

# ***Minutes, Board of Directors Meeting, August 12, 2013***

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of Trans Pride Initiative, a Texas corporation (the Corporation), was held August 12, 2013, at 6:40pm Central Standard Time. The meeting place was the home of Nell Gaither.

## **Directors Present**

Nell Gaither, Simone Stevens

## **Directors Absent**

Jamila Davis

## **Guests Present**

None

## **Call to Order**

Nell Gaither called the meeting to order at 6:40pm. Nell Gaither recorded the minutes in the absence of Secretary Jamila Davis. A quorum of directors was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

## **Announcements**

Nell Gaither announced the following upcoming events:

August 13, Task Force meeting @ 6:30, location TBA

- ❖ August 15, HHS/SAMSHA Harm Reduction Workshop @ CCC
- ❖ August 15, RWPC CCC Accessing Community Resources, 1:30-3:30 @ AIDS Interfaith Network
- ❖ August 15, LULAC meeting @ 6:30 @ Havana
- ❖ August 17, Out and Equal meeting @ 11 @ RCD
- ❖ August 27, Network Affiliates meeting @ 12 @ AIDS Arms
- ❖ August 28, Chat and Chew, AP house
- ❖ September 9 (date of next board meeting), presenting at Tarrant Stonewall
- ❖ New HIV+ resource called Bee Hive @ 2515 Inwood (@ Maple), #213
- ❖ LifeWalk vendor (October 6)

## **Reports from Officers**

### **President**

Nell Gaither briefly went over the various undertakings since the last meeting:

- ❖ July 9, Courageous Conversations
- ❖ July 9, Task Force meeting
- ❖ July 11, Second Trans Network Affiliates meeting
- ❖ July 12, Lori Burch cancelled meeting; will reschedule
- ❖ July 15, Dallas prison issue (ongoing)
- ❖ July 22, Youth Leadership Institute training modules
- ❖ July 26, meet with Cora on healthcare tool

Nell Gaither mentioned the following scheduled events and projects

- ❖ August 28, Real Estate for Nonprofits first class

## **Secretary**

In the absence of the Secretary, acting Secretary Nell Gaither provided the following:

- ❖ Presented the minutes from the July 8, 2013, meeting of the Board for approval. Motion by Simone Stevens that the minutes be approved; Nell seconded. Vote passed unanimously.

## **Treasurer**

Simone Stevens presented the Treasurer's report:

- ❖ Gave account amounts—no substantial changes since prior month.
- ❖ Has set up new accounting software and is learning the system.

## **Unfinished Business**

Nell discussed the following and invited comments. If nothing is added as a "comment" then there were no comments.

### **Healthcare goals**

- ❖ CME/CEU workshops for medical professionals—anyone to take this on? **Comment: no**
- ❖ Status at Parkland—UNT organizing; now probably several community groups participating
- ❖ Healthcare for healthcare professionals updates. Will be updated later; Nell to do unless someone else wants to work on.
- ❖ City health insurance project—City not covering labs as wellness. Letting others know: 1) All wellness care covered as wellness, and all medically necessary care, including surgical procedures, covered as any other medically necessary procedure; 2) What is covered and not covered in writing, preferably in the employee benefits manual; 3) The written statement of coverage in plain English to minimize the likelihood of misunderstanding.

### **Housing goals**

- ❖ Shelter options
  - ❖ Need to develop shelter funding strategy. When nell is done, can someone review and comment? **Comment: no one volunteered.**
  - ❖ Need to work on identifying corporate sponsors for shelters. Can someone work on this? **Comment: no one volunteered.**
  - ❖ Need to develop shelter operations policy. Can someone work on this? **Comment: no one volunteered.**
- ❖ Prison—noted progress on the development of the policy for Dallas County and work to help transwoman who was arrested.

### **Education goals**

- ❖ GED program—some pieces in place (venue, probable relationship with DISD), but really needs someone to take charge. No suggestions as to who that might be. Keep as unfinished business or remove? **Comment: assuming Dub is no longer interested in taking this on.**

### **Documentation**

- ❖ Lambda Legal team with TPI on legal name and gm change—still trying to motivate Omar
- ❖ Name and gender change document updates. To be completed after the Lambda Legal work.

### **General efforts**

- ❖ Brochure updates. At prior meeting, asked if anyone wanted to work on this; no one expressed interest. **Comment: no one expressed interest.**

- ❖ Brochure updates: would like to use part of \$500 income from AIDS Arms to print one good brochure. Need to determine which one, edit and improve, then get it printed. **Comment: agreed in principle to do.**
- ❖ New brochure—"it's ok to be cis"? At prior meeting, asked if anyone wanted to work on this; no one expressed interest. Have not had time to talk to Dori. **Comment: No one expressed interest.**
- ❖ Online training offered? Can someone take this on? **Comment: no one volunteered to work on.**
- ❖ Bios update on trans\* persons in arts, sports, and science to Patti for police training presentation. Comments: needs more work, Nell has done some additional work for a July presentation. Asked at prior meeting, but no one at meeting expressed interest in contributing; ask again. **Comment: no one volunteered to work on.**
- ❖ Sharing LifeWalk booth with TTSS. \$50 each.
- ❖ Still need someone for Secretary positions. Suggestions? **Comment: brief discussion about Barry Robertson, Pocahontas, and in general who new board members will come from (probably people TPI is able to assist in some way, but likely not the community in general).**

## New Business

- ❖ Due to Nell's presentation at Tarrant Stonewall on September 9 (and Simone may be out of town), the next meeting was set for September 17.

## Adjourn meeting

The Treasurer motioned that the meeting be adjourned. The President seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Nell Gaither, acting Recording Secretary

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Date