

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, NH

November 18, 2003

Board Meeting Minutes

The PFLAG NH Board of Directors met on November 18, 2003, at South Congregational Church in Concord, New Hampshire.

Attending: Jeremy, Gordon, Margie, Roberta, Gayle, BarbieAnn, Cheryl, and Sheila.

Roberta opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. The meeting began late due to a rally at the State House in support of the MA marriage decision. Roberta was invited to speak.

BarbieAnn made a motion to accept the previous minutes, and Gordon seconded. All approved. The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

1. Resignation – Administrative Assistant

Sheila announced that she is resigning her position as of the Annual Meeting; however, she has offered to join the Board and will continue to manage the database, record dues, pick up mail, and manage the helpline.

Outcome: Gordon made a motion to accept this proposal. Roberta seconded. The six board members present voted for the proposal; however, there was not a quorum for the motion to carry.

Action Item: Gordon will contact the absent board members for their vote.

2. Resignation – Treasurer

Cheryl announced that she is resigning her paid position immediately. She offered to join the board and continue as treasurer as a volunteer. By doing this, PFLAG NH will no longer have to continue paying Worker's Comp and payroll expenses. Since the Worker's Comp premium is due this month, we can cancel the insurance immediately.

Outcome: Gordon made a motion to accept this proposal. Roberta seconded. The six board members present voted for the proposal; however, there was not a quorum for the motion to carry.

Action Item: Gordon will contact the absent board members for their vote.

3. Political Candidates

It came to the attention of the board that a PFLAG NH Chapter had invited a speaker from the Dean Campaign to speak at their November meeting.

Roberta contacted the Chair and reiterated the rules surrounding our 501c3, which prohibits the endorsement of any political candidate, (or the appearance of endorsement).

Outcome: If one candidate is invited, ALL must be invited.

4. Grants

Sheila announced that PFLAG NH received a \$4000 project grant from the NH Charitable Foundation. This grant is for the Safe Schools Project and the Speakers' Bureau. She still has not heard from Jane's Trust yet.

5. Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting has been tentatively scheduled for 2/7/04. BarbieAnn made a motion to accept that date, and Gayle seconded. There was not a quorum, so the motion is on hold until other board members can be contacted for their vote.

Action Item: Gordon will write a short blurb about the Annual Meeting for the newsletter, and will contact members not present for their vote.

6. Nominating Committee

Outcome: All nominations and bios must be in to the nominating committee by December 5th, and voted upon at the December meeting. Gayle, Gordon, and Roberta make up the nominating committee.

Action Items: The nominating committee will coordinate the printing and mailing of ballots and board bios to members by the last week in December, since Sheila will be out of town. Gordon will contact the members of the board who have not come to meetings this year to find out their interest and intentions for next year. Add bylaw amendment to the agenda for the first meeting of next year, to consider adding that board members must attend at least 50% of board meetings to remain on the board.

7. NH Freedom to Marry Collaboration

NH Freedom to Marry would like to discuss possibly sharing our 800 number since they have to move their phone to another number and address. We are billed for 100 calls per month even though we only receive about 70 calls on the 800 number per month. NHFTM receives very few calls per month.

Outcome: We might vote to share our 800 if NHFTM would contribute \$200 per year towards the cost of the line. Since there wasn't a quorum, a vote couldn't be taken.

Action Item: Sheila will discuss proposal with NHFTM at their next board meeting.

UPDATE - NHFTM has decided they really want to keep their own number, especially in light of the recent MA marriage decision. This vote is moot.

8. Advisory Meeting

A tentative date has been set for May 20th, 2004.

9. Women's Expo

Outcome: A Gordon made a motion to reserve a table at the Women's Expo, if NHFTM will share the cost and a table (\$300 total). BarbieAnn seconded. A quorum was not present for the motion to carry.

Action Item: Gordon will call other members of the board for a vote.

10. Curriculum Manual on the Internet

Roberta made a motion to put the curriculum manual on our website in a "members only" area so all speakers would have access to it.

Outcome: No quorum, the vote was tabled.

Subcommittee Reports

Advocacy

There was a rally at the State House in support of the MA marriage decision. The impression by members of NH Freedom to Marry is that the legislature will not be able to substitute marriage with civil union as was done in VT. The legislature has 180 days to correct the discriminatory laws surrounding same-sex marriage.

Membership

Sheila reported that chapters will receive the remainder of their 2003 dues at the next meeting.

Communications

Newsletter – Sheila will ask David to distribute a tentative schedule of both printed newsletter and news deadlines for the next year.

Website – *Action Item:* Jeremy will look into the cost of using PayPal for the next meeting.

Finance

Action Item: Cheryl will email a fourth quarter report, and is working on the end of year report.

Chapter Reports

Upper Valley

The Upper Valley Chapter of PFLAG New Hampshire met Monday October 10 from 7 to 10 pm in Auditorium A at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. Six individuals were present and the meeting was concerned with general support and discussion. A woman was interested in information as her young niece wanted to play with boy's toys and wear boy's clothes. The discussion pointed that this was no problem in itself and that such behavior in girls can have many and varied outcomes. The aunt was advised to be available for her niece as she grew older and to support her. The other main item for discussion was the request from a student at Stevens High School in Claremont for PFLAG information and if possible to meet with members (it sounds like he may be starting a GSA). He will be sent some of our literature and if possible one or more PFLAG members will meet with him.

Plymouth – Not yet submitted.

Lakes Region

Only two people attended the Oct. meeting. One was attending PFLAG for the first time. I told him about the history of PFLAG and a bit about my own connection.

North Country - Not yet submitted

Concord

Twelve people attended (including 2 new plus speaker). There was a discussion on trans issues and coming out. Barbie Anne celebrated her 6-year anniversary. Discussed Margie's letter to the editor (Concord Monitor) and Lisa expressed the importance of allies. Inventory of library discussed; possibly being done by GSA students from NEC. Both of our new people who are a couple, are interested in helping with PFLAG and the speaker bureau!

Announcements: Trans program at NEC for 11/20 7PM. Barbie Anne and Lou Hobbs will be speakers. Program: Clair Robson- author of "Love in Good Time". She read to us from her memoirs including a section from a religious school she worked, where they were struggling with dialogue in their school's policy on diversity issues. Also she discussed her brief marriage and her motorbike journey to England after leaving her husband in search of some lesbian sisters. She is such a dynamic person and writer. The parallels

of the 60's in England and the US were quite interesting. The chapter bought a copy of the book for our library and wished her well on her book tour.

Keene-. Not yet submitted

Seacoast.- Not yet submitted

Directions: Take exit 20 from I 93 and take a left on to Route 3 towards Laconia. Travel approx. 5.5 miles. Take a right on to Union Road (Piche's will be on the left). We live 1.4 miles on the right. Our home number is 528-6173. Our address for those of you who want to do Mapquest is 278 Union Road, Belmont 03220.

Other Business:

The next board meeting will be held December 16th, 2003, Sheila, Cheryl, and Gayle's house, in Belmont. This will be a potluck supper and a yankee swap.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Dion
Administrative Assistant