

WHRO CAB Meeting Minutes 9/8/20

6-7:41 pm

In attendance via Zoom: Nancy Rogan, Sibel Galindez, Richard Dyer, Season Roberts, Lisa Godley, Lacy Shirey, Denise Fisher, Thomas L. Isenhour, Felicia Mebane, Christopher O'Brien, Marcy Germanotta, Alison Schoew, Alicia DeFonzo, Al Schweizer, Margie Wiley, Peg Volk, Charlotte Hudgins Zito (Vice Chair), Uday Khambhammettu (Chair), Robert Rhodes, Robin Myers, Bud Ward, and Alison Tem.

At 6:00 pm, Uday Khambhammettu welcomed the group virtually. New members, Bud Ward, Alison Tem, Robert Rhodes, and Robin Meyers.

The June meeting minutes passed unanimously. Uday and Charlotte introduced an icebreaker to share what you did not miss that has happened since the pandemic or what you really miss because of the pandemic.

The board then moved to breakout groups of two to learn something to share about their partner.

Producers' conversation:

- Lacy Shirey: Locally produced shows hold a special place in my heart - love Another View and Hearsay. I always start my days off with Morning Edition and really enjoy the Saturday morning programming.
- Sibel Galindez: And let me add how much I enjoyed THE VOTE this summer! I have watched it 3 times now!
- Sibel Galindez: I would like to know HOW TO HELP? WHAT ORGANIZATIONS are helping those families where both parents have to work outside the home? What are the city governments doing to help too?
- Uday Khambhammettu: Shared a link to 5 Radical Schooling Ideas For An Uncertain Fall And Beyond <https://www.npr.org/2020/06/17/878205853/5-radical-schooling-ideas-for-an-uncertain-fall-and-beyond>
- Sibel Galindez to Everyone: Consolidating all the information would be super helpful.
- Uday Khambhammettu: Local business builds hundreds of free desks for elementary students <https://www.wtkr.com/news/local-business-builds-hundreds-of-free-desks-for-elementary-students>
- Robert Rhodes: I think all of the YMCA's in South Hampton Roads are offering the E-Learning program: <https://www.ymcashr.org/programs/child-care-camps/fall-child-care>
- Robin Myers: Boys and Girls Clubs are offering services as well
- Dr. Felicia Mebane: There are likely to be some great success stories about how students are coping, too, with resources or not. Some students are saving money because they don't have to commute to college. Some college students have online work opportunities they didn't have. Some local businesses are providing services in new ways that may continue long term.

- Sibel Galindez: I would just add, please keep the coverage of what is happening in Portsmouth and the Confederate monument — the charges, the police chief, the elected officials...there is so much there that needs to be covered.
- Charlotte Zitto: Agreed with Sibel!
- Sibel Galindez: And Voter Information— how and when to vote. You all have been doing a great job. Just wanted to underline how much we appreciate it and how important it is. Thank you!
- Marcy Germanotta: the Pilot has put out a very helpful Voter Guide in the past.
- Nancy Rogan: Will ask some at the Pilot if they are doing their usual Voter Guide
- Alison Schoew: Voter info is so very important, right now!
- From Robert Rhodes: Agree.....there is a dearth of local news reporting. Regarding voting....Cathy Lewis did a show where she interviewed one of the local registrars, not sure which city. It would be great if she could talk to each local registrar to get a pulse on the state of the election.

Discussion of signing Guidelines

- Please sign guidelines and indicate your preference for a committee.
- Charlotte Zito: Email guidelines to Nancy!

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM