

Minutes of the PFLAG-NH Council Meeting

January 18, 2005

Call to Order

Roberta opened the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Roberta stated she had a paper to get correct information stating that NHPFLAG Council is "in process". She also stated that there was no new information on the case available at this time.

Roberta asked the council to review the minutes from December and asked if any corrections needed to be done. Lou asked that the T-Coordinator position be changed from National to Lakes Region. No other changes were asked for. Gordon moved to accept the minutes as amended. Marianne seconded. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Gordon stated he has dues from 2005 that needs to be amended from the 2004 totals. As of this date there is \$329.63 in the treasurer after a check for \$64.28 is paid to Verizon. Carol asked about a Fidelity deposit of \$115.72. Also, there was a \$10 donation and two memberships for \$50. There was a question as to whether to close the Fidelity account. Carol also asked the dates of the fiscal year. They go from October 1st, 2004 to September 30th, 2005. BarbieAnn moved that NHPLAG adopt their fiscal year to officially coincide with Nationals of October 1st to September 30th. Marianne seconded. Passed unanimously.

Gayle moved to accept the treasurers report per audit. Margie seconded. Passed unanimously.

Membership and Data Base

Margie passed a color copy of a printed copy around. It has printed labels and letters to go out with it. Pat will show the access database to the council after the meeting. As the membership forms come in to the council, they will be passed to the membership council members to be entered into the data base and it will be updated. Margie went over the process of sending the membership forms. Pat and Marianne stated the concern that the laptop has no virus protection, so the forms have to be transferred to a zip file then transferred to a home pc for emailing.

Gordon expressed that as memberships come back, letters should be sent inviting and encouraging members to come to meetings. Roberta showed the new logo for PFLAG.

A typo was found in Margie's letter but they're all ready to be mailed so they will go out anyway.

Roberta went over the old membership list. It needs to be updated and chapter reports should be going to the E-news by way of David Pendleton so he can edit it. A copy of a blank membership form should also be sent to David Pendleton so he insert it in the E-news. Pat brought up a concern of copyright privileges. BarbieAnn stated that the Growing Up forms on the website need to be updated.

A motion to put the form on website with the newsletter was made.

Lou moved to accept the membership forms. Seconded. Passed unanimously. BarbieAnn moved that the information on the membership forms and the data base update be accepted. Gordon seconded. Passed unanimously.

Chapter Reports

Plymouth: 3 ppl attended 1 man stated he had been a member of the Seacoast Gay Men for 25 years. The attendees hashed out the issue of how to deal with discrimination, specifically from one's neighbor. Roberta suggested the "I Statement". A thought was brought up that a program might be devised for each month's meeting. The local Congregational Church has UCC open and affirming head that is pushing that no marriage licenses be signed for anyone.

Concord: 7 ppl attended Gordon brought another resident who has a gay cousin. She was from Pittsburgh. Quiet meeting. Been running ads but not seeing much yet. Thoughts were that the weather is still too cold. Roberta asked if meeting times and dates were in the UU church bulletin.

Upper Valley: 6 ppl attended Core people have their dues in and they have a treasurer. People are recruiting new members. Planning on having a meeting in May of different clergy to see what resources they need from PFLAG

Lakes Region: no meeting Choir night Outright has been seeing 1 to 2 ppl show up

Keene: in hopes to get a speaker, author of "Speaking Out" They link with GLISN frequently Had results of Hatred in the Hallway

Speakers Bureau

Roberta stated it was quiet. Margie stated a guidance counselor is concerned about the political climate. Wants gay kids to come to the high school to speak. Margie

talked about "Speak Out" program and utilizing kids to use for speakers bureau. PFLAG needs to stay in touch with the GSA's as far as speakers. Exciting links are being made between all the resources.

Spring Meeting

Roberta would like to have a spring meeting, tentatively set for April 19th? Roberta stated she needs to step down and pass the torch of leadership to LeeAnn and the membership for the Keene chapter.

Other News and Goings On

Roberta will be in Washington last week of April\First of May. Will attend the AIDS Parade and visit the PFLAG office.

UNH GLBT Conference will be April 8-10th at Durham. Peter Welch and Sarah Thompson are co-chairs of NHTREE part of conference. Hoping to have a PFLAG presence.

April 21st-24th Laramie Project at NEC

UCC Conference April 30th Thoughts were that David Pendleton should put information about this in the E-News and the advocate articles on answers to the PFLAG poll.

Any info on Kearsarge? Local newspaper article on gay issues passed around by Roberta.

Concern that there should be a definition made of NH PFLAG Council.

BarbieAnn stated she would not be at the next meeting. She was participating in the Vagina Monologues. She talked about a gay rights group that found "Adam & Ed" from the Weekly World News. Also the article on teaching tolerance by using characters such as Sponge Bob Squarepants in a video for kids.

Roberta brought two books that contradict each other, Why Marriage Matters (pro) and Marriage on Trial (opposed). Marianne stated that the State of New Hampshire recognizes her marriage to Pat and they have given them health insurance. Roberta stated that she is doing a lot of her national works through email communication.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by BarbieAnn at 8:28 p.m. Gordon seconded. Passed Unanimously.