

Board of Directors Minutes, February 7, 2019

A meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of Trans Pride Initiative, a Texas corporation (the corporation), was held February 7, 2019, by telephone conference call.

Attendees

- Directors present: Nell Gaither, Bret Camp
- Directors absent: Robin Crowe
- Guests present: Danielle Browning (volunteer)

Call to Order

- Chair Nell called the meeting to order at 6:31pm with Nell and Bret in attendance. A quorum of directors was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

Announcements

- Danielle Browning was introduced as a board meeting guest and TPI volunteer recently released from the Texas prison system and volunteering on a daily basis.
- There were no additional announcements.

Reports from Officers

- **President**
 - Noted that this is the annual TPI meeting for 2019, so will be voting on board members this meeting.
 - Asked if we needed to go over the items on the agenda or if just referring to the agenda and asking for questions was sufficient. Bret noted he did not have agenda handy so wanted to go over briefly.
 - Went over basic info about the PREA report released in July: almost no media attention, but got legislative attention, NCLR lobbyist helped get to all federal legislators connected with Texas prison issues; is included in National PREA Resource Center digital library.
 - Cumulative total over 7000 letters exchanged; 2018 wrote about 315 individuals, about 2900 letters exchanged; new data management system in place, data visualization page in development.
 - Still waiting on attorneys to finish Project 103 complaint for filing in federal court; hoping for February.
 - Noting for the record that Max quit, but we should be hiring Danielle, and we are putting out call for other applications and getting a few in.
 - We are also seeking officer and board applications, but very limited responses so far. Invited other board members to please make suggestions and spread the word to local persons who might like to be involved.

- Working on the 2019 TJFP grant proposal.
- There were no further questions.
- **Secretary**
 - Nell requested that the board approve the minutes from July 18, 2018, board meeting. Bret motioned that the minutes be approved, Nell seconded, unanimous approval.
 - There were no further questions about the work of the secretary.
- **Treasurer**
 - Nell asked if there were any comments on the financial data that was provided with the agenda. No one had any comments.
 - Nell noted brought up the vote on the 2019 budget that was provided with the agenda. Bret motioned that the 2019 TPI budget be accepted, with the understanding that it will probably be modified as the year progresses; Nell seconded, unanimous approval.
 - There were no further questions or comments on the work of the treasurer.

Committee Reports

- There were no committee reports at this time.

Unfinished Business

- Nell called for the board member elections, noted that elections are held annually, and we must have at least three board members. Also noted that officer elections are held every other year, and they were held last year, with Max being elected in July 2018 for secretary, so no officer elections are needed at this meeting.
- No new board members have been proposed.
- Nell motioned that the currently seated board members be elected for another year, on the condition that if a new board member is available to replace a serving board member, elections can take place in the interim; Bret seconded; vote unanimous.
- Routine item: Nell 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.
 - Nell noted that she could not vote due to conflict of interest, so there was not a voting majority present. Bret proposed taking the vote by email and approving this item based on that response.
- There was no additional unfinished business.

New Business

- There was no new business.

Open End

- There was no open end discussion.

Adjourn meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nell Gaither, Acting Secretary

Date