

Board of Directors Minutes, February 1, 2018

A meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of Trans Pride Initiative, a Texas corporation (the corporation), was held October 2, 2017, by telephone conference call. Annual meeting.

Attendees

- Directors present: Robin Crowe, Nell Gaither, Bret Camp (by phone)
- Directors absent: none
- Guests present: A.P. Edwards, Lindsey Hertel, Tyler Freeland (by phone), and Max Lucky

Call to Order

- Chair Nell called the meeting to order at 6:32pm with Nell and Bret; Robin joined at 6:35pm. Nell recorded the minutes in the absence of Corporate Secretary Jamila Davis (no longer on the board). A quorum of directors was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

Announcements

- There were no announcements.

Reports from Officers

- **President:**
 - Nell went over three items from the bylaws: that directors are elected at any time and hold the office for one year, with unlimited re-elections; that the organization president is the default chair of the board, but a different chair may be selected; and went over the officer and board positions.
 - Nell noted that we received a second unsolicited \$5k from Tides Foundation Dignity and Justice Fund.
 - Nell noted that we are proposing on TJFP and Borealis grants with a good prospect of an additional \$20k.
 - Noted that that we have not had time to upgrade web hosting service, and research still needed.
 - Nell noted that we had hired our organizer, Max Lucky.
 - There were no further questions.
- **Secretary:**
 - Nell requested that the board approve the minutes from October 2, 2017, board meeting. Bret motioned that the minutes be approved, Robin seconded, unanimous approval.
 - There were no further questions about the work of the secretary.
- **Treasurer:**
 - Nell noted that we ended our service agreement with Darryl Clark by mutual agreement.

- Nell noted that we entered an agreement for bookkeeping services with Karl Gosset, The Nervous Bookkeeper.
- Nell noted that TPI has moved to QuickBooks for our bookkeeping.
- Noted that TPI will have to do a 990-EZ or full form this year, and that Nell will attempt it but also consider a CPA for this year or next.
- The board went over the budget for 2018 (noting that as always there will be changes throughout the year) ; Nell asked if the board would approve the budget; Bret motioned that the board accept the budget; Nell seconded; unanimous approval.
- Nell noted that the bank account was at about \$75k.
- There were no further questions or comments on the work of the treasurer.

Committee Reports

- There were no committee reports.

Unfinished Business

- Officer elections:
 - Any candidates announcing for TPI president? None announced, Nell Gaither to continue; Bret and Robin voted for; Nell abstained.
 - Any candidates announcing for TPI secretary? None announced, Jamila Davis to continue; all voted for.
 - Any candidates announcing for TPI treasurer? None announced, Simone Stevens to continue; all voted for.
- Nell brought up that we still have nearly all the retainer in place at the Austin Community Law Center (they have only run up about \$80 to \$100 in charges, not yet billed), and that we might use part of that to challenge the constitutionality of Texas Family Code 45.103. Asked for any comments, concerns, discussion, or objections. There were none.
- Nell asked if there were any other items for Unfinished Business; there were none.
- Routine item: Robin motioned that because the Board had reviewed decisions taken since the last Board meeting, and any questions about those decisions had been addressed appropriately, the Board approve of actions taken by the President in the conduct of the corporation's business since the last meeting of the Board. Bret seconded, vote unanimous.
- There was no additional unfinished business.

New Business

- Nell mentioned that TPI, with guests A.P. and Lindsey, was considering some sort of coffee shop/office and community center. There was some general discussion of the concept. Robin asked if it would be intended to give community members opportunities for employment and skills building, and the response was that that would be part of the purpose. Tyler asked if it would be wheelchair accessible, and it was noted that that was a specific requirement was that any space should be accessible. No decisions were made, it was just an open discussion.
- There was no additional new business.

Open End

- There was no open ended discussion.

Adjourn meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 2:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nell Gaither, acting Recording Secretary

Date