



Minutes of the Meeting  
Board of Directors of Poetry Promise, Inc.  
September 21, 2019

Those present included Board Members Chris Giunchigliani, Rodney Lee, and Bruce Isaacson. Vogue Robinson (Executive Director) was also present. Directors Joshua Abbey and Rosa Mendoza were unable to attend. A quorum was noted, and, 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 September 21, 2019 at Winchester Cultural Center.

The Board reviewed the Minutes of the last meeting, which had been circulated in advance. Chris moved and Rodney seconded to approve the Minutes. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Bruce Isaacson (Treasurer) provided copies of the Budget for the July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 fiscal year, which had been circulated in advance. Vogue Robinson also worked on the Budget. There was discussion. It was noted that the budget is a plan, from which operations can be expected to vary. Chris moved and Rodney seconded to approve the Budget. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

There was general discussion about upcoming events and partnerships. Bruce discussed the upcoming events sponsored with the Jewish Film Festival in January, including the film and discussion on Yiddish poet Avrom Sutzkever and a reading by ecology writer Terry Tempest Williams. Chris had multiple suggestions relating to the Jewish Film Festival, including the Governor's Council on the Holocaust and the Library of the Jewish Federation. Bruce promised to relay these to Josh Abbey. The challenges related to space for the John Oliver Simon Award reading were discussed by Vogue. Chris and Rodney discussed potential partnerships on events with CCSD, including the After School All Stars and issues with liability insurance. If solved, this might allow us to hold events on school campuses.

Discussion was focused on the topic of fundraising, which was the main impetus for this meeting. Bruce noted that grants had been obtained from Brenden Theaters Foundation for the Jewish Film Festival event and from Nevada Humanities for the Clausen reading. Vogue had provided a list of potential sponsors or funding sources that came from Brave New Voices. This list was handed out with the materials for the meeting. As a result of this discussion, the following was agreed as follow up:

- Vogue to work with NAC regarding Artist Residency Express for Gayle Brandeis to be held in February in conjunction with the CCPL.
- Vogue will also explore an NAC Program Development Grant.
- Rodney and Vogue to meet on the topic of expanding and funding the Poets in the Schools (PITS) program within the CCSD.
- Rodney is working on a fundraiser for PPI/PITS.
- Bruce to reach out to our donor list for ad and community financial support for the Clausen events.
- Bruce further agreed to contact the following organizations which have community relationship programs: Barnes & Noble (Debby Federico), The Raiders Foundation (Mark Badain), Golden Knights (Bryan Coy, CFO), and TI Las Vegas (Jerry Griffis).
- Chris agreed to reach out to the following organizations where she might have some sway: B of A (Tom Gallagher/ Dan Herald), Wynn Resorts, Caesar's Foundation (we tried previously and they

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Rodney moved and Chris seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:10 p.m.

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

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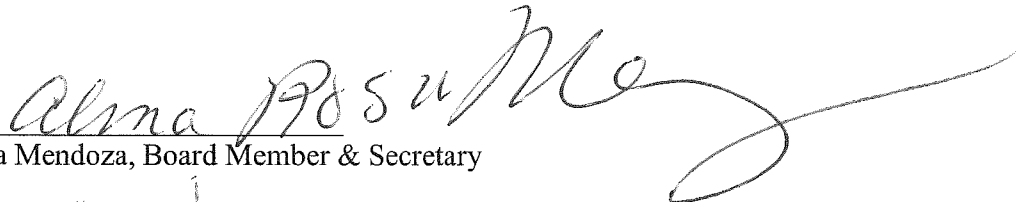
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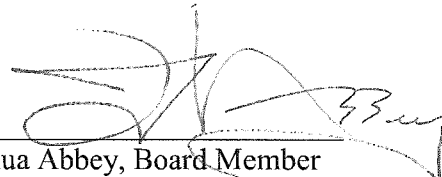
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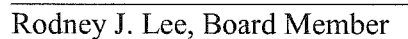
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