

Station Manager's Report, submitted by Grace McNamara on Friday, 10/23/20

Administrative:

- LHS has been in remote-learning mode since Thurs., 11/12. This is scheduled to continue until after Thanksgiving. This situation is fluid and could change at any time. This has not affected LRPA in any way, as the administrative offices have remained open (so I can continue to receive mail).

Budget:

- LRPA has not yet received the check from Belknap County for the Q4 invoice of \$1,875.00.
 - I did mail (via USPS) Debra Shackett a new agreement and cover letter for 2021 (\$7,500.00/annual). Just a reminder that we will not know if the Delegation accepts our proposal until the budget is finalized (sometime before the end of March).
- LRPA's miscellaneous revenue for FY 2020-2021 stands at \$0.00.

Equipment/IT/Website/Studio:

- Shane is waiting for a final answer from ABB to see if they are willing and able to store, on-site, the equipment necessary for LRPA to broadcast in HD.

Personnel:

- Work has increased a bit for Jordan due to Belknap County budget process and some extra editing in the studio. I am concerned for his health and wellbeing at the upcoming Delegation meetings, as there are 18 delegates plus County Commissioners and administrators and members of the public. I have asked for details as to how safety protocols are being handled.

Production and Programming:

- At the 11/9 Laconia City Council meeting, Mayor Hosmer decided, due to rising COVID cases, to return to remote-only meetings until further notice. Therefore, for the foreseeable future, LRPA will not stream the live meetings onto Channel 24. If this situation changes and the City Council decides to go back to live meetings held at the Hout Tech, we will revisit the plan.
- LRPA and TEG Productions are producing the live "Reverse" Holiday Car Parade on Sun., 11/29 starting at 4:30 PM. It will go out over ABB Channel 25 as well as our simulcast stream.
- We then move right into the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction, Dec. 8-11, broadcasting live 9 AM – 3PM from the Bank of NH Pavilion in Gilford. During the evening hours of 6-9PM, the plan is to run pre-recorded material that supports the Auction so that no LRPA staff need to be on set during those hours.
 - The Auction board has a strict set of protocols that must be adhered to by everyone on-site this year. They include temperature checks, a daily health questionnaire, and "soft" quarantining at least a week prior to the event. The LRPA/TEG is happy to adhere to these rules.
- Since the Board met on 10/27, we have taped 3 new Belknap County meetings (2 Commission, 1 Executive Committee). There is a Delegation meeting tentatively scheduled for 12/8. The County's budget process begins in earnest in December, and with several new representatives in office, we anticipate many meetings between now and the end of February (or mid-March).
- Patrick Hall, the department chair of the Culinary Arts & Hotel Management Program at LRCC, is producing a new 30-minute show for the station. I anticipate running it starting sometime within the next two weeks. It's an exciting addition to our schedule!

- We've received two requests from local churches to have their services broadcast on LRPA.
- I continue to download vintage content from the internet onto the server.
- New shows produced/aired or airing since late September: *Art to You*, Belknap County, Belmont Police Station groundbreaking ceremony, religious programs, meetings from Belmont, Gilford, Laconia, Meredith and Northwood and updated Inter-Lakes, Laconia and Northwood School Board meetings. Lots of Budget Committee meetings happening now!

Public/Community/Station Relations:

- Presented by bi-annual report to the Gilford BOS on Wed., 11/18. That's always fun!
- News releases sent out weekly to both The Sun and to the Salmon Press weeklies
- I continue reaching out to local nonprofits with requests for submissions to our bulletin board