

Gay And Lesbian Alliance (GALA) of the Central Coast  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held at Wayne McCaughan Community Pride Center,  
11573 Los Osos Valley Road, San Luis Obispo, California, on Tuesday, April 4, 2006.

PRESENT: Robert Kinports (Presiding), Kerry Deal, Diana Ferraro, Dan Fredrickson, Cal Garcia, Pat Harris, Ethel Landers, Clay Marsh (Recording), Anthony Parra, Don Reynolds, Tracy Tabin, Bill Tomasini, Gina Whitaker

ABSENT: Ruben Garcia III

GUESTS: John Forsman, Jack Mothershed, Sherry Collier

6:39 PM:

Meeting called to order by the President, Robert Kinports.

- 1.] **Issue: Buddy Wakefield Poetry Reading (Gina)**  
Gina Whitaker introduced Jack Mothershed who brought to the Board's attention a poetry reading by noted poet, Buddy Wakefield, to be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2006 at 9:00 PM at Linnea's Cafe in San Luis Obispo. Admission is \$5.00 per person. Tickets may be obtained by calling Jack at 805-995-3674 or on the website at: slomo@ourslo.com. Robert asked that he be notified in advance of any such future presentations by outside interests.
- 2.] **Issue: Minutes of March 2006 Meeting (Clay)**  
Bill moved and Kerry seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 2006 Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3.] **Issue: Treasurer's Report (Kerry)**  
Kerry presented the Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2006. Robert led a discussion of possible alternatives to control the current cost of News & Reviews of approximately \$2.00 per copy/per issue. No decision was reached on possible actions. Diana, who has experience in the field, volunteered to help Kerry with necessary accounting activities. Clay moved and Anthony seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4.] **Issue: Visions/Legacy Fundraiser (Don & Clay)**  
Don reported that no decision on date or venue had been reached due to the unavailability of a suitable speaker. He said he had been in contact with David Kilburn and that there might be the possibility of exploring further contacts through Carol Leslie of Volumes of Pleasure. Clay reported that he had talked with Clifford Chapman about the possibility of holding the event at Chapman House. Clifford stated that the months of April and May would be taken up with repairs and renovations of the buildings and gardens and that it would not be possible to have people moving about the construction sites. The months of June and July have already been booked. He also said that there might be a possibility of having the event there in August or September and that GALA should present some possible dates for his approval. Clay will write an article about the fundraiser for the News & Reviews May/June issue.
- 5.] **Issue: Women's Dance (Ethel)**  
Ethel reported that the final arrangements for the Women's Dance have been made. It is to be held from 5:00 to 11:00 PM on Saturday, May 13, 2006 at the End of the Line Café in San Luis Obispo. She also thanked Pat for all the assistance she has provided. Admission is \$12.00 advance sale and \$15.00 at the door. A one-day license for the sale of beer and wine has been obtained. In addition to music, David Kilburn of Equality California will be giving a presentation about the progress being made toward same-sex civil marriage. There will also be a silent auction. Robert requested that a proposed budget and list of needs be presented at the next Board Meeting.

