

Community Advisory Board
September 10, 2019
1:00 pm

Attendees:

- Rev. Russell Meyer, Florida Churches
- Amy Weintraub, Progress Florida
- Nancy Johnson, Chair, CAB, WMNF Board of Directors

Nancy shared the CPB's requirement of the station in having a Community Advisory Board, and each got of copy of their expectations. Discussion about expanding the CAB into a more proactive body to give voice to those in the community without a forum, and also as a group of individuals, the CAB can help to increase the WMNF listening audience through expansion of the members' networks.

Amy shared background into her non-profit activities and background in the areas of women's reproductive rights and the need to resist policy being denied. Progress Florida is also involved in environmental issues and a vast array of other vital goals to move into equality for all.

Amy has been interviewed on WMNF's public affairs shows, and feels that the station gives the Tampa Bay area voices it needs to hear. She doesn't have much to criticize about the station, but did feel that giving the interviewees more lead time for interviews so that the speakers can communicate to their large mailing lists in turn, increasing the listenership during their interview time slot. She is enthusiastic about being a part of this Board to learn more about the station.

Rev. Meyer is the Pastor for two churches, plus his activism includes working on policy change through many facets of society – eradicating racism, improvement of education including teaching the real histories of Florida, affordable housing for the downtrodden, and the list goes on. He has a vast network that he will be able to share with the Board. His suggestion about improvement in Public Affairs is to deal with policy – the only true way to make change.

We discussed the next two meetings – the first will be at the station, and the following will be in Pinellas County to accommodate those who live there.

Nancy will put out invitations to those who were unable to make this meeting, and invite them and others recommended. Amy and Rev. Meyer will be given a choice in the next meeting to ensure continuity.