

WTVP Community Broadcasting Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2013

Present – Adam Sloan, Steve Tarter, Carole Hill, Linda Zears, Henry Litchfield, Andra Connor, Sally Hanley, Linda Miller, Chet Tomczyk

After a welcome, a farewell acknowledgement of Cindy Kennedy, who resigned from the Council, and a review of minutes from the April 9 meeting, WTVP CEO Chet Tomczyk spoke of upcoming programming on Channel 47. A series of programs featuring the Peoria Symphony Orchestra are planned, including programming for children and guest artists that will appear with the symphony this season.

Tomczyk also spoke of "Peoria's Golden Trumpet," a historic instrument dating back to the 19th century that will be used in a televised performance.

"Along with our collaboration with the symphony, we should get some really good programming out of that," said Tomczyk.

Wildlife photographer Jim Miller will put on an exhibition of his pictures along with stories about his exploits in the wilds on Oct. 17 for the public and on Oct. 18 for Channel 47 Klystron members.

Also scheduled was a Sept. 28 visit by Jessica Fellowes, niece of "Downton Abbey" creator Julian Fellowes, who will present "Behind the Scenes at Downton Abbey," he said.

Two testimonial spots supporting PBS LearningMedia were shown to the advisory board. The spots featured Linda Miller and Emily Dawson, the East Peoria science teacher who helped organize the weather balloon launch involving a number of area schools in May.

Linda talked about Glen Barton's involvement in helping to make Caterpillar's Edwards facility available to Channel 47 for the balloon launch. She also acknowledged a letter of appreciation for LearningMedia from State Superintendent of Education Dr. Christopher Koch.

Linda outlined the new TV season at WTVP. "There'll be lots of changes both on weekdays and weekends," she said, adding that a half hour of weekend news will air on the station this fall. In January, the fourth season of "Downtown Abbey" will begin, said Miller.

A local program that aired recently focused on educator Roger Amm, she said. Amm, a native of Pontiac, retired this year after a 32-year career spent teaching chorus to thousands of students at Ottawa Township High School. The 30-minute documentary, "Something of Love: A Tribute to Roger Amm," was the result, said Miller.

Tomczyk added that the station has donated its collection of interviews on area residents' recollections of life during World War II that was used to accompany the 2007 Ken Burns special, to the Bradley University special collections department. "We want to make that history available to the public," he said.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Tarter