

Truth Has A Voice Foundation

Minutes of Board Meeting of March 25, 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.

Call to Order

President Cheryl Brown-Kovacic called the meeting to order at 3:09 pm via Zoom. Cheryl Brown-Kovacic, Joseph Jordan, Merrell Bergin, and Jan Wondra initially participated via Zoom.

Guests in Attendance

Prospective board member Stephanie Traub attended, introduced herself, and gave her background. The other attendees introduced themselves to Stephanie.

JoAnne Allen joined the meeting at 3:20.

Cheryl Brown-Kovacic noted that, if appointed, Stephanie would be the only board member from the north end of the county, and that we would like to have at least one more.

Discussion and Approval of Minutes/Record

Draft minutes with suggested redlines, circulated by email in advance to all six board and advisory committee members, were approved with insert of “the treasurer reported that all SOS filings were up to date.”

Treasurer’s Report

The treasurer reported as follows: “As of 2/28/2021, our total contributions to date were \$3,561.57 (\$2,061.57 unrestricted, \$1,500 restricted). Total disbursements to date were \$1,972.54, leaving a balance of: \$1,589.03, all in unrestricted funds. Disbursements include: internship grant (to AVV), \$1,500.00 from restricted funds; internet & email expenses, \$327.88, from unrestricted funds; SOS filing fees, \$20.00, from unrestricted funds; CCCF fees \$91.59, from unrestricted funds; and credit card fees, \$33.07, from unrestricted funds.

Internship Grant

The president reported that an application has been submitted to CCCF for the student internship grant.

New Donations

Merrell Bergin reported that a pledge of a \$10/month recurring donation has been received.

2021 Projects

- **Updates:**
 - **House Bills on Media Literacy.** Cheryl Brown-Kovacic reported on a new CO law and explained content of the new law. She explained HB 1103 regarding media literacy education K-12. Also, she reported meeting with people from both Chaffee County school districts re teaching media literacy in our schools, noting that they didn't seem to be aware of the pending legislation. Civics is now being taught in junior-year American History and Government classes only. CBK talked about the possibility of THAVF bringing in an expert from outside of the district. She also talked to Rob Simpson at CMC, who reported that some teachers address media literacy but there is nothing in program for it. CMC is interested in expanding its internship program, and says there is a difference in interns taking something for credit vs. one working for pay. CBK talked of THAVF sponsoring teacher training in media literacy. (Alison Brown joined the meeting at 3:55.) The subject of the status and importance of courses in civics was discussed. CBK also talked with Jim Hight of Braver Angels. This organization focuses on discussions to help with improving the divisions in our county. They sponsor films and debates.
 - **Resources.** Resources on media literacy have been identified from the State Advisory Committee on Media Literacy, the Larimer County League of Women Voters and Braver Angels. The Denver Public Library is also working on a new materials in this area.
 - **Poster.** CBK discussed that the purpose of the poster was to increase awareness of THAVF, and asked for ideas for poster content and how to get a poster done.
- **Update on Movies:** JoAnne Allen presented an outline for THAVF sponsoring a film/panel discussion event, and possibly partnering with CMC for starters. Her outline is attached.

Updates from Advisory Board

Jan explained that the current intern from CSU is focusing on marketing and working online.

Additional Items

Jan Wondra discussed the desirability of sponsoring a summer intern from the Salida School District for AVV. The focus would be for emerging from the pandemic and how businesses and

organizations are recovering. Disinformation in the media would be a possible topic for an intern in the future.

CBK: next meeting is 5/27, 3 to 5 pm. CBK will confirm with Stephanie her interest in joining the Board and we can then vote by email on her appointment.

Adjourned at 4:58.

/S/ Cheryl Brown-Kovacic, President

/S/ Joseph R. Jordan, Acting Secretary

Approved: 5/27/2021.