

# ***Minutes, Board of Directors Meeting, July 7, 2014***

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of Trans Pride Initiative, a Texas corporation (the corporation), was held July 7, 2014, at 7:02pm Central Standard Time. The meeting took place at the home of Nell Gaither.

## **Directors Present**

Nell Gaither, Simone Stevens

## **Directors Absent**

Jamila Davis

## **Guests Present**

None

## **Call to Order**

Nell Gaither called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. 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.

## **Announcements**

Simone Stevens had no announcements. Nell Gaither had no announcements.

## **Reports from Officers**

### **President**

Nell Gaither provided a brief note about the following work undertaken since the last Board meeting.

- housing program update
- Healthcare update (Texas public health SOC; ARIES data)
- fundraising update
- individual assistance update

### **Secretary**

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

- Presented the minutes from the April 14, 2014, meeting of the Board for approval.
- Motion by Simone that the minutes be approved; Nell seconded. Vote passed unanimously. There was no discussion.

### **Treasurer**

Simone Stevens presented the Treasurer's report:

- We had \$188.12 in donations so far for 2014, and have a current balance of \$1,292.42.
- Provided a printed report of the finances to date for 2014.
- From the minutes of the April 14, 2014, BOD meeting: "Nell asked *again* about auditing costs; Simone said she would research." An email sent May 13, 2014, asking for a response as soon as possible because we needed an audited financial statement for a LOI due June 12. No response ever received to this request. *Again* asked for status of look into cost of audited financial statement. Treasurer stated she had "sent a couple emails." Again asked for some sort of research into the cost of an audited financial statement.

## **Unfinished Business**

The following items all need someone to take on or help with unless otherwise noted. No specifics were discussed. President asked if there were any questions or comments on the following items. There were none.

## **Healthcare goals**

- CME/CEU workshops for medical professionals
- Healthcare for healthcare professionals updates – perhaps Lane can take on?
- City health insurance project—Mayor and A.C. Gonzalez education started, will be working on as part of LGBT Equality Resolution
- Informed consent work being done with NT Clinic; resistance from somewhere; working with JP

## **Employment goals**

- City transition protocol—defined as target of LGBT Task Force and Equality Resolution; City Diversity and Inclusion officer will consider when hired
- Talk to Pride Staffing, Obox Solutions, and Pride Source about working with trans persons
- type out the information about companies that hire ex-offenders so can make it available
- add ex-offender information to website
- learn more about vocational rehabilitation programs that might be suitable for some trans\* folks with mental or physical challenges
- Meet with Workforce Solutions folks about working with trans\* persons; recommended by Melvin Baker: Terra Nunn (972-709-5377, x 7301); also Randall Wier and Melissa Lloyd at the downtown Dallas office

## **Housing goals**

- Shelter options
  - Nell working on shelter and community center plan and operations policy.
  - Need to work on identifying corporate sponsors for shelters.
- Prison status: Captain Knight supposed to call Nell about a meeting this week.

## **Education goals**

- GED program—some pieces in place (venue, probable relationship with DISD), but really needs someone to take charge.

## **Documentation**

- Lambda Legal team with TPI on legal name and gm change—Omar not responsive
- Katie Sprinkle is working on this, and we should keep asking to make sure moving forward
- Name and gender change document updates. To be completed after the work with the judges.
- Stonewall Democrats candidate endorsements indicate most judges willing to have an LGBT Liaison, so why not incorporate this into a liaison role?

## **General efforts**

- New brochure—“it’s ok to be cis”? Still need to do. Have asked Dori, but she wasn’t very interested.
- Online training offered? Loose plan to work with Evan Martinez to record sound when time
- Bios update on trans\* persons in arts, sports, and science to Patti for police training presentation. Comments: needs more work, Nell has done some additional work for a July presentation.
- Fundraising: have set up AmazonSmile account
- Fundraising: submitted proposal to TJFP for bringing Bamby
- Bamby event: no movement within LULAC; no time to do more
- Still need someone for Secretary and Treasurer positions. Suggestions?

## **New Business**

- Housing: Need to enroll as a vendor for the City of Dallas (tried, ran into problem)
- Healthcare: GEAR Trans Healthcare Program writeup for Dallas Way
- General: talk to 211 information services about referring folks on trans issues such as shelter providers and other LGBT/GSRM services.
- Buying projector (Nell’s personal laptop being used now)

- Simone status: she is back and stable for now.

## Open End

- Simone asked if she still needed to find information on the cost of an audited financial statement. Answer is yes.
- Simone requested a PayPal statement that shows details on donations.
  - A statement was sent on July 7, 2014, after the meeting. Again, Simone sent no response confirming she received the file or if that was what she needed.

## Action Items

### President

- Continue with business of the corporation except for the bookkeeping efforts handled by the Treasurer.

### Treasurer

- Treasurer will compile cost estimates of annual financial audits so we know what to plan for there.
- Treasurer will turn over software, license, and data when a new Treasurer is identified.
- Treasure will make an effort to locate a new Treasurer.

## Adjourn meeting

The Treasurer motioned that the meeting be adjourned. The President seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Nell Gaither, acting Recording Secretary

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Date