



Minutes of the Meeting
Board of Directors of Poetry Promise, Inc.
July 27, 2019

Having been duly noticed by email from the Board Chair, the meeting was called to order by Bruce Isaacson in his capacity as Board Chair of Poetry Promise, Inc. at approximately 12:05 p.m. on July 27, 2019 at Winchester Cultural Center. Those present included Joshua Abbey, Rosa Mendoza, Cathy Brooks, Chris Giunchigliani, and Bruce Isaacson. Vogue Robinson (Executive Director) was also present.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the last meeting, which had been circulated in advance. Josh moved and Rosa seconded to approve the minutes. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

The Board discussed its composition, Directors' terms, and duties. Since terms expired, a slate of Directors was proposed by Bruce Isaacson. There was discussion. It was proposed Vogue reach out again to Heather Lang Cassera for clarity on whether she would participate.

It was proposed to create an Advisory Board consisting of Cathy Brooks, Heather Lang, and Vogue Robinson to propose their own duties and recommendations and report back to the Board of Directors. Cathy stated that she would like some time to think about accepting a position on the Advisory Board.

Bruce proposed Rodney Lee be asked to join the Board, hoping to strengthen the bridge between the Clark County School District and Poetry Promise, Inc. There was discussion about the number of board members allowed and the pros and cons of larger and smaller number of board seats. Chris made a motion to change the number of Board seats to 5-7. Josh seconded the motion. There was further discussion about Board composition and terms.

It was proposed to change the terms of the directors so the slate would be as follows: Terms to—6/30/21 Bruce Isaacson (Chair), Rosa Mendoza, (Secretary), Josh Abbey. Terms to 6/30/20—Chris Giunchigliani, and Rodney J. Lee as a new Board Member.

Josh moved and Chris seconded to approve this slate. The motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote, with Cathy abstaining. The Board thanked Cathy Brooks for her service as a Board Member and hopes she will continue assistance to Poetry Promise and poetry generally. Vogue discussed tightening procedures so we follow Robert's Rule of Order. There was reference to a disagreement in the last meeting, citing it as the reason for this item in today's meeting. All agreed that we should follow them more closely than we have at previous meetings. There was further discussion about how to bring willing, young people from the community into Poetry Promise (such as an intern).

The board returned to discussion of the Advisory Board. A slate of members will be invited to serve on the Advisory Board, including Cathy. Heather Lang will also be asked. Vogue (Chair) will serve as well. Josh moved that the advisory board be formed. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0. Cathy excused herself.

Bruce Isaacson, as Treasurer, provided a written Financial Report for July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 fiscal year. There was discussion. Chris made a motion to approve the report. Josh seconded to approve the report. The motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote. A tentative date for the next meeting was set for September 21, 12:00 p.m. at Winchester to discuss fund raising and the budget.

Vogue Robinson (Executive Director) provided a status report for the year past and the upcoming year in relation to fundraising and each of the programs, including Poets in the Schools, Alzheimer's Poetry Project, the John Oliver Simon Award, the Poetry Slam, the Reading Series, and Workshops. There was discussion.

Vogue pointed out how Nevada Energy has a new person that is working well with Poetry Promise. There was discussion on how the relationship between Poetry Promise and NE can be made stronger through workshops/activities. Discussion about funding strategies took place. Josh pointed out that a meeting dedicated just to fundraising needs to take place.

Then, a motion was made to formally put in place an Advisory Board. The vote was 4-0. Josh seconded it.

Vogue went over the Poets in the School Program. There was discussion about strengthening this program such as working with more private schools. Rosa offered to invite Vogue to her school.

Vogue then went over the Writer's Block event where the recipient of the John Oliver Simon award will be there for the ceremony. The recipients have been chosen and confirmed. A tentative date has been set: September 6 at 6:30. She also mentioned the idea of a youth poet laureate.

Rosa moved and Chris seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:26 p.m.

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

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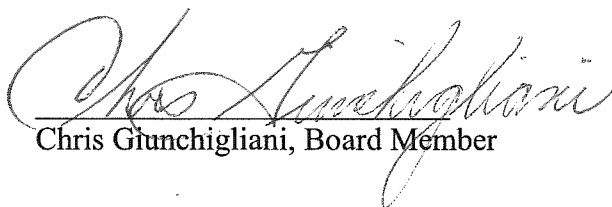
Bruce Isaacson, Chair & Treasurer

Affirmed by email.

Rosa Mendoza, Board Member & Secretary

Affirmed by email.

Joshua Abbey, Board Member



Chris Giunchigliani, Board Member