

# Board of Directors Minutes, August 6, 2015

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of Trans Pride Initiative, a Texas corporation (the corporation), was held August 6, 2015, at the Center for Community Cooperation, 2900 Live Oak, Dallas, Texas 75204. The meeting scheduled for July 9, 2015, was canceled for failure to meet quorum.

## Attendees

- Directors Present: Nell Gaither, Pocahontas Duvall, Bret Camp
- Directors Absent: Simone Stevens, Terry Allan
- Guests Present: Jesse Tafalla, Jr., Sharyn Grayson

## *Call to Order*

- Chair Nell Gaither called the meeting to order at 6:32pm. Nell Gaither recorded the minutes in the absence of Corporate Secretary Jamila Davis (no longer a director sitting on the board). A quorum of directors was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

## *Announcements*

- Nell: mentioned that the TIPP workshop was November 4, and that we would be paid \$250, making a total of \$550 in presentation fees earned this year.
- Nell: TPI was approved as North Texas Giving Day
- Nell: noted Poca will be going to the NCAVP roundtable
- no other announcements

## *Reports from Officers*

### *President*

- Noted letter of support to two Tx DSHS CDC contracts, latest being PS16-1601
- Discussed progress on FTA changes at the national level
- August 4 meeting with Sergio Gallegos of Enroll North Texas, Nell to head a committee for outreach to the LGBTQ community

### *Secretary*

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

- Presented the minutes from June 4 meeting for approval. There were no questions or comments. Pocahontas motioned to accept, Bret seconded; approval unanimous.

## Treasurer

In the absence of the Treasurer, Nell Gaither provided the bank balance: \$9,067.41.

## *Unfinished Business*

- **Parkland**
  - Nell: Discussed what had been learned about the Transgender Workgroup and the meeting of the external services group August 3. We had been asked to provide names for participation in the former, but were never contacted about doing so. Nell excluded from the workgroup.
  - Nell: Noted where we are on filing complaints. Parkland is denying there was a mod to the CDC contract, so maybe Candace had exaggerated and didn't actually mod the contract but the Parkland interpretation of the contract.
  - **Action Items:**
    - See what the Transgender Law Center decides on helping us, then decide to proceed with complaints or not. Read the CDC contract when we receive it.
- **DSHS Project—Trans Health Empowerment**
  - Nell: Kickoff went fine, about 1000 page views
  - Bret: commented 30 to 40 views per day wasn't bad and Poca agreed
  - **Action items:**
    - *Nell*—figure out ways to promote site better
- **Shelter work**
  - Nell: Discussed possibility of postponing; others agreed that is a good consideration
    - too much of a chance at failure without more community participation
  - **Action Items:**
    - *Nell*—consider writing TJFP and Tides to note we would like to refocus the funds to organization building
- **2015 Health Fair**
  - Nell: fair date still proposed is November 7; will reach out the Amber Ledesma at Center for Breast Care to see if we can have it there
  - **Action items:**
    - Nell: write to Amber to confirm date/time/willingness
- **Next Network Affiliates meeting (IPV/Sex Assault)**
  - **Action items:** Poca to coordinate with DARCC and VIP
- **Prison work**
  - Nell: noted we hope to have the revised policy with proclamation by end of year; also expect to have a seat on the transgender review committee
  - Nell: Dallas Morning News may run a story on our prison work

## *New Business*

- **MDHA Shelter work**
  - will move forward with new group to help shelters implement trans-affirming policy
- **UTD Viva Volunteer Day, October 24**—possibly plan a fundraiser? What?

- **Trans Latinx Project** with AHF Funding
  - Have had initial meeting; next steps on hold till project lead available
  - **Action items:**
    - Nell: review empowerment materials to see if we can construct a generalized project and budget based on that model
- **ICE work**
  - met with ICE folks in July
  - **Action items:**
    - Working with LULAC to connect with AILA and work with them to visit facilities
- **Office/community center**
  - discussed the CCC Executive Suites, but with no client access it is not a good option.

## *Open End*

- Brought up sticker prices, approved buying the cheaper stickers, probably 5k
- Brought up organization development as a need
  - discussed ways to have monthly/bi-monthly events at various locations
  - Jessie said LULAC may have some locations to make available
  - Restaurants would be an option also, but don't like that because they disinclude all from participating

## **Adjourn meeting**

Bret moved that the meeting be adjourned; Pocahontas seconded; meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Nell Gaither, acting Recording Secretary

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Date