

Minutes of Initial Meeting of Board of Directors
of
Harrisburg Independent Press, Inc.

The initial meeting of the Board of Directors of Harrisburg Independent Press, Inc. was held at the office of the corporation in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on September 15, 1971, the following being all of the directors were present:

Edward Zuckerman
Anita Harris
Sarah Forth
Mary Walsh
Arthur Berger
Myrtle McCall
Marvin Beshore
Kay Pickering

Edward Zuckerman presided, and Mary Walsh recorded the minutes of the meeting. Mr. Zuckerman stated that the initial order of business was the election of officers. The following were then nominated and unanimously elected to serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors:

President - Edward Zuckerman

Secretary - Mary Walsh

Mr. Zuckerman and Mrs. Walsh expressed their gratitude to the members of the Board for the confidence which had been placed in them. Mr. Zuckerman said that in preparation for the

meeting, a proposed constitution and by-laws had been prepared.

These were then reviewed in detail, and the following resolution was made, seconded and unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That the constitution and by-laws presented to this meeting be, and they hereby are, adopted as the constitution and by-laws of this corporation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mary M. Walsh
Mary Walsh

Minutes of November Meeting of Directors
of
Harrisburg Independent Press

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Harrisburg Independent Press, Inc. was held at the office of the corporation in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on November 11, 1971. The following directors were present.

Arthur Berger
Marvin Beshore
Anita Harris
Mary Walsh
Edward Zuckerman

A discussion of corporation affairs included possible sources of additional staff, circulation, and suggestions for future issue content. The meeting was then adjourned.

Mary M. Walsh
Mary Walsh

Minutes of December Meeting of Directors
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Harrisburg Independent Press, Inc.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Harrisburg Independent Press, Inc. was held at the office of the corporation in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on December 4, 1971. The following directors were present.

Arthur Berger
Marvin Beshore
Anita Harris
Mary Walsh
Edward Zuckerman

A decision was made to appeal a post office denial of non-profit status for bulk mailing.

Following discussion of future issue content, promotion efforts, distribution and additional staff, the meeting was adjourned.

Mary H. Walsh
Mary Walsh

Minutes of January Meeting of Directors
of
Harrisburg Independent Press

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Harrisburg Independent Press Inc. was held at the office of the corporation in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on January 28, 1972. The following directors were present.

Arthur Berger
Marvin Beshore
Anita Harris
Mary Walsh
Edward Zuckerman

A discussion of corporation affairs included its financial situation, its need for skilled personnel, and suggestions for future issues of the paper.

The meeting was then adjourned.

- Mary M. Walsh
Mary Walsh

Minutes of March Meeting of Directors
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A meeting of the Board of Directors of Harrisburg Independent Press Inc. was held at the office of the corporation in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on March 17, 1972. The following directors were present.

Arthur Berger	Kay Pickering
Marvin Beshore	Phil Russo
Carolyn Dillmann	John Serbell
Sarah Forth	Mary Walsh
Anita Harris	Edward Zuckerman

Mr. and Ms O'Beirne attended as guests.

On the motion of Ms Harris, Carolyn Dillmann, Phil Russo, Richard Sassaman and John Serbell were unanimously elected as members of the Board of Directors.

Ms Walsh reported that at the half year mark of the corporation's existence, its financial base appeared sound, with no indebtedness and a large sum to be recovered from the post office when its second class permit is granted.

A motion by Mr. Berger to continue the paper in its present direction as long as the money holds out, and to seek a liberal editor at a small salary, was adopted unanimously.

An offer by Mr. O'Beirne of state news copy was accepted by the Board.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Mary Walsh
Mary Walsh

Minutes of May Meeting of Directors
of
Harrisburg Independent Press

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Harrisburg Independent Press Inc. was held at the office of the corporation in Harrisburg, Penn. on May 5, 1972. The following directors were present.

