



Minutes of the Meeting
Board of Directors of Poetry Promise, Inc.
March 30, 2019

Having been duly noticed by email from the Board Chair and previous minutes, the meeting was called to order by Bruce Isaacson in his capacity as Board Chair of Poetry Promise, Inc. at 12:20 p.m. on March 30, 2019 at Winchester Cultural Center. Board members present included Joshua Abbey, Rosa Mendoza, Cathy Brooks, and Bruce Isaacson. Patrick Gaffey and Vogue Robinson (Executive Director) were not present. Vogue called in by phone.

The Board reviewed the Minutes of the last meeting which had been circulated in advance and were previously approved. The Board discussed composition and duties of the Board. Patrick Gaffey resigned, and the Board thanked him for his service. Chris Giunchigliani was not present but expressed a willingness to join the Board. Bruce moved and Josh seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Patrick Gaffey and for Chris to join the Board for the term of the resigning director. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Bruce Isaacson (Treasurer) provided a written Financial Report year-to-date for the year beginning July 1, 2018. Various elements of the report were discussed, especially this year's fund raising. A motion to approve the financial report was made in the following manner: Josh moved and Rosa seconded that the financial matters be approved as submitted. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote. Further discussion on funding and partnerships followed, and Vogue verbally outlined fundraising efforts.

The Board discussed recent events, including the Jewish Film Festival event with Alzheimer's Poetry Project (APP), and a recent event featuring poet Joyce Lee. The Board discussed the upcoming events featuring Jan Steckel, Syd Stewart and others on first Friday April 5, plus Jericho Brown May 17 & 18.

Various other operational elements of the company's efforts were discussed, including APP, Poets in the Schools, Poetry on the Benches, Slam, JOS Award progress, and additional possible events for next fiscal year, including Natalie Diaz. We also discussed cooperation with the new Poet Laureate. New and better methods of soliciting partnerships were discussed.

Other matters were discussed, including the possibility of the corporation absorbing Zeitgeist Press. The board discussed potential improvements in media strategy. Cathy Brooks will look at this after she assists in drafting a fundraising letter. Bruce and Vogue agreed to cooperate in that letter. The date of the next meeting was tentatively set for July 27, after the end of the fiscal year. Cathy moved and Rosa seconded that the above and the actions of the officers generally be approved by the Board. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Cathy had an emergency and left. Josh moved and Bruce seconded that a new Board position be created and offered to the new Poet Laureate. There was discussion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote. Subsequent to the meeting, Cathy objected that this was not on the agenda or discussed by all.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:30 p.m.

The above minutes are approved and submitted by the Secretary and Board of Directors.

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Joshua Abbey, Board Member

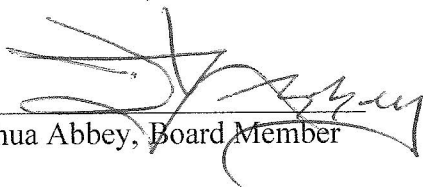
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