

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, NH

Tuesday, December 17, 2002

Board Meeting Minutes

The PFLAG NH Board of Directors met on December 17, 2002 at the home of Board Member, Ruth Smith. In attendance were: Gayle S., Margie L., Roberta and John B., Lisa H., Ruth S., Carol P., Jeremy W., Gordon and Cy S., Barbie Ann R., and Paula S.

After enjoying a potluck supper, the meeting opened at: 7:15 pm.

Before starting the Business portion of the meeting, Roberta presented Jeremy Winnick with a PFLAG pin. This was given in appreciation of his fine work on the PFLAG NH website.

Major Discussions:

Review November Meeting Minutes – with Carol P. presiding, Roberta made a motion to accept the minutes with Gordon seconding. Motion passed.

Nominees for the Board – Margie contacted 3 possible nominees who are agreeable to serve, as well as Mike Cassavaugh, making a total of four nominees for the ballot. A biography on each nominee is needed for the ballot information. The ballot is only for new members of the Board, not the Advisory Council.

Annual Meeting – Invitations – Ruth stated that a letter of invitation to the Annual Meeting needs to be written. It would be sent to the entire PFLAG NH membership and Advisory Board. It should be sent before January 1st. Carol P. agreed to compose the letter and e-mail to Sheila for copying and mailing.

Meeting Plans - Carol P. noted that the Annual Meeting is to take place at the Unitarian-Universalist Church in Concord. Saturday, February 1st is the date for the meeting, starting at 11:30 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m. Roberta announced that she will report at the Annual Meeting the results of Curriculum work.

Membership Dues Distribution – The discussion on this topic was tabled at this time until each Chapter could meet and discuss proposed changes.

Newsletter – Roberta proposed that the newsletter be made a quarterly issue rather than a bi-monthly issue. Gordon made this a motion with Margie seconding. Motion passed.

Ruth stated that Sheila mentioned the need for a “dues reminder” in the newsletter. Sheila told Ruth that she will mention this to David. Margie said that the Grant information needs to be explained to people receiving the newsletter.

Grantwriting – Ruth read a message from Sheila regarding the Charitable Foundation Grant. It stated that the Board received \$5000 for 2003. If we can increase membership by 10%, we can apply again for 2004 and 2005. If we retain last year’s members, with the addition of the 32 lapsed members, we should be alright. However, 144 members are not enough to sustain PFLAG NH. We need a minimum of \$1000 per month to cover operating costs. We did not get the Burne Grant (for Hatred in the Hallways).

Roberta discussed possible grants from PFLAG National:

- 1) The Gill Foundation Non-Urban Grants Program
- 2) Safe Schools and Public Policies

Roberta asked for a volunteer from the Board to help her study these grants and help make a proposal. This will take place at her home on Sat. January 11th. She stated the need to create curriculum/lessons for use in New Hampshire. This is an important part of applying for grants. Two grants are to fund development of our own Safe Schools program.

Minor Discussions:

Website – Jeremy recommends the Board getting as many e-mail addresses as possible. This is important so that people can be asked if they want to receive e-mail messages from PFLAG NH, alerts, etc. He mentioned the ease of contacting members in this way. Jeremy plans to learn about “mass e-mail capability”.

Book Review – Roberta briefed the Board on “Preventing Prejudice: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Lesson Plan Guide for Elementary Schools”. She demonstrated one of the lessons and handed out literature and lesson samples.

Speaker Bureau – Ruth read a message from Sheila stating that the e-mail form for speaker reports was working well. Gayle wrote an article about it for the newsletter.

Family Resource Connection – Carol said an FRC “wish list” has been compiled and will appear in the newsletter.

Reports:

Advocacy – No report at this meeting.

Keene Chapter – Roberta reported that the chapter held a Fund Raising Meeting with 25 people in attendance. There was a wide range of ages. A book project was discussed at a “house party” in Roberta’s home. She showed us a sheet which was distributed at the meeting: Gift Note (for funds).

Upper Valley – Barbie Ann reported that Trans issues were discussed at their monthly meeting.

Laconia/Lakes Region – Paula reported that a Holiday Potluck Supper was well attended at their December meeting.

Speaker Bureau – Margie said that there will be an update in January, nothing to report at this time.

No reports from GLSEN, Straight Spouse, or the Transgender Network at this meeting.

Before the meeting was adjourned, it was agreed that the next Board meeting would be held on January 21st at the usual meeting place in Concord.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Spink, Board Secretary