

WEST BANK UNION BOARD MINUTES
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

DATE: June 1, 1988

PLACE: WBU Conference Room

PRESENT: Janet Drummond, Scott Erickson, Gina George,
Theresa Kleinhans, Andrew Lainsbury, Tina Lee,
Melanie Lineburg, Keith Niemi, Tracy Ossmann,
James Perrill, Jim Wallerius

UNEXCUSED: Micheal Jader

STAFF: Ronald Krumm

GUESTS: Sue Oatey, Pam Smith

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:42 p.m. by
President Jim Wallerius.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

An Executive Committee report should be added under
committee reports. The periodical issue should be
inserted under the House Committee Report. The agenda
was approved as amended.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved as printed.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The awards not given at the recognition
picnic because they were not ready are finally here.
The award for Shelly will be presented to her soon.
The gavel for Keith is here. Keith was awarded the
gavel for serving as the Chair of the Board last year.

Clare Kleven spoke to the board on the pornography
issue. Ms. Kleven stated, "I see no reason why you
needed to delay the vote. You had all of the
information that was necessary. The nature of this
problem is so severe that you must not continue to sell
them over the summer.

The worst part about these is the fact that they promote violence against children. These magazines shift the blame from men to children and they portray children as the ones who seduce and lead others on. You are making a profit from the exploitation of women and children. The first amendment does not compel you to sell these." Ms. Kleven asked for input from the board members.

Jim responded by stating that he understood the main argument was now against selling these magazines over the summer. He noted that the board did not feel that it had been allowed enough time to make either a long or a short run decision.

Keith added that, as the author of the resolution, he felt that everyone who had a vested interest in this issue had not had the opportunity to speak.

Ron spoke about the fact that the issue of the time span over the summer had been raised at the last forum. He said that both groups seemed to support waiting until fall. None of them objected to waiting over the summer.

Sue Oatey said that this is where the important issue of broadening the scope to look at the entire Union comes in.

Clare stated that she lacked a sense of urgency from the Board and added that it was because no one on the Board has been hurt by this issue. She also stated that the Board brought this controversy upon themselves. She mentioned that someone on the other campus had simply quietly pulled the magazines and WBU BOG could have eliminated many of the problems if they would have done the same.

Scott responded by saying that he felt Ms. Kleven was under the assumption that WBU would pull the magazines, and he also added that this type of an issue should come under public scrutiny and be handled so the majority has a chance to share its views.

The Board thanked Ms. Kleven for sharing her views.

V. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The people doing the audit on the reserve accounts have encountered some difficulties locating computer records for '83-'84 and they will be getting records from Housenout and 1919 University. The audit should be available in early July.

The Long Range Planning Committee met to discuss long-range goals. Proposals are due the first of August, so the Chairs of both House and Activities Committees will need to schedule committee meetings over the summer. The four areas that this committee wishes to deal with are: residents (who uses the Unions), programming, student organizations, and facilities.

Sue Oatey added that background material from Commitment to Focus is available, so members need not start from scratch.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

MOTION 88-89-9 (From Committee)

A summer board of the WBU BOG shall be established under the following criteria:

1. It shall meet the first Wednesday of each month.
2. If a quorum is present (seven voting members), the board shall have full powers.
3. The summer board will be disestablished with the commencement of fall quarter.

Ron noted that extra meetings may need to be scheduled.

The motion passed.

Activities Committee
No report.

House Committee

MOTION 88-89-10 (From Committee)

The House Committee recommends Scott Erickson as chair of the special task force on periodical policy.

Scott said that he is planning to be very open-minded about the issue. Keith said that he felt that the task force should be responsible for the implementation of the two goals written into the resolution, which were, working with the programming staff to develop programming to deal with this issue, and setting up and holding an open forum.

Melanie recommended that a goal statement be fully outlined for the Task Force.

Ron noted that he had spoken with Tracy and Theresa earlier in the day and he saw this task force cutting across both committees.

After added deliberation, Jim formed a task force to be composed of members of both House and Activities Committee members -- naming Scott as chair.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sue Oatey congratulated the board for its performance at the last meeting. She said that she saw the board members actually "listening" to their constituents. She added that this was an issue in which there was very little gray area. She congratulated the board for not getting sucked in to the emotionality of the issue.

Keith commended the Chair for his fine job at the last meeting.

XI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Gina thanked Sue, on behalf of the entire board, for the wonderful food. (Much applause and cheering followed.)

Good luck to everyone on finals.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m..