

**Truth Has a Voice Foundation
Board Meeting Minutes**

November 21, 2024

Time: 5:30 p.m.

101 North F St. STE 201

Via ZOOM

Call to Order

Officers in Attendance: Kate Garwood, President; Joe Jordan, Treasurer;

Directors in Attendance Merrell Bergin, Tonya Wyles, and Maisie Ramsay; Jan Wondra Managing Editor/Publisher

Approval of Agenda

MOTION APPROVED

Treasurer's Report – M. Bergin

- Financials—INN Fund Balances only; INN behind on statement
- Budget vs. Actual: July through October, 2024 – was incomplete – report is now attached

Managing Editor/Publisher Report – Jan Wondra - Attached

- Future funding opportunities
- November Elections
- JTI Audit – will need crisis communications plan

- 501(c)(3) Status, Corporate SOS/IRS 990-N Filings
501(c)(3) status granted, retroactive to Feb 20, 2024. 990-N filing for FY ending 06/30/24 has been submitted, Annual corporate name and the charitable filing with Colorado Secretary of State has been completed. As of Nov.1 we can accept contributions directly
- Transition to Direct Contributions for NewsMatch as of Nov 1. INN has received notice of our intent to terminate fiscal sponsorship, likely at Dec. 31
- SBA Loan Update, SBDC feedback- Jan, Merrell

- Crisis Communication Policy Draft - Set Date for Discussion; Jan and Merrell will set the date

Ideation session is needed for scenario planning to confront a potential humanitarian crisis given national election outcome and growing intolerance/extremism– Kate, Jan, Steven and Joe will attend, date TBD. Develop protections for staff, crisis communications, and immediate responses.

New Business

- High Country Bank—Software upgrade issues alone are sufficient to warrant a change in banks on top of need for periodic competitive bidding..
- Banking RFP - Comparison is attached; still talking to Collegiate Peaks and TBK. TBK seems to understand nonprofits, practical and business minded. Collegiate Peaks has supported AVV. Service offerings are roughly comparable. A summary will follow soon. The matter will be voted on at the next board meeting for a change after the first of the year.
- Stephen Hall report
 - Custer County – Election deniers, the local paper was granted a restraining order against the sheriff, the community is fractured.
 - BV Schools discrimination - How shall we communicate what is going on with the school board in BV?
- Select Meeting Date for Next Meeting

Motion to Adjourn -

Next Meeting: ___Dec 18, 2024 5:30 PM

/S/ Kate Garwood, President_

/S/ JoAnne, Secretary

Approved: January 22 2025