

# **Truth Has A Voice Foundation**

## **Minutes of Board Meeting of January 28, 2021**

The board of Truth has a Voice (THAV) Foundation consists of three members: Cheryl Brown-Kovacic, President, JoAnne Allen, Vice-President, and Joseph Jordan, Treasurer and Acting Secretary. Merrell Bergin, Alison Brown, and Jan Wondra, are members of the advisory committee. All six were duly notified of the meeting via email.

President Cheryl Brown-Kovacic called the meeting to order at 3 pm via Zoom. All six of the members and advisors participated via Zoom.

Two minor corrections were made to the previously distributed draft minutes of the September 8, 2020, board meeting. On motion of Joe Jordan, seconded by Cheryl Brown-Kovacic, the minutes as attached hereto were unanimously approved.

Treasurer Joe Jordan reported that as of December 31, 2020, \$3,115.47 in donations had been received and, less CCCF and credit card fees of \$80.78 and \$24.63, respectively, leaves a balance of \$3,010.06 being held for THAVF by CCCF. The balance includes \$1,500 in restricted funds from a CCCF grant earmarked for the THAVF internship program. \$1,500 is owed from the restricted fund to reimburse Ark Valley Voice for \$1,500 of the cost incurred in sponsoring Hannah Harn under THAVF's winter internship program, while \$327.88 is due from the unrestricted funds for website services for the current fiscal year. It was agreed that an effort would be made to obtain invoices and satisfy these obligations by 1/31/2021. Jan Wondra and Joe Jordan agreed to treat certain minor expenses paid by them as in-kind contributions.

Discussion was had on whether THAVF should seek its own 501(c)(3) status or continue under the umbrella of Chaffee County Community Foundation. It was decided that THAVF should continue for another year under CCCF. The rationale is that operating independently brings little incremental benefit to THAVF while income and fees are low, leaving the full burden of state/federal tax reporting to CCCF. This retains our autonomy yet conserves THAVF board resources and avoids accounting and filing fees.

The treasurer reported that all filings with the SOS were up to date.

The Secretary of State Charitable Registration shows the current relationship:

| Name  | Registration # | EIN        | Type    | Status |
|---|----------------|------------|---------|--------|
| <a href="#">CHAFFEE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION</a> | 20193008219    | 26-4605574 | Charity | GOOD   |
| <a href="#">TRUTH HAS A VOICE FOUNDATION*</a>       | 20203006739    | 84-4677660 | Charity | GOOD   |

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The adding of additional board members was discussed, including adding diversity to the board with members of different backgrounds. The contacting of various individuals will be pursued.

Projects for 2021 were discussed, including teaming up with other community organizations in support of an internship project, including the support of internships for residents of the community. Possible projects included the expansion of the internship program to the high school level, a future conference, use of Denver Public Library curriculum, a movie series and publicity related to how to fact check.

Jan Wondra presented an update on Ark Valley Voice.

At 4:30 pm, the meeting was adjourned.

/S/ Cheryl Brown-Kovacic, President

/S/ Joseph R. Jordan, Acting Secretary

Approved: 3/25/2021.