

Station Manager's Report, submitted by Grace McNamara on Tues., 5/29/18

Administrative:

- For the upcoming 2018-'19 FY, I propose the idea of going back to monthly Board meetings (with the possible exception of December). While everything here is going well, I do think that meeting every other month, rather than monthly, makes it harder for Board to stay involved in the workings of the station. In any event, we need to set the dates for the coming year's meetings. ****Discussion and possible vote****
- We will be going to summer hours (M-TH, 9-2) on Fri., 6/8 right through Fri., 9/1. I have already informed our producers.

Budget/Fundraising:

- On Mon., 4/9, I was notified that Eversource approved our grant request of \$1,000 for two new field kits consisting of a straightforward camera and tripod. We have not yet received the check. I continue to reach out to my contact person.
- On Fri., 4/13, we received Meredith's 2018-'19 dues check of \$12,291.50. On Thurs., 5/10, we received Gilford's 2018-'19 dues check of \$15,145.00. On Mon., 5/21, we received Northwood's 2018-'19 dues check of \$5,141.50. On Fri., 5/25, we received Belmont's check of \$8,651.50. Many thanks to Meredith, Gilford, Northwood and Belmont for their continued support of LRPA!
- Also on Thurs., 5/10, we received the Q2 payment of \$1,625.00 from Belknap County.
- We have received \$290 from the sale of DVD copies and miscellaneous revenue thus far this 2017-'18 fiscal year.

Equipment/IT/Website/Studio:

- I am waiting for the \$1,000 grant check from Eversource before Shane purchases the 2 new field kits (see first item under Budget/Fundraising, above)

Personnel:

- June is one of the station's busiest times, so Tim and I are working to our capacity for the next few weeks. I continue to look for volunteers!

Production and Programming:

- On Fri., 4/20, Shane and I live streamed the 2018 Pumpkin Festival press conference from the BONH Laconia branch parking lot and it was a huge success! We used SOS's Verizon "MiFi" 4K mobile hot spot and had perfect HD streaming! Very exciting and something that we would love to continue for other live, local events.
- We have taped 7 Belknap County meetings since the 3/28/18 LRPA Board Meeting. So far this year we have taped 16 County meetings, including:
 - 8 Commission meetings
 - 6 Delegation meetings
 - 2 Executive Committee meetings
- On Mon., 5/21, I was informed by a staff person at the Laconia SAU office that the machine used to record Laconia School Board meetings is down and that we will not receive any new meetings until it is fixed. Until then, I will run the latest meeting (4-3-18).
- We continue to download movies, TV shows, cartoons and more in the public domain.
- New shows produced/ airing in March - May: Belknap County meetings, *Bill York's World*, *Gilford Public Library Lectures*, *The Groove Tube*, Humane Society Pet of the Week, Laconia Historical

Society, *LRPA After Dark*, LRPA Annual Board meeting, NH Executive Council (4), *O! Melodious! Show*, religious programs, *Today in Focus*, updated meetings from Belmont, Gilford, Meredith (3 live meetings) and Northwood), and updated School Board meetings from Laconia and Inter-Lakes (including the School Budget Hearing and a presentation on competency-based learning).

Public/Community/Station Relations:

- On Fri., 4/27, Phil Warren of Meredith invited me to attend the regular meeting of town and city administrators. The group met at the Meredith Community Center and I got to give a brief overview of LRPA.
- Wed., 5/23, I met with the Gilford Board of Selectmen for my regular twice-yearly presentation on the state of the station
- *LRPA After Dark* press releases continue to run in the following weeklies: Salmon Press papers, the *Suncook Valley Sun* and I to the *Laconia Sun*.