

AIRWAVES

April 05, 2008

Hello All:

Here is a quick update from your station:

- The station is currently off-the-air following a power surge earlier today. Jim Brown, Allen Hill and Chuck Lakaytis, an engineer, working with me have identified the suspected problem as a power supply controller board at the transmitter site. The new part will cost roughly \$900.00 and take a few days to reach Sand Point. Meanwhile, the station will be down.
- The membership drive is underway. Those living in our listening area have until April 15th 2008 to join the radio station as a voting member. The price of a membership this year is \$20.00.
- The Denali Commission subcommittee reviewing our request for a one hundred thousand dollar grant in order to purchase and install a wind turbine will announce its decision next week. Keep your fingers crossed!!! Should the station be awarded the money, we will then seek the requisite permissions in Sand Point.
- QTT and KSDP are partnering to raffle off the four PenAir tickets awarded to the station by the airline which recently extended the expiration date on the tickets to February of '09. The relationship with QTT enables KSDP to operate under the tribe's gaming permit. If you are interested in buying a chance to win, you need only twenty dollars and to visit either the KSDP or QTT offices.
- The Associated Alaska Public Broadcasting Region, a ten member station group that I Chair, has just reelected me Chairman. Additionally, the Region is moving forward on plans to develop a Region wide news / magazine show. The stations have tentatively agreed to a once a week airing on either Wednesday or Thursday mornings @ 10am. This is major for KSDP, as our radio station will play the lead role in this collaborative project. Bill Prendergast and I working with AT&T / Alascom to make this vision into a technical reality.
- An engineering visit will take place in the near future. Bill Prendergast is set to visit Sand Point later this month. Just as in the fall of '07, the Region that I Chair is hiring Prendergast and bringing him to Alaska. Individual stations are responsible for the cost of his travel to and from their cities of license and for the cost of his lodging. While in Sand Point, Prendergast will help us set up our web stream and resolve several persistent computer issues in the production and on-air studios.
- The Sand Point Clinic is working with the radio station to develop a health program. The clinic recently received a four hundred thousand dollar grant and the collaborative effort is a small part of the work being funded

by that grant. The radio station will receive a \$1,000.00 contribution from the clinic for its help with the program which will involve people from both King Cove and Sand Point.

- The Alaska State Legislature has included a four hundred thousand one time bonus for Alaska Public Broadcasting, Inc. in the budget it sent to Governor Sara Palin. If the budget signed into law includes the bonus the money will be divided among bush radio stations. KSDP would be a beneficiary.

**This was sent to Kelly by FAX and to Chris by mail.*

Best,

Kells Hetherington