

Citizens Advisory Board of WMNF 88.5 FM
Meeting of September 21, 2018

Attendance

Name	Committee Role	Station Affiliation	Present (P/A)
Craig Kopp	Acting Secretary	General Manager	p
Nancy Johnson	Chair	NBSF Board Member	A
William Dumas	Member		P
Laura Keane	Member		P
Richard Manning	Member		P
Dr. Marketa Wills	Member		A
Jessica Lewis	Member		A
Roxanne Gallo	Member		A
Ken Skillman	Member		A

1. Call to Order – Call to Order at Noon/Craig Kopp
2. Review of Purpose of the Citizens Advisory Board: Highlight news and issues not being adequately covered by media.
3. William Demas – President – Citizens against Discrimination and Social Justice, Inc.
 - Discrimination and social injustice happens every day but every day incidents don't get media attention
 - There is everything from police shootings to fraud cases
 - People don't know where to go and who and. That information needs to be more publicized
 - CADSI is a year old and acts as a clearing house for information on how to deal with discrimination and social injustice
 - CADSI gathers citizen complains. Citizens can fill out a complain form on their website
 - Discrimination/Social Injustice is not tied to race it is tied to socio-economic conditions
 - CADSI either refers to an appropriate agency or attorney who can help

4. Laura Kane – Concerned Citizen – St. Petersburg/Former WMNF Board Member
 - Low voter turnout for all elections is underreported
 - There should be more reporting on local elections, at least when they are contested
 - Currently, there needs to be more coverage of the constitutional amendments on the Florida state ballot
 - There should be more discussion of strategies to increase the likelihood of people going out to vote
 - There could also be more reporting on the funding of school districts. There are constitutional amendments that would restrict funding to local communities
 - William Dumas added that in Florida, public school teachers have the worst salaries in the nation and people don't know that
5. Richard Manning – Concerned Citizen – Philosophy Professor at the University of South Florida
 - Is concerned that there isn't enough coverage of state of Florida Constitutional Amendments.
 - In particular, the constitutional Amendment that would restore voting rights to felons who have served their sentences.
 - Florida is one of just three states that still deny voting rights to most felons and make it so difficult to get them restored that it is, in effect, a voting ban for life.
6. Next Meeting Discussion
 - It was proposed to hold meetings once per quarter. That would put the next CAB meeting sometime in December
 - Craig Kopp said he would send out potential December meeting times and dates within a week
7. Meeting Adjourned – 1:00pm

By: Craig Kopp/Acting Secretary