

# *Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, NH*

August 19, 2003  
Board Meeting Minutes

The PFLAG NH Board of Directors met on August 19, 2003 at South Congregational Church in Concord, New Hampshire.

In attendance were: Roberta, Jeremy, Barbie Ann, Gordon, and Paula.

The meeting opened at: 6:30 pm.

## **Items Discussed:**

### **Chapter Reports:**

Keene – Roberta discussed the upcoming Speakers Series to be held at the Unitarian-Universalist Church there. She gave other Board Members flyers to distribute.

Lakes Region – Paula reported that 5 people attended the last meeting. She also told of plans for the Chapter's participation in the Multicultural Market Day to be held in Laconia on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>.

Upper Valley – Barbie Ann said that 6 people attended the last meeting. She stated that a Mother and Daughter attended for the first time. Fund raising issues were discussed at their meeting as well as support time.

Concord – Barbie Ann reported for this chapter also. She said there were six in attendance and there was general discussion and support time.

Gordon attended an ecumenical "work shop" Conference in Philadelphia. "Witness Our Welcome" had 800 plus attendees with eleven different denominations in attendance.

### **Political & Religious Watch:**

Barbie Ann discussed the "backlash" effect surrounding the Texas Sodomy Case decision. She said there is a major push for constitutional amendment to define marriage.

She told of legislation in California, the fourth state to give rights in the form of a "Protection Bill" for Gay/Lesbian citizens.

### **Fund Raising:**

The subject of a Raffle as a Fund Raiser was discussed. Jeremy told about an auction held by ARS (Aids Response Seacoast) and he will get some information from their sources.

Roberta will ask her husband to check on the legalities of a Raffle for PFLAG NH fundraising. She will also ask Sheila about separate mailings to advertise the Raffle or the possibility of sending info with the Fall Fundraising Letter.

Prizes for a Raffle were discussed. Approaching gay/lesbian friendly businesses for prize donations was mentioned.

### **Advisory Board Plan:**

Discussion on this topic tabled until next Board meeting. Carol Perkins will be asked to give us complete list of Advisory Board Members.

### **Local Chapter Development:**

Roberta said that there is a need to intersect with the Safe Schools project by contacting local schools and asking if they have a GSA and present them with literature. Paula gave Roberta information on her contact with a Gilford H.S. Counselor.

### **Grant Research:**

Gordon will be working on this before the next Board meeting and give a report then.

### **Data Base:**

Jeremy had a data base list from Bruce Gillis showing G/L friendly organizations. This was viewed by members and Jeremy discussed ways to approach individuals and organizations via e-mail.

### **Speaker Bureau:**

Margie and Gordon will be speaking on September 24<sup>th</sup>, location unknown at this time.

Roberta will speak in Worcester MA, at the New England Library Association as part of a panel. She will also be involved at the NEA NH Fall Education Conference on October 10<sup>th</sup>. She will collaborate with Penny Culliton from GLSEN. Their topic: "Including Sexual Minority Lives and Literature in the Secondary English Classroom".

### **Curriculum notebook:**

The notebook will be developed for the Gill Grant. Roberta will be working on this later in the month. Margie L. is holding the materials needed to complete the workbook. Roberta asked for volunteers to help on this project.

**Other:**

**Study Group:**

Gordon will be going to MA for a non-discrimination study group. He will be representing PFLAG NH.

**E-Mail Newsletter:**

Jeremy discussed an e-mail newsletter for PFLAG NH. He will contact Sheila about the updated database needed to proceed further on this idea.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. As there was not a quorum, motions were not made.

Submitted by Paula Spink