

Board Meeting Agenda, February 1, 2018

Call to Order

Check-In and Announcements

- Around the room for introductions and any announcements

Reports from Officers

President

- Welcome to the annual meeting of the board for 2018!
 - As a reminder, the bylaws state that directors of the board are elected at any time and hold the office for one year; there is no limit to the number of years a person may serve as a director.
 - The president is by default the chair of the board, but the board can choose to elect a separate chair if the position is not filled by the president.
 - Officers are the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These persons are elected by the board every two years at the annual meeting or as soon thereafter as possible. Officers hold the position until a successor is elected.
- Received a second unsolicited \$25k from Tides Foundation Dignity and Justice Fund
- Proposing on TJFP and Borealis grants with good prospects on both for a total of ~\$20k
- Have not had time to upgrade the web hosting service—basically we will leave HostGator and go with a different provider.
- We have hired an organizer, Max Lucky, starting part-time January 10, 2018.
- Any questions about activities since last meeting?

Secretary

- **Action:** Questions, comments, and approval of minutes from October 2, 2017, meeting.
- Any questions for Secretary about activities since last meeting?

Treasurer

- TPI ended our bookkeeping service agreement with Darryl Clark by mutual agreement.
- TPI entered a bookkeeping service agreement with Karl Gossett, The Nervous Bookkeeper.
- TPI has purchased QuickBooks for bookkeeping, transitioned January 1, 2018.
- TPI has to do a 990 or 990-EZ this year; Nell will try to do it.
- **Action:** Go over budget for 2018, vote to approve, if available.
- Treasurer report, if available (~\$75k in bank).

Committee Reports

- No reports at this time; currently no activity on these committees—we invite persons who want to work on developing these committees to get involved.
 - Healthcare committee
 - Prison services committee
 - Housing Services committee
 - Fundraising Team
 - Anti-violence committee
 - Programs, various

Unfinished Business

- **Action: Officer Elections:** Elect existing officers into positions.
 - Candidate for president? If none, Nell Gaither to continue. Vote to approve.
 - Candidate for secretary? If none, Jamila Davis to continue. Vote to approve.
 - Candidate for treasurer? If none, Simone Stevens to continue. Vote to approve.
- **Board development discussion:** (Director coaching) Now have draft board member roles (see attached, with officer suggestions also). Input? suggestions?
- Austin Community Law Center has not charged us for any advice provided so far, so we will extend the service agreement and leave the retainer in place; we may use part of this to support a legal challenge to a Texas law we believe is unconstitutional, and two attorneys are considering filing the challenge, with TPI helping fund it (fundraising program). Any comments, concerns, discussion, or objections?
- It looks like we will help take on legal challenge to Texas Family Code that prevents name changes until two years after sentence terms completed
- Any other unfinished Board business?
- **Routine action item:** Request that the Directors raise any questions about decisions discussed during this meeting that have been taken since the last Board meeting, and if all questions are addressed adequately request that the Directors approve of all actions taken by the President in the conduct of the corporation's business since the last meeting of the Board.

New Business

- Consideration of a coffee shop/office & community space (A.P. and Lindsey intro?)
- Any new business that any board member wishes to bring up for consideration?

Open End

- Any other open end discussion?

Adjourn Board meeting