

Minutes, Board of Directors Meeting Agenda, May 14, 2012

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of Trans Pride Initiative, a Texas corporation (the Corporation), was held May 14, 2012, at 8:30pm Central Standard Time. The meeting place was the home of Nell Gaither.

Directors Present

Nell Gaither, Simone Stevens

Directors Absent

Jamila Davis

Call to Order

Nell Gaither called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30pm. 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 noted the following:

- The Present brought up that she had terminated employment with the City and would be working full time on Trans Pride Initiative starting in June

Secretary

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

- presented minutes from April 23, 2012 meeting of the Board for approval. Nell motioned that the minutes be approved. Simone seconded.
- No further items from the acting Secretary

Treasurer

The Treasurer presented the following about the financial status of the Corporation

- No expenses to report
- May 5: IRS 990N filed
- May 6: IRS 990N accepted by IRS
- May 9: Form 05-163 Texas Franchise No Tax Due Report sent to Texas Comptroller
- May 9: Form 05-102 Texas Franchise Tax Public Information Report sent to Texas Comptroller
- May 9: Wells Fargo Bank contacted about checking account charges. Not resolved. Waiting for call back.
- May 14: application for franchise tax exemption submitted to Texas Comptroller

Unfinished Business

- At April 23 meeting, Treasurer said the 501(c)3 application should be updated by the end of May; will have ready version to go over by June 7 board meeting
- Healthcare project
 - Finished first draft of the healthcare professionals FAQ, now working on rewrite
 - Nell invited to speak at Texas Transgender Nondiscrimination Conference about GEAR TG Healthcare Program
- Noted difficulty contacting Kendra about status of folks she is working with
- Marketing within the community
 - Simone will be going to Out and Equal meeting on May 19

- Simone may be going to the GAIN event at Two Corks and a Bottle
- Simone and Nell going to Texas Transgender Nondiscrimination Conference in July
- Went over reasons for community outreach is building relationships
- Simone will work on comparison of Indiegogo, Kickstarter, and other possible project fundraiser tools so we can have a good way to see if these might work for us and compare features
- Simone will work on a comparison various ways we can accept donations
- Nell will follow up with UTSW Breast Center for a gender day
- Nell to work with LifeNet, Workforce Solutions, AIDS Arms, and other organizations as employment duties lessen.

New Business

- No new business was discussed

Open End

- A number of items were discussed, including a replacement for the Secretary. Simone will talk to Blair High to see if she is interested in the position. If she is, we will all get together to discuss joining the organization.
- Communications, and Nell's communication expectations, were discussed.
- General conversation about the vision of how the organization will evolve, and some pitfalls to avoid. Briefly, the organization is expected to be extremely broad-reaching in the beginning with the expectation that we will probably find one or more niches that we can be most effective in using to create a viable and long-lasting organization. For this reason, we need to avoid certain types of person who will pull the organization into lots of projects then expect others to follow through when they decide to go off on a different project. We need people who will take ownership in all aspects of a project that the organization has decided to undertake, and take responsibility for seeing it through completely.

Adjourn meeting

Treasurer motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by the President. The meeting was adjourned about 10:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nell Gaither, acting Recording Secretary