Marvin Beshore	John Serbell
Carolyn Dillmann	Gene Suchma
Sarah Forth	Mary Walsh
Kay Pickering	Edward Zuckerman
Phil Russo	

Guests included Vincent Blocker, Ms Cinkoske, Julie Nichol, Janie Snurr, Richard Trejo, and John Zeh.

On the motion of Ms Walsh, Gene Suchma was unanimously elected to the Board.

It was decided that two staff members should be hired at salaries totaling no more than \$50.00 and Mr. Zuckerman was authorized to make the appointments with staff agreement.

A rent of \$15.00 per month was set for the present quarters.

It was agreed that the telephone company should receive formal notification of the corporation's refusal to pay the federal tax.

A motion to sever the shared printing arrangement with the Lancaster Independent Press was adopted by a vote of 9 to 1.

Other printing possibilities, promotion and newspaper content were discussed, after which the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Walsh
Mary Walsh

Minutes of August Meeting of Directors
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A meeting of the Board of Directors of Harrisburg Independent Press Inc. was held at the office of the corporation in Harrisburg, Pa. on August 11, 1972. The following directors were present.

Arthur Berger	Kay Pickering
Carolyn Dillmann	Phil Russo
James Flanagan	Mary Walsh
Sarah Forth	James Wiggins

Serbell?

The secretary's report of the May meeting was accepted.

On the motion of Ms Walsh, James Flanagan and James Wiggins were unanimously elected to the Board.

A financial report was considered. It was agreed that expenses would be kept under income and that the Board would meet again in a month to reassess the situation.

A resolution to add the names of Mary Alice Ricci and James Wiggins to the checking account was passed.

A motion by Mr. Berger to begin the fiscal year with the first day of August was passed.

Needs for office help, community input and transportation were discussed, after which the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Walsh
Mary Walsh

Minutes of September Meeting of Directors
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Harrisburg Independent Press

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Harrisburg Independent Press Inc. was held at the office of the corporation in Harrisburg, Penn. on September 29, 1972. The following directors were present.

Marvin Beshore	
Arthur Berger	Kay Pickering
Carolyn Dillmann	Phil Russo
James Flanagan	John Serbell
Sarah Forth	Mary Walsh
Hannah Leavitt	James Wiggins

After the secretary outlined the previous meeting, a current financial report was made and reviewed.

On the motion of Ms Walsh, Hannah Leavitt/~~was~~ and Mary Alice Ricci unanimously elected to the Board.

An informal discussion of ideas for content, office equipment, and sources of information was held.

It was decided that a celebration of the publications first anniversary would be arranged for October 14.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Mary Walsh
Mary Walsh

Minutes of March Meeting of Directors
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A meeting of the Board of Directors of Harrisburg Independent Press Inc. was held at the office of the corporation in Harrisburg, Pa. on March 30, 1973. The following directors were present.

Carolyn Dillmann	Mary Alice Ricci
James Flanagan	John Serbell
Sarah Forth	Mary Walsh
Hannah Leavitt	James Wiggins
Kay Pickering	

The secretary reviewed the minutes. Mr. Wiggins summarized a financial report.

It was agreed that an accountable system for distribution would be set up.

The board adopted a motion by Ms Walsh to seek advertising manager as staff replacement for Mr. Wiggins.

Two locations for office were discussed for move with Peace Center.

It was agreed that the Board would meet again within six weeks for staff reorganization. The meeting was then adjourned.

Mary Walsh
Mary Walsh

Minutes of August Meeting

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Directors, Harrisburg Independent Press, Inc.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Harrisburg Independent Press Inc. was held at the office of the corporation in Harrisburg, Pa. on August 21, 1974. The following Directors were present.

Hannah Leavitt
John Serbell
Gene Suchma

Mary Walsh
James Wiggins

Staff members included Peter Kaplan and Jim Zimmerman.

The resignations of Marvin Beshore and Phil Russo were accepted with regret and Gretchen Morgan and James Zimmerman were unanimously elected to the Board.

