

## PFLAG NH Council Minutes Sept. 16, 2007

The Council met on the day of but prior to the monthly Concord PFLAG meeting. The following were in attendance: BarbieAnn Rounds, Carol Perkins, Phyllis Cudmore, Christine Marcroft, Gerri Cannon, Sandra Aversa, Lee Marcroft, Gordon Sherman, Margie Lindsley, and Roberta Barry.

Approval of Minutes from June meeting: Barbie Ann moved to accept. Approved.

Membership/Dues letters: Margie discussed the membership drive and reviewed how it was handled in the past, our attempt at revision, and the present reconsolidation plan for Concord, Lakes Region, Plymouth, and Keene. Barbie Ann moved to consolidate process of sending membership letters for above chapters. Upper Valley and Seacoast chapters will remain independent in their membership drive. Phyllis second. All agreed to proceed with completing the letter and mailing. Margie will contact Jeremy and work with a small group to complete the mailing as soon as possible. This process now puts us back on the regular National PFLAG fiscal schedule of Sept. 30 through the following year to Oct. 1, 2008.

\*\*The only hang up in this plan is that some members may also be on the Upper Valley and Seacoast list. Those leaders need to supply Margie with their list of who was mailed a membership letter already, thus eliminated duplication of request for membership.

Incoming Dues: Dues money that comes in from the membership drive will go into PFLAGNH treasury. Chapters who have joined in consolidation (Concord, Keene,

Lakes Region, and Plymouth) will apply to PFLAG NH for special project money. For the present, these chapters will maintain the money they presently have in their bank accounts. PFLAG NH will send a check to National to pay for it's members share of National dues (\$15.00 per person or family unit) Each chapter will still maintain their own data base and regularly update information with data base committee of PFLAGNH. However, members who send their membership to PFLAGNH/Concord will become be officially affiliated with Concord/PFLAGNH. BarbieAnn so moved, and Gordon seconded. Approved. Carol, Margie, Jeremy, and Sandra will meet to review details of the membership drive.

Treasurer report: Carol reported that we have a balance of \$5294.60. Roberta noted that Seacoast Gay Men's group has again this year decided to donate some proceeds of their fund raising effort to PFLAGNH. She will attend their pot luck dinner on Oct. 1.

Roberta sent a check for \$400.00 to PFLAG NH which was payment for a workshop conducted in Vermont at SIT (School for International Training). Roberta was contacted by Franklin Pierce College to sponsor "Love Makes a Family" photo exhibit from Sept. 1 – 14. She contributed \$100.00 for this purpose and asked for reimbursement. Gordon moved to reimburse Roberta. All agreed.

Discussion of attendance to the National Convention ensued along with how to provide financial assistance to some of the council members attending. The following are planning to attend the Convention on Oct. 12-

14 in Virginia: Gerri Cannon (will be a presenter and is applying for a grant from National for assistance), Phyllis Cudmore, Jeremy Winnick, Carol Perkins, Margie Lindsley, Lee and Christine Marcroft, and Roberta Barry.

Last summer, PFLAG Seacoast gave the council \$500.00 to put toward scholarships for some council members to attend the National Conference. Gordon moved that we add \$400.00 to the \$500.00 from Seacoast chapter to assist three members with expenses: the following three members were selected to receive \$300.00 each to help defray their expenses: Margie, Phyllis, and Jeremy. Although Carol expressed financial concern in the spring, she stated that her farm stand has done well this summer, and would like to donate her portion of the scholarship money to others in need. Barbie Ann seconded. All in favor. Full treasurer report will be made at the Oct. or Nov. meeting.

PTA opportunity: Roberta discussed the efforts of National PFLAG to successfully participated in the National PTA(Parent Teacher Association) conference. National PFLAG thus alerted NH to the opportunity to have a presence at the NH State PTA Conference that is being held in Manchester on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> (Sat.) There is a \$200.00 fee for having a booth at their exhibit. Christine and Lee Marcroft agreed to explore and apply to participate in this NH PTA Conference. Carol moved to move ahead with this opportunity and to designate the \$200.00 for this purpose. Lee seconded. All approved. Christine filled out the application and will send it along with the check to the NH PTA.

Gay Men's Chorus: Lee discussed the fact that we have always supported the GMC shows with an ad in their program as well as often having a table of information at the shows. There was some discussion around the fact that member, Paul Belyea has actually donated money for this purpose, thus maintaining the PFLAG presence at GMC during times when our financial picture was bleak. It is important that Paul be thanked and apprised of our ability to now send a check directly to GMC. Lee moved that we again give them \$100.00 for an add in their program. Gordon seconded. All in favor.

Lee and Chris have been in contact with a faculty member of Hillsborough High School who want to start a Gay Straight Alliance (GSA), and wanted to know where to find support materials for this. Roberta told them to go to [www.GLSEN.org](http://www.GLSEN.org) or directions, etc in how to start a GSA. GLSEN (Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network) works with GSAs on a regular basis.

Margie discussed meeting a young man at the HRC open house last week whom she would like to bring to our next PFLAG Concord meeting. This student from Concord High spoke out at a Presidential Candidate for McCain event, thus gaining some publicity. Margie will talk with him about coming to a meeting to discuss the climate at Concord for GLBT students.

Barbie Ann moved to adjourn the meeting. Lee second. Adjourned at 2:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roberta Barry, acting recording secretary