

## Community Advisory Board of WMNF 88.5 FM

Meeting of September, 2016

### Attendance

Name	Committee Role	Station Affiliation	Present (P/A)
Laura Keane	Chair	BOD	A
Craig Kopp	General Manager	BOD/WMNF	P
Lillian Dunlap	Member	CAB	A
Ashley Brundage	Member	CAB	A
Alex Manus	Member	CAB	A
Mario Nunez	Member	CAB	A
Mike Reedy	Member	CAB	A
Ken Skillman	Member	CAB	P
Richard Manning	New Member	CAB	P
Chimurenga Waller	Member	CAB	A

1. Call to Order – Craig Kopp calls to order at 1:00 pm
2. Acknowledge Guests: none
3. Format Explanation: Each Member is asked to delineate issues in the community they feel are not getting proper attention, why these issues are important, and any suggestions for improved coverage by WMNF
4. Craig Kopp notes there is no quorum and welcomes the one member in attendance Richard Manning. Kopp notes Mario Nunez sent his apologies for not being able to attend. Mr. Nunez sent three concerns he had. 1) Focus more on police-minority violence and the problem between police enforcement and minorities. 2) The Medical Marijuana issue in Florida. He wishes we could stop calling it medical marijuana and start calling it medical cannabis and eliminate marijuana from the conversation. 3) Would like to stop talking about politicians and start calling them public servants because calling someone a politician these days almost sounds like a 4 letter word.
5. Richard Manning, Prof of Philosophy at USF and former NBSF director.

Manning says the police minority violence issue is a big one.

Lately Manning says, he has become concerned about the state of the news media and way in which this idea of even handedness is making two drastically different and drastically sane political candidates for high office sort of look like they are on a par with one another and the main media outlets seem to feel it's their obligation to do that or they are not going to look even handed. It's not even handed to treat radically different things differently.

Manning would like to see that issue discussed in the abstract and would like to see the station to do something and not be 'balanced' in that sense.

He would like to see the radio station educate people on the concept of balance in media. People are getting a lot of their news from places, including NPR that by and large traffic in balance. And, that is unsound as a way of informing the public on the issues and candidates.

Manning said he didn't think this radio station can change this, but would like to hear a serious discussion about false equivalences and balance because he thinks by and large the rest of the media is doing a terrible job. It just irritates him when he sees CNN take the release of political advertisements as bits of news to report on. They'll just play the ad. What are news organizations doing playing political advertisements for free?

Manning would like to see more reality based reporting. Things like your likelihood of being harmed by a terrorist is much less than many other common occurrences or the fact that the crime rate is not up, the crime rate is down.

6. Adjournment – Chair adjourns at 2:02 pm.

Submitted by:  
Craig Kopp  
General Manager  
Community Advisory Board