The resignation of Mary Walsh as secretary was accepted/

The following were then nominated and unanimously elected.

President - Hannah Leavitt

Vice President - Gretchen Morgan

An informal discussion of financial affairs was held and the meeting was then adjourned.

Mary Walsh

Minutes of March Meeting

of

Directors, Harrisburg Independent Press, Inc.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Harrisburg Independent Press Inc. was held at 210 Hillside Road, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on March 16, 1975. The following Directors were present.

Hannah Leavitt
James Flanagan
Gretchen Morgan
Richard Sassaman

John Serbell
Mary Walsh
James Wiggins
James Zimmerman

A motion to elect Jeanne MacLachlan and Christopher Sayer to Board membership was made and adopted unanimously.

It was agreed that Peace Center representatives would be contacted for a mutually agreeable arrangement to share the expenses of the building.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Mary Walsh

Minutes of September Meeting of Directors

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Harrisburg Independent Press

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Harrisburg Independent Press was held at the office of the corporation in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on September 13, 1975. The following members were present:

James Flanagan
Gretchen Morgan
Christopher Sayer
John Serbell

Mary Alice Ricci
Mary Walsh
James Wiggins

Officers were elected as follows: President: James Zimmerman
Secretary: Gretchen Morgan

After some discussion of a financial report presented by Mr. Wiggins, it was agreed that the Board members present would personally solicit the payment of overdue accounts.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Mary Walsh

Minutes of March Meeting of Directors

of

Harrisburg Independent Press

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Harrisburg Independent Press Inc. was held at 210 Hillside Road, Harrisburg, Pa. on March 14, 1976. The following Directors were present:

Sarah Forth
Hannah Leavitt
James Flanagan
Gretchen Morgan
John Serbell

Richard Sassaman
Mary Walsh
James Wiggins
James Zimmerman

A financial report was made by Mr. Wiggins who reported the advertising income to be increasing under Mr. Zimmerman's management. Subscription renewal has been under the direction of Rebecca Baum with good results. It was decided that no increase in advertising or subscription rates is necessary at this time.

The Board directed Ms Walsh to inquire of inactive members if they wished to continue as Directors.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Mary Walsh

1977 ?

- Managing Editor - Letters sent to 10 applicants. Two have requested interviews. J. Zimmerman to give names of others to A Klein for follow up phone calls.
- Advertising Mgr.- Continuing employment of R. DiBlasio to be on commission only basis. W. Kiesling to be employed for full time advertising work at \$25.00 per week plus commission.
- Members - Jon Simon, Rebecca Baum and Shaaron Foster elected to Board.
- Money Raising - Joint project with Londonderry School to be pursued by M. Walsh. Assistance of J. Wiggins to be secured if needed. J. Zimmerman to inquire about participation by Green Street group.
- Sale of HIP T-shirts proposed. T. Truesdale design to be submitted.
- Unauthorized Vending - Extra papers to be kept in safe place and legal advice to be sought by ~~xxxxxxx~~ R. Baum and J Zimmerman about misrepresentation and covering up.
- Peace Center - Debt of about \$70.00 to be paid from operating funds.
- Board Meetings - Next meeting to be held to consider recommendation of selection committee as soon as managing editor search completed if sooner than end of month. Otherwise next meeting early next month with regular monthly meetings to be held thereafter.

Board Meeting Notes - February 6, 1977

Present: Zimmerman, Forth, Foster, Ricci, Serbell, Simon, Walsh & Wiggins. Plus Biringer, Kiesling, Kraft and Solow

Advertising: The lack of agreement with Ken Bank was discussed. A motion that his activities at the Independent Press be discontinued was made by Sarah Frth, seconded Walsh and adopted by the Board. Mr Bank to be informed of the decision the following day.

It was decided that any ads brought in by Steve Murray or other unauthorized persons should be refused. Advertisers affected will be called and advised that the Press will send a representative to take the advertisement if desired. Any money paid by the advertiser to unauthorized persons will be refused by the paper. Advertisers whose ads have been taken by Steve Murray are to be advised that he is not authorized to represent the paper and the staff was urged to speak plainly to Mr. Murray on any future visits.

