

# Board of Directors Minutes, April 7, 2016

A meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of Trans Pride Initiative, a Texas corporation (the corporation), was held April 7, 2016, at the Meadows Conference Center, 2900 Live Oak, Dallas, Texas 75204.

## *Attendees*

- Directors Present: Nell Gaither, Simone Stevens. Robyn Crowe present by phone for office space discussion.
- Directors Absent: Bret Camp.

## *Call to Order*

- Chair Nell called the meeting to order at 6:34pm. Nell recorded the minutes in the absence of Corporate Secretary Jamila Davis (no longer on the board). A quorum of directors was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

## *Check-In and Announcements*

- Nell noted that TPI would be participating in events for the first National Trans HIV Testing Day: April 14 and 15 with AHF doing street testing, and April 18 working an event at the Oak Lawn Library 11 to 4 with UTSW CPIU.
- There were no other announcements.

## *Reports from Officers*

- **President:** Reported that we ended our office space at Community Pharmacy due to low visitation. Noted that we submitted the Letter of Interest for Communities Foundation of Texas.
- **Secretary:** Acting Secretary asked to approve the minutes from March 3, 2016. Simone motioned for the approval, Nell seconded. No discussion. Nell and Simone voted to approve.
- **Treasurer:** Simone went over the bank balance on the statement. Also noted were the following
  - beginning balance bank: \$12,938.22 + cash \$156.32 = \$13,094.54
  - donations \$77.88; expenses \$234.12
  - end balance bank: \$12,754.98 + cash \$183.32 = \$12,938.30 (-156.24)

## *Committee Reports*

- **Healthcare Committee:** Nell (only committee member present) provided a brief update, noting that the Healthcare committee is mainly working on the Trans and Queer Out Healthy Fair.
- **Anti-Violence Committee:** Nell (only committee member present) provided a brief update, noting that the committee is working on a “know your rights” card for police interactions and a forum for late summer or early fall called “Let’s Talk About It.”
- **Prison Services Committee:** Nell (only committee member present) provided a brief update, noting that the committee is mostly learning about letter writing with prisoners.

## *Unfinished Business*

- There was no unfinished business.

## *New Business*

- For discussion: renting an office and insurance. Robyn joined by phone for this discussion. The subject of renting an office space was brought up. The space is at Wynnewood Shopping Center and costs \$400/month, with all utilities paid except internet. We discussed the length of the contract (six months), the access to conference rooms, the possibility of having a UTD intern (not possible without an office), as well as the cost compared to the cost of meeting in restaurants (comparable).

Previously, Bret had brought up the need for insurance if having more meetings in a space we were responsible for.

**Proposed:** if the insurance comes at or under \$800/year, then we should go ahead and take the office and the insurance.

**Consensus:** No one blocked; no one stood aside; Robyn, Simone, and Nell supported. Bret had previously indicated support in a separate conversation. Proposal adopted. Robyn disconnected after this item of discussion.
- **Proposed:** Adopt the TPI member commit form, as in current draft of the Member Guide.

**Consensus:** No one blocked; no one stood aside. The proposed member commit form was adopted.
- **Proposed:** Adopt the TPI decision-making chart, as in current draft of the Member Guide.

**Discussion:** Decided to table until the next board meeting, giving board members time to go over more closely.

## *Open End*

- There was no open end discussion

## *Adjourn meeting*

Simone motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Nell seconded. The vote to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Nell Gaither, acting Recording Secretary

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Date