

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

## Minutes of the Meeting of the State Council Home of Gordon and Cy Sherman, Concord NH 20 September 2005

### Call to Order

Carol called the meeting to order at 18:58.

Council members present: Roberta Barry, Carol Perkins, Gordon Sherman, Jeremy Winnick

Council members absent: Kit Carter, Margie Lindsley, Alicia Maggio, BarbieAnn Rounds, Gayle Spelman, Marianne Storer, Pat Storer

### Minutes of Prior Meetings

Roberta noted that Gayle took notes during the August retreat meeting.

### Business

#### Chapter Programming

Roberta noted that people who attend PFLAG meetings this year are looking for programs, not stories told in a circle. With a specific programming line-up, you can set up an e-mail list to announce the program and keep people interested and up-to-date.

#### Database Committee

The council agreed to eliminate Kit, Lisa, and Alicia from the list of council members. The council agreed to maintain Pat and Marianne, since they have taken a leave of absence rather than resign.

Concerning the mailing of the resurrected newsletter, Roberta asked that we create labels using the old (903 member) database as well as the new (234 member) database, so that we can compare and discard duplicates. Roberta asked that each set be printed in tabular and mailing-label formats. Roberta also asked for a breakout of just the Keene chapter members as well.

Roberta asked if everyone was getting the PFLAGpole newsletter. She noted that its receipt (or lack thereof) determines whether a chapter correctly submitted its membership information to National. She noted that everyone who participated in the March fund drive should be receiving it.

#### Treasury Report

Carol presented the current bills: \$40.79 for Verizon, and \$150.00 to renew the bulk mailing permit at the Manchester Post Office for another year. Carol asked if we should pay this. Gordon suggested that we go through Concord instead. Consensus: Yes, switch to Concord, and submit our new address (still going to Betsy Janeway). The current permit is good through 11/18, but only at Manchester.

Carol reported that we continue to get \$5.94 each month in dividend payments from the Johnson & Johnson stock. Carol reported that we paid Charity Bands \$515 on 8/28. \$100 of that was paid by Paula (Lakes Region), \$100 by Carol (Plymouth), \$100 by Roberta (as Northeast Regional Director), and \$100 by Gordon. The remaining \$100 worth of bands will stay with the state council, which can sell them any chapter that wants them.

#### Nashua Chapter

Carol reported that she met a lesbian couple at the Nashua Marriage Commission meeting, Sylvia Lopez and Lisa Ciaccia from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Ladies Auxiliary. She noted that they wish to start a Nashua chapter. Roberta pledged to support them as they create their chapter.

#### Texas Hold'em

Roberta proposed that PFLAG-NH consider getting involved in the sponsoring of "Texas Hold'em" tournaments. She noted that National PFLAG has given their permission because it's a locally acceptable practice and because it's not in our charter to be opposed to gambling. Sponsoring the tournaments is easy; you don't have to be present; a broker (Art Philips) does all the work and sends the organization a check.

To get involved PFLAG-NH is required to submit an application. Each nonprofit can have 10 licenses to host 10 games each year. Roberta says that Art is so needy of non-profits that he'll kick in a percentage to Keene area AIDS Services for each non-profit that they bring in. Last year, Keene AIDS Services raised over \$10K from its 10 games.

Roberta suggested that filling out the 3-page application will serve as a good refresher on how PFLAG-NH fits in to the governmental structure, and to verify that all of our corporate documents are up-to-date.

#### Upcoming Events

- NH FTM is hosting a concert at Tupelo Hall in Londonderry on October 10 at 6pm. Tickets are \$20.
- Marc Adams will present his new book *(lost)Found* at the Keene Chapter meeting on November 1.
- Greater Boston PFLAG will host its 2nd annual pledge hike of Mt. Monadnock on Saturday, October 15, 2005, in support of its Safe Schools and Communities project.

#### Newsletter

Roberta presented a draft of the resurrected newsletter provided by David Pendleton who was willing to produce one final issue. Roberta has requested that BarbieAnn and Gayle take over the newsletter from David after this edition.

The council agreed that Town & Country, who has been our publisher in the past, is still the best deal in town when compared to Staples and Kinkos. (\$150 for the complete publication, versus \$210 for Staples and \$330 for Kinkos).

Roberta reported that BarbieAnn has volunteered to do layout of the newsletter but does not wish to write for it. Also, in order to create the newsletter, she needs Adobe Acrobat, which costs \$270. Jeremy noted that he already owns Acrobat, and asked what the native publishing program is. No one knew. Jeremy offered to contact BarbieAnn to sort this out and possibly save us \$270.

The council discussed newsletter content, observing that the newsletter will now be 4 pages instead of 6. Jeremy described how the e-newsletter is distributed electronically via mail merge commands connected to the database.

The council agreed that memberships generated from newsletter distribution will be “at-large” (non-chapter affiliated) members. Roberta noted that this is OK since the state council is treated by National as a separate chapter.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 21:01.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeremy Winnick, recording secretary