

Board Meeting Agenda, June 14, 2023

Call to Order

Check-In and Announcements

- Around the room for introductions and any announcements.

Reports from Officers

President

- TPI will start moving to the new office June 16.
- Work load is less than the last few years; we are keeping up with letters and have had some time to work on locating housing resources for people releasing.
- Any questions for the president about activities since last meeting?

Secretary

- Provided: minutes from February 8, 2023 meeting.
- **Action:** Questions, comments, and approval of minutes from February 2023, meeting.
- Any questions for the Secretary about activities since last meeting?

Treasurer

- Reports provided: bank reconciliation detail and summary reports for May 31, 2023.
- Although we have not yet received a grant from Borealis (generally about \$15,000), our total income continues to surpass expenses, so we are in good shape even without that grant if we don't get it.
- On June 13, 2023, we received an anonymous donation through Fidelity Charitable for a little under \$28,600.
- Form 990 was submitted March 18, 2023, and it is available on the web site:
<https://tpride.org/about.php#records>.
- Any questions for the Treasurer about activities since the last meeting?

Committee Reports

Fundraising Team

- We have submitted the Borealis Philanthropy application for our seventh award of the Fund for Trans Generations, probably \$15,000. Not sure we will get it or when it will be awarded as there have been some changes to the administration of the Fund for Trans Generations, and we have not heard anything from the new fund managers.
- Any questions about the Fundraising Team work?

Action Team: Prison Support

- We are still able to keep up with the prison letters, backlog less than 45 days.

- TPI has filed the first complaint against PREA auditors who don't contact us (per PREA requirements) or include our data (new auditor tool) in Texas audits.
 - That complaint was filed March 11, 2023, concerning the audit at Clements Unit.
 - TPI had also filed a complaint about a PREA protective custody issue, and that resulted in a call from the National PREA Resource Center on April 19, 2023. The specific issue had been addressed, but TPI conveyed to the NPRC staff person how TDCJ abuses protective custody designations. The staff person said they were not aware of the issue being discussed and will consider the new info.
 - TPI also discussed the audit complaint, and staff person looked over the data we are collecting and how it is being presented for PREA auditors, and said she would take up the issue with her supervisors and wanted to show them our data and data presentation tool.
- TPI is involved in a national discussion group between attorneys doing prison advocacy for trans rights. A separate group/committee in the main group are considering asking the DoJ to provide a definition of gender for searches, which is not currently defined, meaning trans persons are pretty much always considered the gender of the unit where they are housed for search purposes.
- Project 103 (see 103.tpride.org)
 - Discussions still slow.
 - The attorney that quit responding for about two years has said he could contact us to discuss releasing documents he alone has and releasing TPI's \$3k retainer fee. It has apparently been over a month but no response.
 - Current plan is to try to prompt some cases to be filed to prod the Texas AG office 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."
 - Will request review by FOIA Ombudsman at National Archives in August.
 - TPI may consider legal action if they continue to refuse. Board will be consulted before doing so.
- Any questions about the healthcare committee work?

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 replace Max and fill the position.
 - There has been no interest in filling the Secretary position since the last board meeting. If anyone has any suggestions, please let Nell know.

- Any other unfinished business that needs to be discussed at this time?

New Business

- Set time and date for next meeting.
- Would like to ask for ideas about how to add programs so that we can put our funds to use rather than just sitting on them.
- Any new business that any board member wishes to bring up for consideration?

Open End

- Any other open end discussion?

Adjourn Board meeting