

## **Minutes, Board of Directors Meeting Agenda, April 23, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of Trans Pride Initiative, a Texas corporation (the Corporation), was held April 23, 2012, at 8:00pm Central Standard Time. The meeting place was the home of Nell Gaither.

### ***Directors Present***

Nell Gaither, Simone Stevens

### ***Directors Absent***

Jamila Davis

### ***Call to Order***

Nell Gaither called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00pm. 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.

### ***Report of President***

President Nell Gaither noted the following:

- Brought up prior decision for the Treasurer to review and update the 501(c)3 application; Treasurer responded that she would be working on it soon. The Treasurer stated that she thought pursuing the 501(c)3 designation might not be worth the effort and cost at this time, but the President noted that the Corporation could not pursue many grant opportunities without the designation. The decision remains to pursue the 501(c)3 designation.
- The Certificate of Filing and other organizational documents received to date have been placed on the website
- The following brochures finished: basic healthcare brochure and definitions and stigma brochure
- The information packet covering trans issues for healthcare professionals draft about 60% done
- Factsheet: what you need to know about injecting silicone draft finished (will need some editing; several copies made for distribution as is)
- Developing contact with Kendra, who is working with some women participating in street economy; have helped her get clinic STD factsheets, working on setting up testing through Michael Parish, and am developing factsheet for pumping (above)
- Working with Bret Camp to look into ACA/CMS requirements that restrict intake form data collection
- Noted that when filing forms such as the IRS 990, the Corporation will make every effort to file on time, and will not miss deadlines simply because penalties are minor.

### ***Secretary***

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

- presented minutes from March 6, 2012 meeting of the Board for approval. Simone motioned that the minutes be approved. Nell seconded.
- No further items from the acting Secretary

### ***Treasurer***

The Treasurer presented the following about the financial status of the Corporation

- No expenses to report
- Bank balance is \$997.50
- Treasurer is looking into why we were charged a fee after being promised there were no fees

Treasurer also responded to the following items as requested by the President:

- Status of Texas Franchise Tax exemption—set timeline for completion. Treasurer responded that this will be done at the beginning of May.
- Status of income tax filing
  - Treasurer responded that the form we need to do this year is not due till May 14, but we are not entered into the IRS database and so cannot complete the online version yet. Communication with the IRS help line indicates we may not be able to complete the online version this year.
  - As we just received our Tax ID number this year, the Treasurer thought we may not be required to file the 990 until next year. There was some question about whether she had understood the IRS assistant correctly about this. The Treasurer commented that we could do the full Form 990 this year, and it would probably be fairly easy to do. The President stated that this would be preferable to letting the deadline pass.
- Treasurer will submit a schedule of approximately when she will be out of town
- The Treasurer was reminded to look into setting up a way to accept donations such as through PayPal, Donor Bridge, or other methods.

### ***Unfinished Business***

- The Treasurer has said she will take on updating the 501(c)3 application: it should be updated by the end of May
- Healthcare project
  - Topic of ideas for additional brochures brought up, and one new item was suggested: the dangers of self-medicating
  - President noted having spoken to some doctors during appointments about the Corporation and about a few trans healthcare topics
    - dermatologist Dr. Niroomand; very friendly, but intake form could be better
    - gastroenterologist Dr. Chris Vesey, who is very community friendly. Vesey noted problem with federal requirements related to intake forms; has passed on info to NCTE and Bret Camp; Camp has spoken with a friend at Dallas County, who confirmed the problem and suggested we speak to Kay Ghahremani, Deputy Director for Medicaid and CHIP Policy Development; Bret has met Kay and will coordinate with TPride so we can help plan next steps.
- President has also spoken to Kendra (last name not known), a local transwoman of occasional acquaintance for about a year, who has been working to gain the trust of several transwomen involved in the street economy. Kendra was given several factsheets on various STDs to hand out, and Resource Center Dallas/Nelson-Tebedo Clinic promised more of any she needs. Also introduced her to Michael Parish so we can try to get some of the girls tested. Kendra said she thinks a couple of the girls may be pumping, so President created a factsheet up concerning the risks and dangers of pumping (see above; also now on website).
- Marketing within the community
  - President attended Stonewall Democrats meeting April 17; sat with Jesse Vallejo, Kat Truitt, and Elaine Laora. Got to talk to Jesse about TPride, and discussed the intake form requirements problem (Jesse is in healthcare admin and was very interested). Reconnected with Kat and Elaine, and we agreed to have lunch sometime.
  - Treasurer did not specify any meetings she attended or planned to attend. President will send some dates and times as suggestions.

### ***New Business***

No new business was discussed

### ***Open End***

No open end items were discussed.

### ***Adjourn meeting***

Treasurer motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by the President. The meeting was adjourned about 10:00pm.