

Public File

Letters/Email from Public

07-01-22 to 09-30-22

WGEN-FM has received a few emailed inquiries about volunteering.

Requests for information about where to send sound files and cds for potential air play and file type requirements for such music usually arrive via Facebook or messenger/messages/DM. We had a couple of phone inquiries and responded with the requested information.

We continue to abide by the advice of the CDC, NIH and the WHO as we await news of the emerging Covid-19 variants and hope for a return to a new normal.

During the pandemic WGEN-FM published an open invitation via Facebook to invite bands and musicians (many of whom are unemployed due to the pandemic) to send their music (via sound files, CD, etc.) to our PO Box in Crete, IL for possible play. We have received good response. The music is predominantly original, new music from local, emerging or other artists including artists from within and outside the primary listening area area. That effort continues.

The music is screened for “air friendliness” without judgement as to genre or style. When it is played on This Morning With Georgia Lee, the host mentions artist and contact information (usually as a website, as provided). No pricing, no promotion as to venue is mentioned. The station receives no remuneration for this. It is an effort to help our local area and musicians who were a group hard hit by the pandemic.

Several messages of encouragement, comment or general questions were sent via the Facebook pages. The Facebook questions were answered as received via one of the Facebook pages. Comments were addressed and all were acknowledged. The questions and comments were of generic nature or related to various posts on the Facebook pages for the station. This quarter informational requests are down as is typical of the holiday period.

We received more inquiries about our intention to continue to accept music for air play. Most via Facebook sent to a show host via the host’s profile page. The

host responds that it should be air friendly and provides our PO Box, email address or website (their choice).

We recently received another anonymous letter which was the form of a political tract, but no author listed, no return address/contact information on the letter to permit us to verify author/source in the letter, the contents, nor the envelope. It is on file at the station.

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