

Thursday, November 1, 2022, was my eight-week internship at Salem Media of New York. As per usual, I came to Matthew Sambolin first. He said that he would be busy for the day and directed me to sit with Alex Garrett. He was supposed to be working with Rob Taub, one of the radio show hosts that actually came into the studio to record his show.

Seeing a direct interaction between the producer/show engineer and the host, to me felt like it was such a refreshing experience to see. By that I mean, at this point during my time interning at Salem Media of New York, I rarely saw a direct interaction between the show producer and the host of the show. Most of the hosts tend to do their show from wherever they felt comfortable to be while having the show producer/engineer of the show doing their work in a different place than where the hosts were. Even though in-person interaction was more of the norm before COVID-19 broke out therefore I shouldn't feel like this was something new, however, because I rarely see the host coming into the radio studio anymore, this interaction felt like a fresh wind to me.

Rob Taub's show is a pre-recorded show. Alex was already working on Rob Taub's previous segments. Rob had to run somewhere really quick and they would be back doing an interview at 11.30 am. When he was done working with Rob Taub's previous segment, he moved on by posting another show as a podcast, which is the Lead Guy show. He made sure that the file existed, he wrote the description of the show and then he included the poster of the podcast before setting it to upload the show on automation.

When Rob Taub came back, they did the pre-recorded interview immediately. Rob Taub initially did not want to do this interview because they already covered this show way too often. However, he couldn't say no. On top of that, the guests called from two different states. One was from Florida and the other one was from New York. Since they were not together, they had to be in 2 lines on the call. At the beginning of the show, the guests' voices overlapped with one another because they were speaking from different places. While Rob

Taub was doing the interview, Alex did not co-host him this time. He chose to finish some other work that he needed to do. For instance, posting the radio shows as podcasts and preparing for InVite Health show that would be live at noon. The interview lasted for 11 minutes long and although Rob Taub was not happy with the result, he told Alex to keep the file in the archives.

Amanda called at 11:47 am. They were discussing the break first. They also chose the songs to be played during break. After picking the song, he recorded it. Then, at 12:05 pm they went live. As usual Alex co-host the show. Segment one was done in 10 minutes. 4 minutes break. What I realized more now was how Alex has knowledge in many different subjects such as sports, Broadway, music, politics, movies, etc. It made me realize that I perhaps don't have a life outside of school or ministry. It made me realize that having an interest outside of school and ministry will help broaden my perspective as well as help me to engage in different conversations to engage with different people. Small conversations matter in this professional working environment. I also learned that Alex knows the timing of when to jump in and ask questions to the main host and when to let them ramble. I think it's an important skill to have as a radio co-host.

At 3:00 pm, Joanie, Arthur Aidala's assistant was already connected to WNYM (970 AM) The Answer. They had Emron, who happened to be a person who also would substitute for Kevin McCullough if he can't do his radio show. The pre-record was supposed to end at 4 pm because Joannie had to run somewhere and help Arthur work on a big case.

The whole pre-recording show production was chaotic. Joanie's mic wasn't on when they were already in the middle of the first segment. Both the main host for the day, Emron, and the co-host, Joanie, couldn't hear Alex's countdown as well. Therefore, they had to record the show again from the beginning. Joanie was also a little bit aggressive for the day. They also had a problem with the guest speaker's sound volume. However, the result of the

show was great. I listened to the whole radio show before I ended my shift for the day.

Strangely enough, I felt more comfortable with this working environment this week.