

Board Meeting Agenda, February 8, 2023

Call to Order

Check-In and Announcements

- Around the room for introductions and any announcements.

Reports from Officers

President

- This is the annual TPI meeting for 2023 (as per our bylaws).
- Since our part-time help left, have been able to keep up with the work load fairly well.
- Have not done quarterly email update, but not sure very effective.
- New insurance agent acquired, much more informative; very pleased.
- Unfortunately, office space becoming very noisy, interfering with work.
- Comments to board members: have not been able to move toward closing TPI; no one has to stay, but would ask to help find someone to take your place if leaving.
- Any questions for the president about activities since last meeting?

Secretary

- Provided: minutes from September 14, 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: FY 2022 income and expense sheet, bank reconciliation detail and summary reports for December 31, 2022, same for January 31, 2023.
- Of note: since January 1, 2017, we have received donations from about 850 individual and corporate donors.
- We received a stipend of \$500 for some very limited comments on a documentary about incarcerated artist Jamie Diaz, which we are passing on to Jamie's release fundraiser. There will be a second stipend of the same amount in 2024. I also wrote a short article for a catalog for Jamie's debut gallery exhibition, and the stipend (\$750?) for that was also passed on to Jamie; this was not run through TPI though.
- Our Form 990 isn't started yet because the electronic filing service we use has not finished updating for calendar year 2022 changes. Not due till May 15.
- The draft 2023 budget is attached also for discussion and approval.
- Any questions for the Treasurer about activities since the last meeting?

Committee Reports

Fundraising Team

- Trans Justice Funding Project sent \$2,000 to all past grant recipients in January, so we received that.
- Am filling out the Borealis Philanthropy application for our seventh award of the Fund for Trans Generations, probably \$15,000.
- We were invited to submit on a new grant from the Transgender Strategy Center, awards between \$25,000 and \$40,000, but I let them know why we would not be applying at this time.
- Any questions about the Fundraising Team work?

Action Team: Prison Support

- Since our part-time help left, have been able to keep up with the prison letters, backlog less than 45 days.
- We are also going to start filing complaints against PREA auditors who don't contact us (per PREA requirements) or include our data (new auditor tool) in Texas audits.
- Total letters for 2022: about 1520 sent and 1935 received, corresponded with 622 individuals.
- We have implemented one form letter, but only used it in very limited cases.
- We have developed three factsheets that have cut down on some repetitive explanations, especially related to what info we need to document or try to address violence.
- Project 103 (see 103.tpride.org)
 - Discussions slow.
 - The attorney that quit responding for nearly two years now wants to join again, so we are discussing how to handle that. Still has \$3k retainer fee.
 - Current plan is to try to prompt some cases to be filed to prod Paxton into intervening, eliminating the technicality for the dismissal of the first suit. One person has filed on their own.
- Any questions about the prison committee work?

Action Team: Healthcare Committee

- Parkland Discrimination Project
 - Amazingly, HHS still refusing FOIA request, although they said in August last year they would respond. Request is still "in progress."
 - Considering next step of 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

- Board member elections: held annually, must have three minimum.

- Recommend to proceed as in past by accepting the current roster if no new board candidates present and no board members wish to step down.
- **Action:** Election of existing board members if no new candidates present.
- Officer elections: held every other year, last elections 2022, no elections necessary in 2023.
- Current positions are President: Nell Gaither; Vice-President: vacant; Secretary: Max Lucky (Nell Gaither acting); Treasurer: vacant (Nell Gaither acting).
- 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 replace Max and fill the position.
 - There has been no interest in filling the Secretary position since the last board meeting.
- No other unfinished business at this time.

New Business

- Do we want to announce board meetings to try to get more involvement?
- Any new business that any board member wishes to bring up for consideration?

Open End

- Any other open end discussion?

Adjourn Board meeting