

Board Meeting Agenda, September 14, 2022

Call to Order

Check-In and Announcements

- Around the room for introductions and any announcements.

Reports from Officers

President

- Apologize to Josh for forgetting that at prior meeting, we had set time for this meeting as 7:15pm. Will try to correct that next meeting.
- Part time staff person quit in August with no notice given.
- Will try to hire, but also try to make adjustments to reduce need.
- Found out our insurance agent never let us know we could cancel workers comp in 2020 after Dani left. This agent has ranged from uninformative to rude since 2015. TPI is requesting to change agents. This is through the Nonprofits Insurance Alliance, so not sure what is possible or the process, no response yet.
- What is board preference on keeping workers comp even though no employees? Note we have received \$1500 grant from them, more than we have paid in.
- Review purchase for Texas Mutual safety grant file cabinet purchase (see receipt).
- Any questions for the president about activities since last meeting?

Secretary

- Provided: minutes from April 19, 2022 meeting.
- **Action:** Questions, comments, and approval of minutes from April 2022, meeting.
- Any questions for the Secretary about activities since last meeting?

Treasurer

- Reports provided: August 2022 reconciliation summary and detail. Note that monthly expenses may seem higher due to two-month reconciliation (due to bank mistake in counting a deposit as a withdrawal—may have bookkeeper fix differently later)
- Significant grants and donations for 2022
 - Eliot Callon individual donation: \$2,500
 - Chesapeake & Potomac Softball fundraiser/donation: \$1,500
 - Crunchyroll donation: \$5,000
 - Hudson River Trading donation: \$3,000
 - Vivid Cheers donation: \$2,500
 - Borealis 2022 grant (general + development): \$29,000
 - Texas Mutual safety grant: \$1,500 (special grant for safety improvement)
 - Luna's Charity Fund donation: \$1,852
 - Total donations and grants 2022: over \$70,000
 - Note: Texas Pride Impact Funds mistakenly sent \$2,300, which was refunded to them.

- The Texas Mutual safety grant required us to spend at least \$1,500 on safety equipment to receive the grant; we were able to get a new large file cabinet in that
- Any questions for the Treasurer about activities since the last meeting?

Committee Reports

Fundraising Team

- See treasurer report.
- No actual fundraising efforts made so far this year.
- Any questions about the Fundraising Team work?

Action Team: Prison Support

- Lost prison services committee staff person.
- Backlog at about 45 days.
- Exploring options for some semi-form letters to reduce time on some responses.
- Expanding PREA compliance advocacy:
 - New web page for auditors: https://tpride.org/projects_prisondata/prea.php.
 - Ongoing effort to refine PREA data (better define standards violations and make sure appropriate violations entered).
 - In 2023, will begin filing complaints against auditors for failing 115.401(o) compliance.
- Project 103
 - Have identified additional interested Texas attorney, Jayla Wilkerson.
 - Coordination ongoing but slow between Moira, Jayla, and Nell.
 - Brian McGiverin unresponsive to Moira about lack of response and request for materials.
 - Waiting to get materials before asking for return of retainer (will consider allowing request for expenses and reasonable costs).
- Any questions about the prison committee work?

Action Team: Healthcare Committee

- Parkland Discrimination Project
 - HHS still refusing FOIA request for investigation notes and documents (refusing to respond).
 - Currently writing appeal to Agency Chief FOIA Officer.
 - Next step is requesting review by FOIA Ombudsman at National Archives.
 - Board input: request opinions on pursuing legal action.

Other teams and committees

- No reports; any questions?

Unfinished Business

- Per agreement at the April 19, 2022, board meeting, the status of a search for a Secretary will remain unfinished business until someone is identified to fill the position.
 - This was discussed with our part-time person, who was willing to do that.
 - Nell was hesitant to make the recommendation, which proved to be warranted.
 - There were no further discussions about someone filling the Secretary position.
- No unfinished business at this time.

New Business

- Any new business that any board member wishes to bring up for consideration?

Open End

- Any other open end discussion?

Adjourn Board meeting