- 6.] **Issue: Reverse Drawing & BBQ (Anthony)**  
The Odd Fellows Hall in San Luis Obispo has been chosen as the venue for the event. Anthony will have tickets available at the next Board Meeting and will write an article for the News & Reviews May/June issue.
- 7.] **Issue: Pride Week (Robert)**  
Robert announced that Sherry Collier has volunteered to operate the Information Booth. He also asked that anyone knowing of the availability of a mechanical bull ride to contact him. Ethel said that she thought the Elks Lodge in Santa Maria had one and would check into it.
- 8.] **Issue: Musicale (Robert & Clay)**  
Scheduled for August pending approval of Gary Grossman. Tabled until next meeting.
- 9.] **Issue: I Madonari (TBD)**  
Scheduled for September 15 - 17, 2006. Tabled until next meeting.
- 10.] **Issue: Annual Picnic (Diana)**  
Tentatively scheduled for September. Tabled until next meeting.
- 11.] **Issue: Waiters Dinner (Pat & Anthony)**  
Pat stated that the Waiters Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, October 14, 2006 at the Monday Club in San Luis Obispo.
- 12.] **Issue: Halloween Dance (TBD)**  
Scheduled for Saturday, October 28, 2006 at Trinity Hall. Tabled until next meeting.
- 13.] **Issue: Holiday Party (Robert)**  
Scheduled for Friday, December 15, 2006 at Embassy Suites in San Luis Obispo. Tabled until next meeting.
- 14.] **Issue: Grants (Robert/Diana/Lorelei)**  
Robert announced that the Community Foundation is extending grants in aid to the Gay/Straight Alliances at local schools. Robert has submitted an application to the City of San Luis Obispo Promotional Coordinating Committee to help fund advertising and promotion of Pride Week. Diana submitted the application to the City of San Luis Obispo Human Rights Commission for funding of the Youth Conference. Lorelei will submit a letter of interest by April 11, 2006 for a grant to fund completion of the GALA Library.
- 15.] **Issue: Farmer's Market (Diana & Shannon)**  
After a short discussion, Diana moved and Anthony seconded a motion to continue funding for the GALA booth at Farmer's Market in San Luis Obispo on Thursday evenings for another 12 weeks. Motion carried unanimously.
- 16.] **Issue: News & Reviews Articles Deadline (Don & Gina)**  
Don stated that the deadline for articles for the May/June issue of News & Reviews is April 10, 2006. Further discussion was held on the elimination of costs related to the newsletter and alternative solutions. Still no decision or consensus was reached.
- 17.] **Issue: AIDS Lifecycle Donation & BBQ Help Request (Robert)**  
Robert presented to the Board a request from AIDS Support Network (ASN) for a donation and volunteer help for the BBQ they are planning for Wednesday, June 7, 2006 when the AIDS Lifecycle Ride passes through San Luis Obispo. The event will be held between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM at El Chorro Park. After a short discussion, Bill moved and Gina seconded a motion to donate \$250.00 to the event. Motion carried unanimously.

- 18.] **Issue: E-Mail Protocol (Robert)**  
Robert stated that the Board needs an e-mail protocol to keep from flooding everyone's Internet mailboxes with unnecessary and redundant transmissions. Clay suggested that a secure, private Yahoo Group be set up for exclusive use by Board Members with the option to read the messages online rather than receive multiple e-mails. Robert said he would set it up.
- 19.] **Issue: San Luis Obispo County Community Foundation - Growing Together Initiative (Kerry)**  
Kerry reported that the Community Foundation has asked the Advisory Committee to work on rebuilding the endowment fund since the initial grant money has been depleted. Remaining funds will only allow very minimal grants. Also, they are planning a study to determine if their fundraising would be hurting other nonprofit organizations in the county.
- 20.] **Issue: Public Relations Coordinator (Robert)**  
Robert stated that some recent events had pointed out the need for a public relations coordinator. He also said that Clay had indicated interest in doing the job. Clay explained some of his feelings about the situation. No objections were raised about his taking on this task.
- 21.] **Issue: Spotlight On Service Article (Clay)**  
The San Luis Obispo Tribune has requested information on GALA for a weekly feature article named "Spotlight On Service". Clay will gather the information, and submit it after Robert's review.
- 22.] **Issue: Wage Increase For Lorelei (Robert)**  
Robert stated that Lorelei had not received a merit increase in her wages since January 2005 and that he felt it was time she had one. After discussion, Diana moved and Ethel seconded a motion to award Lorelei a \$1.00 per hour increase in wages retroactive to January 1, 2006, with the understanding that part of it would be due to the expectation that she would be doing additional work writing applications for grants as well as training volunteers for the office and the Library. Motion carried unanimously. Robert said that he would talk to David Elson, her employer of record, to verify the feasibility of the raise.
- 23.] **Issue: Flowers For Ill Board Members (Robert)**  
Robert asked for approval of the Board for the flowers that had been purchased for Diana, Gina, and Don. Pat moved and Cal seconded the motion to do so. Motion carried unanimously.
- 24.] **Issue: Round The Table (Board)**  
Ethel asked that anyone willing to volunteer their ideas or time to work on the San Luis Obispo Sesquicentennial celebration to please e-mail her. Anthony said since we are e-mailing copies of the Minutes to the Board Members, we could probably reduce the amount Lorelei has to print for each Board Meeting. Robert said that 5 copies should be sufficient.

8:13 PM:

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clayton R. Marsh,  
Secretary

