeting weekly for more than a year now.

A speaker said he had filed the necessary paperwork to run for the Double Helix board of directors, and, of course, it has not been acknowledged by them. He believes in the future of KDHX.

Another speaker commented on KDHX's tenure as the cable access channel operator and production of video training.

A speaker said a KTVI report intimates that the frequency has been put on the market and wonders about getting an injunction to halt this. Jean Ponzi said the FCC would have posted this on their website and nothing has appeared there. X24 provided some perspective on the latest suit filed a few days before the KDHX cessation of live radio broadcasting and that we are well positioned to request injunctive relief.

A speaker reminded everyone of the adage about meeting your heroes and being disappointed by it and said meeting people tonight has dashed that old saw. He encouraged people to mobilize their kids also.

Another speaker asked what can artists and other street people do to help correct the course of KDHX. The panelists mentioned the previous letters of support from musicians and independent businesses and the speaker was asked to enlist members of artists groups with which he's affiliated to contact us. He said he will.

A speaker was concerned with trying to get into a bidding war for the frequency and transmitter with media conglomerates like Sinclair Broadcasting and suggested collaboration with other St. Louis media organizations. Of course, Sinclair et. al. cannot buy the frequency, since it is part of the spectrum reserved for non-profits, but it's possible they could set one up as a cover.

A veteran DJ recently dismissed encouraged everyone to keep fighting and to pull together.

Several speakers wondered what the end game is for the staff and board of KDHX. Attendees could only speculate, but large egos seem to have played a key role.

Another speaker asked what top dollar amount are we looking at needing to raise, which includes current indebtedness. Allen Dahm provided a best guess that they are in arrears in the amount of at least \$750K.

A speaker thanked the LOVE group for what we are doing to partner with other organizations. He also asked how artists can get involved.

Everyone was encouraged to consider becoming a member of the LOVE of KDHX or to at least attend the open meeting each month, held the first Tuesday at 7PM at the VFW Post 3500, 1717 Big Bend in Richmond Heights.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25PM

Jeff Corbin, Secretary
LOVE of KDHX