

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, NH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

324 Havenwood Heights, Concord, NH

30 March 2004

Call to Order

Roberta called the meeting to order at 18:40.

Directors Present: Roberta Barry, Louis Hobbs, Margie Lindsley, Duncan McInnes, Alicia Maggio, Carol Perkins, BarbieAnn Rounds, Gordon Sherman, Gayle Spelman, Marianne Storer, Jeremy Winnick

Directors Absent: Kit Carter, Sandy Conley, Sheila Dion, Cheryl Elliott, Lisa Hartley, Ursula Kneissl

Guests: Pat

Minutes of Prior Meetings

Carol noted that she has trouble opening the minutes as an attachment and asked if they could be included in the body of the message instead. Jeremy said he would provide both methods of delivery.

Duncan **moved** to accept the minutes of 2/17 as written. Carol seconded. Passed unanimously.

Business

Membership

Roberta presented Sheila's report, noting that membership has flattened over the past couple of months.

Margie **moved** to reimburse Gordon for the use of his printer and ink in the amount of \$50. Marianne seconded. Passed unanimously.

Speaker Bureau

Discussion on the past and future events:

- Women's Expo on 2/21. (Alicia noted that a \$64 profit was made selling surplus pins and buttons.)
- Alicia discussed Market Days in Concord, coming up July 14-16. She noted that it will cost \$150 to register a table at this event, but that NH FTM was willing to share a table. Alicia agreed to chair a committee that will organize PFLAG's presence at this event. BarbieAnn **moved** to appropriate the \$64 profit from the Women's Expo for use by Alicia to buy items needed for this event. Gayle seconded. Passed unanimously.
- Roberta provided a demo of the "crumpled man" opener, noting its effectiveness as an attention-getter.
- Roberta discussed the 2005 Collaborative Conference being hosted by the UNH LGBT Alliance. She offered to contact Jack Crumb, the planning chair in the hopes of arranging for a workshop to be given by PFLAG at the conference.
- Louis and Pat discussed the Spring Summit coming up April 23-25 at the MUB at UNH, hosted by NH TREE.

- Gayle discussed the Diversity Prom at the Center of NH, Manchester on April 24, hosted by Lakes Region GLSEN.

Helpline

BarbieAnn **moved** to reimburse the cost of transferring the toll-free helpline telephone number to Gordon's house so that he can take it over. Duncan seconded. Passed unanimously.

Newsletter

Carol noted that the most recent newsletter did not come with a renewal form. She agreed to contact David to urge him to include a renewal form with every issue.

Gordon suggested that anyone who writes a letter to the editor of their local newspaper send it to him as well, so that it can be considered for inclusion in the newsletter.

May Advisory Meeting

Carol presented her design for an invitation to this event. She asked if Sheila had sent the invitations; no one knew.

Curriculum Project

Jeremy provided a demonstration on how Optical Character Recognition (OCR) software works and how it may assist PFLAG with its curriculum project by turning big scanned documents into small, editable text files in rich-text format.

Duncan moved to appropriate a portion of the \$1000 grant to be used to purchase OCR software in support of the curriculum project. Jeremy would be charged with locating the software and making the purchase. Marianne seconded. Passed unanimously.

Miscellany

BarbieAnn asked about Boston Pride. Margie agreed to look into this, scheduled for June 12.

Marianne announced that her surgery will be April 19. Pat added that they will see John Monroe while they are there, and offered to pass along any messages.

Carol shared her concern that her son thinks that she is going overboard with the whole gay thing. She noted that she has found that the board meetings have become her personal support group. Others shared personal stories too. Roberta urged everyone to stay the course, agreeing that the "PFLAG mom" experience can be quite lonely.

Carol announced a gay play coming in early April to Plymouth State University by Robert Miller, "Opening the House." She also noted that there are events going on at PSU on April 9 and April 17.

Chapter Reports

Upper Valley

BarbieAnn reported attendance of 2 people at this month's meeting, which was just a support meeting. She also discussed the panel she attended with 2nd-year medical students.

Concord

Margie reported attendance of 17 people, including a new transgendered person and a new family: husband, wife and daughter; the husband is coming out. This month's meeting was a support meeting for this family.

Plymouth

Carol reported that her 84-year-old regular attendee was the only person at this month's meeting. She discussed with him how she might get more people to come to meetings.

Lakes Region

Gayle reported that she missed the meeting due to her move and recent leg injury. Gayle provided her new address: P.O. Box 187, New Hampton, NH 03256, and new cell number: 455-6948. Her e-mail address has not changed.

Seacoast

Marianne reported attendance of 7 people. They watched "Let's Get Real" and covered transgendered topics in support of a 14-year-old attendee.

Keene

Roberta reported that she is struggling with the balance between support, education, and advocacy, noting the need to do all 3 in order to be successful. She hopes to build committees to pass on the work that she's doing as she transitions to National.

Straight Spouse Network

Nothing to report.

North Country

"We had one visitor, who wanted to know if we were scheduling anything new or different. I went over our schedule with her and asked if she wanted to be reminded of any events, or called upon to participate. We talked for a little while."

National

Duncan reported that Amity Buxton has written a letter to President George Bush opposing the marriage amendment. It will appear in an upcoming PFLAGPole.

Adjournment

Roberta reminded the board that the next meeting will be held on April 20. BarbieAnn **moved** to adjourn. Duncan seconded. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 20:49.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy Winnick, Webmaster