

Minutes, Board of Directors Meeting, August 6, 2012

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of Trans Pride Initiative, a Texas corporation (the Corporation), was held August 6, 2012, at 7:30pm Central Standard Time. The meeting place was the home of Nell Gaither.

Directors Present

Nell Gaither, Simone Stevens

Directors Absent

Jamila Davis

Guest Present

Karen Thomas-Ortiz was present via video conference call.

Call to Order

Nell Gaither called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. 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 provided a recounting of the various efforts undertaken since the last meeting. Main points included

- Meeting with Carter Brown, founder of Black Transmen, about ways we can work together
- Discussions with Terry Thompson about acquiring property for a shelter/housing
- Work with Pocahontas Duvall, of Abounding Prosperity
- Communications with Dennis Strickland at The Bridge about potential for working together
- Communications with Danielle Tooker at Crisis Intervention (unit of DPD?) so she knows about TPI
- Communications with Karin Petties of Dallas County HHS so she knows about TPI
- Nell's application to serve on Ryan White Planning Council passed on to Judge Clay Jenkins for approval
- Communications with Lori Davidson, City of Dallas Housing Department, on opportunities to work with the City

Secretary

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

- Presented minutes from the June 7, 2012, meeting of the Board for approval. Motion by Nell Gaither that the minutes be approved; Simone seconded.
- Presented minutes from the July 9, 2012, meeting of the Board for approval. Motion by Nell Gaither that the minutes be approved; Simone seconded.
- No further items from the acting Secretary

Treasurer

The Treasurer

- Presented a balance sheet and general journal record for the corporation.
- Presented an invoice design, which will be modified somewhat when time.
- Noted we have not paid charge of \$18 from Texas Secretary of State; Simone will pay it

Unfinished Business

- Went over status of 501c3 application, and noted that it could be a year or longer before we hear anything
- Simone not finished with fundraiser tools comparison, had no current recommendations on what is better than others
- Credit card payment options: as most of the groups offering credit card processing for nonprofits seem to charge a higher fee than PayPal, we will just go with PayPal
- Will get the PayPal Here tool set up on Simone's iPad and order free card reader for it.
- Status of UT Southwestern Center for Breast Care project; Nell will call Amber to touch base again.
- Went over funding sources, noting how the best choices for us now and going into the future are marked; noted have some additional names and encouraged others to send in additional names to research

New Business

- Discuss and approve donor levels; no one had anything to discuss; levels approved

Open End

- No open end items were brought forward.

Action Items

Nell

- Contact Dennis Strickland about The Bridge
- Contact Danielle Tooker to see if they need to coordinate with us on anything
- Contact Amber Ledesma about status of UT Southwestern project
- Not mentioned in meeting: will keep working on Trans 101 presentation and other ongoing items
- Not mentioned in meeting: have been talking to Blair about "business plan" as she has time

Simone

- Continue to research comparisons of fundraising tools
- Improve invoice format
- Pay \$18 invoice from Texas Secretary of State

Karen

- Propose new logo and design for Safe Care sticker

Adjourn meeting

The President motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by the Treasurer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nell Gaither, acting Recording Secretary

Date

