

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

## Minutes of the Meeting of the State Council

Home of Jeremy Winnick, Concord NH

Saturday, 11 March 2006

### Call to Order

Carol called the meeting to order at 11:32.

Council members present: Roberta Barry, Margie Lindsley, Carol Perkins, Jeremy Winnick

Council members absent: Kit Carter, Mikayla Howden, Alicia Maggio, BarbieAnn Rounds, Gordon Sherman, Gayle Spelman

### Minutes of Prior Meetings

Roberta **moved** to accept the minutes of the 2/11 meeting as written. Margie seconded. Passed unanimously.

### Business

#### Treasurer's Report

Carol distributed the treasurer's report and discussed highlights. The balance is \$2616.96, up from \$2560.02 on 10/1/2005. Another Verizon bill has been paid, and a \$100 membership renewal/donation from Nora Tuthill was deposited. The council observed that there has been no restitution since October 1, 2005. Carol promised to become a squeaky wheel with the parole officers.

Carol noted National has received membership info for the Concord, Seacoast, and Upper Valley chapters only.

Roberta **moved** to accept the treasurer's report. Margie seconded. Passed unanimously.

#### Bylaws

Roberta noted that our bylaws require the board to have at least 6 directors, 1 from each chapter of the state. Roberta suggested that we examine the bylaws carefully before the next meeting to see what we can remove and simplify.

#### Worcester Conference

Roberta noted that the planning is coming along, even if complicated by proximity, generational, and motivational differences. She reported that only 2 chapters within her regional area so far have responded to the \$100 per chapter request. Nevertheless, she's hoping to keep the conference fees low and include an option to book early and save. A new hotel is being built near the conference site which is offering blocks of rooms, which could yield room rates of \$99. Booths on the conference floor will normally cost \$100, although some sponsorship levels will include a free booth.

Roberta noted that the conference will include an opening program on Friday night, and at least 27 workshops on Saturday. Two keynote speakers are projected for Saturday, one from National PFLAG.

Roberta asked that donation checks should be made out to "Transcending Boundaries" and be mailed to Roberta. She is seeking assistance for media and outreach, including connecting with Bruce Gillis, who once possessed the best mailing list in NH.

#### Council Mailing List

The council agreed that the council mailing list will automatically include the following people: Carol Perkins, Margie Lindsley, Roberta Barry, Jeremy Winnick, Gordon

Sherman, Gayle Spelman, Nancy Mogielnicki, BarbieAnn Rounds, Paula Spink, Mikayla Howden, Meg Cartwright, Kit Carter, and Betty Batchelder.

#### Annual Meeting

The council agreed to move the meeting from May to September in order to align it better with the fiscal year and to give the current council additional time to seek nominees. Roberta asked that the call for nominations include a description of the work required of the new council. She suggested that this could be issued as a mini-newsletter and could be included as part of the upcoming membership drive too.

The council agreed that all PFLAG-NH members should receive a mailing in advance of the annual meeting, to serve as notice of the meeting and provide a proxy or absentee ballot for new council elections and bylaws changes.

#### National/Northeast Region

Roberta explained why she has issued a lot of political e-mails recently. She's tasked with making contacts with congressmen and getting to know her way around the Washington campus.

In addition, she is presenting with Gordon at a UCC conference on April 29.

Roberta provided an update on the Youth suicide group, saying that we need representatives in attendance at these and other organizations in fulfillment of the support aspect of our mission.

#### Web Site

Jeremy demonstrated the redesigned Web site and gathered commentary.

#### Miscellaneous

Everyone agreed that they are receiving the PFLAG Pole. Roberta highlighted the "Making the News with PFLAG" article from the newsletter.

Roberta distributed the PFLAG-Hartford newsletter, indicating that they have paid advertising, something we could consider.

Roberta reported that Jim Bailey will be performing at the Colonial Theater in Keene. Carol noted that this will be the same night that Kate Clinton performs in Plymouth.

Carol reported that the NH Children's Action Network still contacts us via Sheila; she agreed to follow up with them to correct that.

Carol provided an update on the constitutional amendment effort to ban same-sex marriage.

### Chapter Reports

#### Keene

Roberta reported that a new family attended her most recent meeting.

She noted that she visited NH Technical Institute which is starting a Gay-Straight Alliance. She and Margie promoted PFLAG as an option to turn to for support. Roberta asked

that their address be added to the database as a supporting group; Jeremy agreed to do so.

#### Plymouth

Carol reported a new attendee at her most recent meeting. She now sends a reminder e-mail about the meeting each month to her mailing list.

#### Concord

Margie reported that ten people were in attendance at the last meeting, and that Judy and Mikayla presented the program.

## **Adjournment**

The council tentatively agreed to reconvene at 11:00 on Saturday, April 22.

Margie **moved** to adjourn. Roberta seconded. Passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 14:13.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeremy Winnick, recording secretary