Immediate advertising duties are to be assumed by the staff, with Cynthia Rush to be asked to take primary responsibility. S. Forth is to call Antioch College to arrange for internship in advertising on same terms as present interns. Any future advertising hiring is to be done only after candidates have demonstrated ability. A 30 per cent commission on new ads might be offered for two months and straight salary for dealing with old.

Fund Raising : J. Wiggins reported that the joint fund raising effort with Londonderry School will be at the Class I Discoteque on either March 20 or 27. Food and drink plus six hours of entertainment (volunteer) will be offered. Tickets to be sold at \$8.00 per person and \$15. per couple. 450 people to be accomodated/ \$900. in expenses anticipated. Mr. Wiggins will contact Board members for ticket, poster and food chores.

IRS It was agreed that while current telephone excises will be paid, no assistance would be given the IRS in recovering taxes refused during the war years. Ms Forth to check with Bell Telephone Co. for dates taxes not paid.

HIP EMERGENCY MEETING - FEBRUARY 15, 1981

The following are not so much minutes as they are notes on the February 15, 1981 emergency meeting.

ATTENDING

Barbara Bell
Bob Colman
Sharon Foster
Hannah Leavitt Krill
Kathy McCaughin
Kay Pickering
Chris Sayer

NOTIFIED BUT NOT ATTENDING

Jim Flanagan
Fred Prouser
Gene Suchma
Bill Keisling
Bob Becker
John Serbell
Sarah Forth
Jim McGee
Tom Schmidt

Barbara Bell, current president of H.I.P., Inc., outlined current financial position. The largest bills include Bell of Pennsylvania, Compugraphics, The Graphic Scene, Peace Center, and Veritas Books. Additionally, Carl Judy has filed a bill for back salary (after the end of the CETA grant) and Gilbert Morrissey has filed a similar claim for back ad commissions. Finally, the Pa. Bureau of Employment Security claims the paper owes it \$500 for back withholding (because of the CETA jobs, the money would then be returned to HIP - who says government doesn't have a sense of humor).

Barbara said the bills from Graphic Scene and Compugraphic are contested. Bell and Foster said that as far as they knew, no decision on salary had ever been made for Carl Judy granting him a continuation of his CETA salary. Additionally, it was said that Gil Morrissey functioned as an outside contractor and would have to present bills, etc, just as any other creditor.

Discussion followed on how best to deal with the debts of the corporation. Tom Schmidt (through Chris Sayer) had suggested that maybe Gil and Carl would assume the liabilities of the corporation since they had taken the assets. There was a consensus that such an approach would not be good since it would not guarantee a "clean" wind-up of the corporation's affairs. The question of filing for bankruptcy arose. Barbara Bell said that earlier conversations with Tom Schmidt had indicated that the corporation did not have sufficient liabilities for bankruptcy. Sharon Foster agreed to talk with Tom Schmidt and to set up a meeting with him some afternoon. She will notify people of the agreed upon time.

HIP EMERGENCY MEETING/add one

Also, Barbara Bell said that there is one keg of beer still owed to the paper as a result of an advertising trade agreement. That keg could be used for a fund-raising keg party.

There was general agreement that it was important to clear up the debts of the corporation, one way or another, so that the corporation could be maintained and would be in place if people wished to re-start it.

CLEAN UP

It was pointed out that regardless of whether HIP Unit 1 ever restarts, it must be cleaned up. There was a real question of what to do with the waste. It was generally agreed that it was a bad idea to leave the waste on-site.

There are few known repositories of such waste. Serbell had suggested that one shipment be made to the Temple University Library. Kay Pickering said that she has made waste shipments to Swarthmore College Library and that storage facilities exist at that site. Kathy McCaughin said that she had a large amount of containerized waste at her private dumping site. Additionally, it was pointed out that the Pennsylvania State Library has nearly a full set of such waste.

