

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, NH

Minutes of the Meeting of the State Council

Home of Jeremy Winnick, 18 Palm Street, Concord NH

Saturday, 5 April 2008

Call to Order

Carol called the meeting to order at 10:09.

Council members present: Margie Lindsley, Carol Perkins, Gayle Spelman, Roberta Barry, Gerri Cannon, Meg Cartright, Phyllis Cudmore, Lee Marcroft, Christine Marcroft, Gordon Sherman, Jeremy Winnick.

Guests: David (seacoast chapter), Gretchen Grappone.

Minutes of Prior Meetings

Roberta moved to approve the minutes as written. Phyllis seconded. Passed unanimously.

Business

Treasurer's Report

Carol distributed the treasurer's report and discussed highlights. Money is arriving now from Cheryl, including \$319.71 in March. Carol is concerned about the balance not growing much. Roberta reminded her of how much we have accomplished, and Gerri reminded her that we're a non-profit organization. Consensus: The numbers look good. Roberta **moved** to accept the treasurer's report. Margie seconded. Passed unanimously.

Red River Theatre Event Wrap-up

Carol thanked everyone who attended the film and who assisted with passing out brochures.

Regional Director's Report

Roberta provided an update of what's going on at PFLAG National and at the Keene chapter.

Business Cards/Letters to Social Workers

Gerri distributed sample business cards. Carol passed out a sample social worker letter. Gerri will distribute the file in order that we can personalize the cards. Carol suggested to table the social worker letter. Jeremy noted that he would like to work on a letter. There was no dissent.

Boston Pride

Lee reported that Boston Pride will be held on June 14. He noted that his favorite Pride event is the church service that starts at 9:30 a.m. Margie noted that sitting in a church with the rainbow flag hanging is an unforgettable experience.

Annual Meeting

Tabled. Gordon noted that Havenwood's auditorium will be available whenever we want it. Roberta suggested that the annual meeting be held after the strategic planning session.

Strategic Planning Session

Gretchen noted that David Lynde is a strategic planning workshop facilitator and ally. He's willing to donate his time to PFLAG if we're interested. The session would take at least 3 hours, more if we want it. The workshop will likely need to be held in May or June. Roberta noted that it has been 3 years since our last strategic planning session. She thinks having a professional host it who's not intimately involved with the organization is a good idea.

Roberta asked whether the session should be limited to the council or open to the entire membership. Gretchen said that generally they are more effective in small groups, but that we should include all interested, energetic people who want to attend.

Gordon offered to call everyone on the old Advisory Board list to invite them. Carol reminded everyone that the cost for postage increases on May 12. Roberta suggested that we invite the membership at-large to participate. Phyllis suggested that we should limit attendance to 12. The council agreed to offer these dates to David: May 31 and June 7.

Gene & Mark's Civil Union

Carol suggested that we get and sign a card for them. Their civil union will be June 7.

Carol's Update

Carol was invited by the Agriculture Council to serve on the board of trustees for the entire university system in NH. She's considering the position and warned that if she took it, she would be stretched a little thin. It's initially a 1-year position that can be extended into a 4-year term (she's filling in for someone who resigned with 1-year to go.) Roberta noted that news like this the importance of the strategic planning session, particularly with respect to our succession plan.

Fundraiser Letter

Carol distributed a sample letter. Jeremy agreed to edit it and distribute it. Carol suggested that we send the letter in May. Margie agreed to update the database before the end of April. Meg asked whether we should be getting a bulk rate. Margie noted that at some point in the past we decided not to renew the permit. Roberta **moved** to approve the expense to create and send the letter to everyone in the cleaned-up database. Carol seconded. Passed unanimously.

Gordon asked that we remind people that they can donate via PayPal. Gordon also asked that we include a "wish list" for donations (\$100 for envelopes, etc.). This list should be easy to find on the Web site.

Future Meetings

Gordon asked that everyone attend the Concord meeting on 4/20, since he's expecting guests that might be willing to help out. Gerri noted that Mo Baxley has asked that we include her in our events, since the NHFTM group is low on funds. Gerri thinks that they are moving to include other GLBT issues in addition to full marriage. For now, the FTM office is still available to us, but it might be in jeopardy in the future. Carol reported that she has a list of all the meeting places in Concord and how much they cost. Carol thinks that if our fundraising efforts work, we may be able to help NHFTM. Roberta suggests that these groups can help each other by collaborating better by using our mailing list to spread the word about other meetings and events.

The council agreed to have another meeting in July for follow-up of the strategic planning session. Roberta noted that she will be in Japan for much of July. Gerri offered her place in Merrimack on July 19, and Carol offered her camp at Holderness between June 28 and July 5.

Carol asked for topic and speaker suggestions for the monthly Concord programs for the remaining year. Roberta and Carol made a few specific suggestions.

Miscellaneous

Carol reported that she has 4 copies of *For the Bible Tells Me So*.

Jeremy will send an ad for the NH Gay Men's Chorus for their Spring concerts.

Jeremy will print more brochures for the Seacoast chapter.

Roberta reminded the council that the work of PFLAG-NH needs to return to the schools.

Adjournment

No specific date was set for the next meeting.

Roberta **moved** to adjourn. Phyllis seconded. Passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:56.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy Winnick, clerk