

Board Meeting Agenda, February 15, 2024

Call to Order

Check-In and Announcements

- Introductions and announcements.

Reports from Officers

President

- This is the annual TPI meeting for 2023 (as per our bylaws).
- Any questions for the president about activities since last meeting?

Secretary

- Provided: minutes from October 11, 2023 meeting.
- **Action:** Questions, comments, and approval of minutes from October 2023, meeting.
- Any questions for the Secretary about activities since last meeting?

Treasurer

- Reports provided: bank reconciliation detail and summary reports for January 2024.
- Budget for 2024 presented.
- **Action:** Questions, comments, and approval of 2024 budget.
- Any questions for the Treasurer about activities since the last meeting?

Committee Reports

Fundraising Team

- Have submitted Borealis Fund for Trans Generations grant app for 2024
- Any questions about the Fundraising Team work?

Action Team: Prison Support

- We are still able to keep up with the prison letters, backlog about 30 days.
- Did six PREA auditor deficiency complaints in 2023.
- New web page showing response rates to complaints.
- Working on compiling housing resources for persons being released.
- Project 103 (see 103.tpride.org)
 - No progress since last board meeting.
 - ACLC attorney Brian McGiverin never contacted us (see last board meeting minutes); Nov 22, send letter ending contract effective Dec 31 and requesting documents and refund of retainer; no response. Suggestions?
- Any questions about the prison committee work?

Action Team: Healthcare Committee

- Parkland Discrimination Project
 - HHS still refusing FOIA request, formal appeal to HHS FOIA Dec 2023, no response. Mediation request to NARA FOIA Ombudsman Feb 6, 2024. Request is still “in process.”
 - 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

- 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.
 - Presidents comment: have not taken any steps to close TPI; no one has to stay, but would ask to help find someone to take your place if leaving.
 - **Action:** Election of existing board members if no new candidates present.
- Officer elections: held every other year, last elections 2022, so required for 2024.
 - Current positions are President: Nell Gaither; Vice-President: vacant; Secretary: Max Lucky (Nell Gaither acting); Treasurer: vacant (Nell Gaither acting).
 - Bylaws state: “Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors every two years at the annual meeting of the Board. If officers are not elected at that time, they will be elected as soon thereafter as possible. Each officer will hold office until a successor is duly selected and qualifies. An officer may be elected to the same office multiple times in succession.”
 - If we do not have any persons wishing to fill the officer positions, can we state the positions are vacant until we can find someone.
 - **Action:** Election of officers as determined suitable by board.
- 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 ideas about how to add programs so that we can put our funds to use rather than just sitting on them?
- Any other unfinished business that needs to be discussed at this time?

New Business

- Just an idea, maybe not feasible: if TPI has to cease operations, should we consider maybe converting to a Community Land Trust for the benefit of Dallas trans community? Could property and funds be held until someone able to develop for purposes established in the trust?
- Set time and date for next meeting.

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

Open End

- Anyone have suggestions for a host for our web services? HostGator ok most of the time, but there are some occasional very frustrating issues.
- Any other open end discussion?

Adjourn Board meeting