Seriously folks, it was agreed that there was need for a full set of papers to be placed in storage for historical purposes. Priorities was as follows: 1) the State Library, 2) Swarthmore College, 3) the Peace Center.

Kathy McCaughin agreed to catalogue her set of papers.

Hannah Leavitt agreed to contact the state library to see what they have and what they need, and if they are interested in having a full set.

Kay Pickering agreed to contact the Swarthmore Library to determine their interest in having a full set. Swarthmore has a special collection on social change (Kay has sent papers from the Peace Center to their collection).

Chris Sayer agreed to start going through the papers at the HIP office to see what was there.

It was agreed by the group that no papers should be removed until the cataloging effort is complete. No one quite knows how complete a set can be produced.

HIP EMERGENCY MEETING/add two

(Editorial note: It might be possible to ask readers, especially long-time readers, whether they have partial or full sets of papers.)

Office Clean-up: Kathy McCaughin said that she was willing to spend a Saturday going through files, etc upstairs. Chris Sayer said he would also work on that... Saturday, February 28, 1981 was agreed upon as a day to start this work.

MISSING MATERIALS

The following items were taken from the HIP offices by Gil Morrisey and/or Carl Judy:

1. Compugraphic 2 Jr. typesetter
2. Film Processor for the typesetter
3. Fonts for the typesetter
4. Supplies (paper and chemicals) for the typesetter.
5. The phone answering machine
6. Light table (metal one from the 3rd floor)
7. A chair belonging to Kay or the Peace Center
8. Adding machine
9. The subscriber's file cards
10. The metal subscription plates for the addressing machine.

Initial discussions indicated that people leaned toward some sort of negotiated settlement with Gil and Carl on these items. When it was discovered that they had come into the office and removed the subscribers lists and plates, it was agreed upon that Carl and Gil would be asked to return all items.

No board action had been taken allowing them to remove the materials in question from the premises.

Sharon Foster and Hannah Leavitt called Gil and Carl to ask them to return each item by the end of the week (by Sunday, February 22). Carl Judy said that the material had only been removed to protect it from "creditors." After a long discussion, Carl agreed to return all items (he said the two large items - the light table and the typesetter - might take longer since it would require them to arrange for a truck to transport them).

No decision was made as to further steps to take if the items are not returned.

HIP EMERGENCY MEETING/ add three

LOCKS AND KEYS

It was agreed that since Carl and Gil came to the office and removed the subscription lists after they had been made aware (by Bob Becker) of the Sunday meeting, it would be a good idea to change the front door lock. Kay was asked to buy a new lock and make new keys - HIP will pay for the cost.

FINAL MAILING

It was agreed that some sort of final mailing should be done to all the subscribers. No decision was made as to the content or responsibility for the mailing.

It was pointed out that the 2nd class permit expired on January 1, 1981.

It was during this discussion that the removal of the subscriber's list was discovered.

BITS AND PIECES

Barbara Bell said that she thought that HIP's corporate charter had expired December 31, 1980. She said that she had been told that by Carl Judy. Most people present said that they felt that corporation charters did not expire from year to year. Barbara will check with the Pa. Department of State on this matter.

Barbara Bell will check with the Compugraphic lienholder - Chase Manhattan Bank - to see what the current status of the lease is and to determine what papers have been filed for transfer. She said that she had not signed any documents and that any transfer would be invalid without her signature.

The meeting degenerated into "war stories" and a full discussion of why Wiggins would not take McCaughin's \$35 to go to a massage parlor and report on his experiences. So much for investigative reporting.

Further meetings will be held but no date was set for the next meeting.

***BULLETIN: Sharon Foster, Barbara Bell and Hannah Leavitt will be meeting with Tom Schmidt next week, probably Thursday, so if you wish to provide input, call Sharon at 232-2579.

HIP EMERGENCY MEETING MAILING LIST

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