

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, NH

March 6, 2003
Board Meeting Minutes

The PFLAG NH Board of Directors met on March 6, 2003, at South Congregational Church in Concord, New Hampshire.

In attendance were: Gayle, Margie, Roberta, Carol, Duncan, Jeremy, Gordon, Ursula and Sheila.

Roberta opened the meeting opened at: 6:30 pm.

Items Discussed:

1. Board Appointments:

Gordon Sherman and Kit Carter were left off the annual election ballots in error. A review of the bylaws showed that they could be appointed to the Board of Directors, especially when a chapter is not represented. Duncan made a motion to appoint Gordon and Kit (North Country Rep.) to the Board. Margie seconded. All approved, the motion carried.

2. Election of Officers:

The nominating committee presented the following slate of Officers:

President – Roberta Barry
VPs – Carol Perkins & Margie Lindsley
Secretary – Gayle Spelman

Duncan made a motion to accept the Officers for the year 2003. Gordon seconded. All approved, the motion carried (a quorum of the Board).

3. Committee Assignments:

Members of the Board were asked to volunteer for the following committees:

Grantwriting & Fundraising – Gayle & Gordon
Communications and PR – Jeremy, Gordon & Anne
Education & Outreach – Margie, Roberta & Lisa
Membership & Planning – Roberta & Carol
Finance Committee – Duncan, Carol & Cheryl
Advocacy – Sheila, Jeremy & Ruth
Nominating Committee – Gayle & Gordon

Action Item: Gordon will contact the members of the board who were not present and ask them to choose a committee.

Action Item: All committee members will write a description of their committee's responsibilities

and duties for the next board meeting for approval by the Board.

Action Item: All committee members will attempt to find non-board volunteers for their committee.

4. Gay InfoLine

Outcome: Gordon made a motion to take over the Gay Infoline on a 3 month trial basis, providing GIL provides Sheila with a pre-paid calling card to use to return calls. Duncan seconded. All approved, the motion carried.

5. Gill Grant:

Roberta reported that she had mailed in the proposal for the Gill Grant two weeks ago. She also noted that an article about NH's Safe Schools Project will be in the next PFLAG Pole.

6. Website – Mass E-mail Capability

Jeremy reported that he had set up the email blast, tested it and it appeared to be working.

Action Item: All Board members should be collecting email addresses from members, potential members, and other interested parties.

7. Electronic Newsletter

Sheila reported that David had put an article in the newsletter about the electronic version of the newsletter. The paper version of the newsletter will stay on the bi-monthly schedule until membership has had enough notice of the change, and until enough people had signed up for the electronic version.

Action Item: Jeremy will contact David to work out the details for the electronic version of the newsletter.

8. HB553 – See Advocacy

Other Items Discussed:

1. Peg and David's Northeast Tour

David Mallory, from PFLAG National, and Peg Gage, PFLAG's Northeast Regional Director will be touring New England. They will be in NH on May 15.

Outcome: Combine the Advisory Meeting with David and Peg's visit on May 15th.

Action Item: Sheila and Roberta will work on finding a meeting space to accommodate 50 people.

Action Item: Roberta will contact Lisa Hartley about the letter to the Advisory Board.

2. GLSEN Conference

Roberta reminded everyone about the GLSEN Conference in Boston on March 15th.

3. Collaboration with GLSEN, AIDS Services, and Outright

Roberta talked about collaborating with GLSEN, AIDS Services and Outright to bring Sabrina Sojourner, the first out congresswoman to speak. They would like to coordinate the event to coincide with Coming Out Month, in October.

4. John Tuthill, PFLAG NH Founding Father Died February 4th, 2002

Roberta reported that Peg will ask permission from Nora to put an article in the newsletter about John. Betsy Janeway will write the article.

Action Item: Gordon will find out where to make a donation to in John's name (PFLAG or Spaulding Youth Center).

5. Love Makes A Family

Carol reported that the Plymouth Congregational Church will be hosting the exhibit "*Love Makes a Family*" on April 6th.

6. Boston Gay Fathers

Duncan reported that he had attended a meeting with the Boston Gay Father's group with members of Straight Spouse. He said that both groups need to work on understanding each other's issues.

7. Boston Pride Parade

Outcome: Invite GSA's and Outright groups to march with us.

Action Item: Margie will contact PFLAG Boston to see if we can march with them again this year.

Subcommittee Reports

Membership:

Sheila reported that she has received 131 paid memberships to date.

Advocacy:

Sheila reported on HB553. It was suggested that in the future people should provide a written copy of their testimony AFTER testifying, rather than before. This will increase the probability of getting the opportunity to testify.

Action Item: Roberta will speak to Peg about writing a letter to the editor against HB553 from the PFLAG NH Board. She will forward the letter to Gordon and Carol to send to their newspapers if Peg approves.

Chapter Reports

Plymouth

March 11th. only one person came to our meeting but she is a PSC student who helps in the Women and Gender Studies office.. We had a great talk and she wants me to talk on a panel on Sat., April 19th. at PSC.

Judy Shepard will be in Plymouth speaking at PSC on April 23rd. More details later.

The Love Makes a Family exhibit at the Plymouth Congregational Church opens with the reception Sunday, April 6th. April looks to be a busy month with PFLAG related activities. I am also speaking to the Episcopal Church Women on April 10th.

I have been taking packets of PFLAG information to health care professionals in Plymouth to hopefully get the word out. I am excited about what is happening.

Keene

We met March 4th with 3 new adults and 6 Keene High School students who are working at starting a GSA. It was an active, exciting meeting full of lots of great ideas. The kids talked about what school is like for them and the lack of support they receive at Keene. They also spoke of concerns for their teacher/advisor who feels her job may be threatened by her work as advisor to the group. We are going to continue meeting with these kids and support them in their efforts. It has only taken us 3 years to reach this kind of student group in this area. It was an inspirational meeting which speaks to how much work we have to do to educate the educators!

Seacoast

Report not received yet.

Concord

Report not received yet.

Speaker Bureau:

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3/13/03- Kearsarge High School – 2nd Annual Awareness Day (3 Workshops for students and staff) 2 Panels- One with John Liston, Les Norman (Concord Chapter) and possibly Heather Driscoll (Seacoast Chapter) telling their stories. Another panel- Lisa Hartley and Margie Lindsley (Concord Chapter) briefly telling stories then group training & tools for recognizing harassment and bullying and how to turn negative behaviors into a learning experience. (This will be the first training workshop we've done there! Our second panel on stories)

North Country:

Report not received yet.

Laconia/Lakes Region

Report not received yet.

Upper Valley:

Report not received yet.

Other Business:

The next board meeting will be April 15, 2003, at the South Congregational Church, in Concord.

Respectfully submitted,

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