



Minutes of the Meeting
Board of Directors of Poetry Promise, Inc.
January 28, 2023

Those present included Board Members Rosa Mendoza, Chris Giunchigliani, Rodney Lee, and Bruce Isaacson. The meeting was held via Zoom. A quorum was noted and, having been duly noticed by email, the meeting was called to order by Bruce Isaacson in his capacity as Board Chair of Poetry Promise, Inc. at approximately 12:00 p.m.

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 unanimously.

Staffing matters were discussed. Bruce reported the resignation of Vogue Robinson. Chris and Rosa believe she is too busy to help us given the success of her new podcast. A resolution was made by Chris and seconded by Rosa to accept Vogue's resignation, express our thanks for her service and remove her from bank, payment, and other company roles. The board wanted to tell Vogue that we would be pleased to work with her on matters again in the future. The motion carried unanimously.

Bruce further noted the success of Poets at the Schools Director Isabelle Bellinghausen. We have further been working successfully with Solid Truth a.k.a Ida Collins on new grant submissions.

Bruce reviewed his Board report, which was circulated in advance the week before the meeting. Poets at the Schools successfully expended its grant money and submitted its final report for Clark County. We are currently working with State of Nevada Fiscal Recovery to expend allotted funds through 7/25/24. We have a cadre of Teaching Artists and are doing good in the community. We received a \$5,075 Project Grant from Nevada Humanities. This will fund the Saturday Series, , adult workshops, and other reading programs such as the one running at the Charleston Library. We have a \$10,000 TEAP request submitted to Clark County. The JOS/PPI Award Program ran with great success.

Due to the timing of grant funds, Bruce or his business have occasionally advance funds to the corporation, made necessary by the timing of grant funding. It was decided we should have a Board resolution authorizing Bruce to advance funds and repay the advances, up to a maximum balance of \$15,000. Chris moved to authorize this and Rosa seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Extensive discussion was held on strategies to keep the Poets at the Schools program funded long term, past July 2024. Rosa and Chris had ideas about contacts they might work with.

The Board agreed to schedule its next meeting as a Zoom at noon on July 15.

Rodney moved and Chris seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried without objection and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:40 p.m.

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

Board of Directors of Poetry Promise, Inc.

Rosa Mendoza, Board Member & Secretary

Bruce Isaacson, Chair & Treasurer

Chris Giunchigliani, Board Member

Rodney J. Lee, Board Member