

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of
Poetic Justice Foundation
MARCH 2022**

***Meeting took place over Zoom due to COVID 19 Crisis**

Meeting Held: THURSDAY MARCH 31, 2022

Board Members Present: David Ferguson, Joe Bryan, Matt Mount and Huborth (Skip) Dailey

Advisory Member Present: Kellie Shaw

Board Members Absent: Margaret Carter, Carie Fuentes

Community Members Present: Jataune Hall, Jermaine Hankins, Ebony Hankins, James (JC) Wade and Damala Christian

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:35

Approval of March Minutes:

- David Ferguson moved to enter March minutes into the public record. Joe seconded. The motion unanimously passed and the March minutes will be moved into the public record.

Intro to Potential Board Member:

- Jataune Hall is the Business Development Director of Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon (MESO)
- MESO work throughout Portland, Vancouver, Gresham, Clackamas, Washington County and the Oregon coast, supporting minority-owned, underserved small businesses to develop and survive
- MESO is working to bring minority-owned businesses back to Alberta street and inner Northeast Portland (MLK, Killingsworth etc.)
- MESO helped small businesses to survive COVID by moving from brick and mortar storefronts to primarily online models, credit advising and providing low interest loans to minority-owned small businesses
- David Ferguson proposed expanding the board by inviting Jataune Hall to join the PJF board. Skip seconded.

- The motion unanimously passed. We will invite Jatuane Hall to join the PJF board of directors.

Presentation by MOE for Potential Sponsorship:

- Jermaine Hankins, Ebony Hankins and JC Wade from Go Hard MMA and Fitness presented to the board, requesting sponsorship and support from PJF
- MOE (Mind Over Everything) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization serving youth by training them in mixed martial arts and combat sports
- MOE provides access to martial arts training to lower income families and young people
- MOE is hoping to serve children ages 6 to 16 years old, any gender identity
- Adults would pay for martial arts training; children and youth would be paid for by scholarships
- Go Hard is currently located at 321 NW Glisan St in Old Town Portland
- The city of Portland is actively working to revitalize Old Town
- Could Go Hard MMA be a resource for unhoused children and youth?
- What sort of support is Go Hard MMA and MOE seeking from PJF?

Juneteenth Celebration, PJF Grand Opening

- Now that the building is open, it is time to introduce the community to Poetic Justice Foundation
- Damala Christian of DB Desserts has been planning a block party celebration, with family oriented entertainment, to celebrate the foundation's public appearance
- There are both advantages and disadvantages to holding this celebration over Juneteenth weekend
- The city of Portland has been spotlighting Black owned businesses. Why not take advantage of this free publicity?

Tax Update (David Ferguson)

- David has retained McDonald Jacobs to do Trillium's final 2019 taxes.
- It may not be necessary to do an audit for the 2019 tax year because Trillium Charter School was no longer an operating school during this tax year.
- It is not a requirement to be audited for this tax year because Trillium was no longer in operation. This is a tremendous cost that can be avoided.
- David will notify the rest of the board of the cost of McDonald Jacobs preparing our 2019 taxes, without an unmandated audit, during our next board meeting.

Committee Updates for Fundraisers, Grants and Programs

- It is necessary for PJF to fundraise and apply for grants to maintain our nonprofit status!!!
- PSU students may be available to fundraise for our foundation without pay, for school credit.

Board Insurance:

- Sandy has been shopping for board insurance. She and David are collaborating to purchase insurance for our board and will have more information for us at our next board meeting.

Meeting Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:25

*** Our next board meeting will take place Thursday May 12, 6:30-7:30 PM, over Zoom**