

GALA Board Meeting (DRAFT)
01/13/2004

Present: Robert Kinports, Eveline Blanchette, David Kilburn, Bill Tomasini, Ruth Starr, David Kilburn, David Perez, Danny Lange, Robert Kinports, Amelia Mize

Absent: Mike Hughes

Guests: Shannon Wyndsong, Ruben Garcia III, Marie Moore, Carmen Fojo, Sherry Collier

6:41 pm - meeting called to order by President, Robert Kinports

Welcome and introductions

Issue: Minutes of 12/2/2003 Board meeting

- David Kilburn moved to accept the minutes with the comment of correcting the figures for the holiday dance.
- _____ seconded. Motion carried unanimously

Issue: New Board positions:

- Marie Moore declined board position due to upcoming Presidency of PFLAG
- Don Neal declined board position due to return to work.

Issue: Prospective board member:

- Ruben Garcia III and Shannon Wyndsong both expressed an interest to serve on the Board
- Ruben and Shannon were asked to share their interest to be on the board
 - Shannon – vision of uniting Gay and Straight community and Mardi Gras. Involved with grassroots from local to Federal.
 - Ruben has been a volunteer for GALA. He reupholstered the sofas that are used at the Center.
- Discussion ensued
- Ruth moved to accept both as Board members
- David K seconded
- Motion carried unanimously

Issue: Community reports

- PFLAG – Marie reported that she is the new PFLAG president and that PFLAG is glad to be involved with the upcoming Youth Conference that is being sponsored by GALA.
- Open Door – Carmen reported the success of the Pride Mass and discussed plans for another mass for next year.

Issue: Treasurer's Report

- \$37,644.25 in accounts

- Will make budget forecast by next meeting
- Discussion of which financial reports the Board would like see ensued. David said any reports were available to any Board member.

Issue: News and Reviews

- Ruth reminded us of the deadline for submissions to the newsletter.

Issue: Calendar of Events

- Ruth reported that because of a conflict in scheduling that she may not be able to help organize the Women's Dance. Ruben volunteered to help with organizing the Women's Dance.

Issue: Chorus update

- Danny stated that the chorus will be purchasing sheet music with monies donated specifically to the chorus.

Issue: Hardware/Software related purchases

- Robert discussed computer donated by Ray Hatler and Jaime Johnston and his desire to purchase a wireless hub to network the office computer to provide internet access for GALA members. Discussion followed, including the need for setting parental controls and "Rules of conduct" for users. Ruth suggested approving up to \$120 for purchase. David K moved to approve \$120 wireless hub purchase. Amelia seconded. Danny abstained. Motion carried by majority.

Issue: GALA mailing list

- Robert discussed bringing mailing list update duties to be brought to GALA office. David K discussed issue of sensitivity of honoring Jaime Johnston's long time contribution of handling the mailing list and the potential for poor relations if not handled sensitively. Robert suggested having a burned copy of data base and printed labels in office. David K offered to work with Jaime to explore the issue.

Issue: Collaboration Forum

- David K reported that he had just attended and represented GALA at the 14th annual San Luis Obispo County Collaboration Forum. There were well over 130 individuals in attendance representing many non-profits in the county. Many people inquired about the services offered by GALA. David K attended many workshops on Planned Giving and has printed materials available to Board members.

Issue: KCBX Board Training Workshop

- Eveline reported that she attended this very informative workshop. Eveline presented a report summarizing and highlighting the workshops topics. Eveline suggested that the Board needs to create an Office Policy Manual. David K suggested a Board Retreat to discuss many of these topics at length.

Issue: HIV Prevention Grant Opportunity

- Request for Proposals (RFP) was recently released from the County of San Luis Obispo for HIV Prevention Interventions. David K discussed the extreme reduction of funding to SLO County due to a change in the allocation formula from the California State office of AIDS and suggested that GALA not look into applying for funding.
- David K moved that GALA submit a second proposal to the City of SLO – HRC (Grants in aid Program) for the 2nd Annual LGBTQ Youth Empowerment Conference for 2005. Eveline seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Issue: SLO Chamber Sub-Committee

- Robert discussed the opportunity for GALA to send a representative to the SLO Chamber of Commerce's Diversity Council. Eveline volunteered to look into the meeting and attend.

Issue: Office space

- Ruth mentioned that the office was available and for rent across the entrance from the current GALA Office. Amelia volunteered to follow up with the land lord.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.