Structuring Your Podcast with Monetization in Mind

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Have you been told you need 1,000+ downloads per episode to monetize?

Are you needing to offset the costs of your podcasting with financial support (or, dare I say... do you dream or making a profit)?

Let's cover the steps you can take to PLAN for the monetization of your podcast!



Agenda

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- **Part 3** >>> Different Types of Monetization
- **Part 4** >>> Monetization in Mind at Each Step
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Part 1 >>> Brief Thoughts on CPM





Why the CPM Model is the Devil

- COMPLETELY misses the unique **power** of this medium: consumers have already self-filtered
- COMPLETELY misses the unique **advantage** of this medium: the intimate relationship between the host and the listener
- Prevents formation of strong relationships between you and the sponsors, because the only thing that brought you together was a number







Part 2 ≫ Risk of Not Having Your Table Set



Lost Opportunities

- Land that particular sale
- Look very professional and able to charge more
- Create an ongoing relationship
- Build momentum for future sponsorships









Part 2 ≫ Risk of Not Having Your Table Set



If someone approached you TODAY wanting to sponsor you, would you be ready?









Part 3 >>> Types of Monetization



Podcast-based Exposure

- Pre-produced ads
- Host-read ads
- Sponsored show segments
- Product highlights and reviews
- Ongoing content contributors
- Links in show notes



Digital Exposure

- Banner ads on your website
- Social media posts
- Eblast content









Part 3 >>> Types of Monetization



- Products and services
- Books and courses



Community-based

- Membership paywalls (ex: Patreon)
- In-person events
- Virtual events (such as FB lives) with the sponsor









Part 3 >>> Types of Monetization



What type of monetization do YOU want to focus on?









Part 4 >>> Monetization in Mind at

Each Step

Finding Your Launch Sponsor

- Look within your existing ecosystem
 - your BUSINESS network
 - your PERSONAL network
 - your INDUSTRY network
 - your LOCAL network
 - your ONLINE network



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Your Launch Format

- Keeping it simple to start leaves room for evolution.
- Create a release schedule and audio quality that you can be consistent with.
- How many different ways can you involve a sponsor in the celebration of your launch?





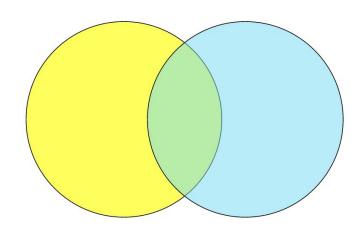






Finding Ongoing Sponsors

- Again, look first within your ecosystem!
- Then, who else is a potential sponsor? Let me introduce you to the Venn diagram!













Your Ongoing Format

- Should evolve over time and be responsive
- Key concern: delivering the best value CONSISTENTLY and PROFESSIONALLY for your listeners
- BUT, how can a sponsorship impact your format in a positive way?











Different Structures for Different Opportunities

- What value can a sponsor add an existing segment?
- What segments can you create FOR the sponsor?
- Collaborate with the sponsor on the idea!











Do you know your audience well enough to know who they are the ideal customers for?











Who in your ecosystem can you reach out to FIRST to be your sponsor?









Part 5 >>> Create Assets for Sponsor

Sales



...And, Do It Now!!

- Showcasing your podcast
 - Website or landing page
 - One sheet and/or media kit
 - Sizzle reel
- Have ad samples ready (create an ad for your own business as an example, if you don't have one)



Have Documents Ready

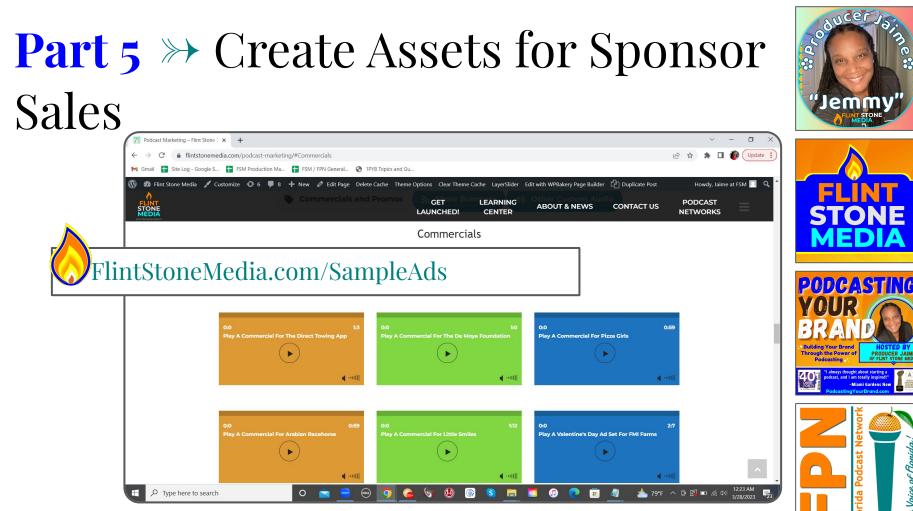
- Package details
- Proposal template
- Contract template















Which assets do you need to create TODAY to set your sponsorship table?









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You've Got This!





Questions from Whova (time permitting)

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- **Question 1** >>> What are some alternative revenue streams for podcasts beyond advertising and sponsorships?
- **Question 2** >>> What Types of monetization do you prioritize and why?
- Question 3 >>>> What's the best way to approach sponsorship? My show is new and I want to set it up for success.
- Question 4 >>> Is it better to have one flagship sponsor or several smaller ones?
- Question 5 >>> How can I make sure to get a sponsor that's really aligned with my values?







Q & A

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Monetization | My Workshops | Geo-Local Podcasting | Launching | Audience Growth | Connecting Remotely | Media Passes | Anything Else!







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