

Gay and Lesbian Alliance
 Board of Directors Meeting
 June 1, 2004

Present: Robert Kinports (presiding), Eveline Blanchette, Ruben Garcia III, David Kilburn, Danny Lange, Amelia Mize, David Perez, Ruth Starr, Bill Tomasini, Shannon Wyndsong, Mike Hughes (recording)

Guests: Dante Tognazzi, Ashley Smith, Sherry Collier

Call to order: 6:32 PM

1. **Issue: Minutes** – David P moved to accept the minutes of May 4, 2004 as written. Amelia seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **Issue: Treasurer’s report** – Mike moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted. Eveline seconded. Motion carried. Danny abstained.
3. **Issue: News & Reviews** – Ruth asked for guidance in deciding when she might expand the number of pages in the newsletter and how to prioritize which articles are included. There was general agreement that we should err on the side of inclusiveness in order to ensure that all news of interest is reported in a timely manner. It was agreed that Ruth should have discretion in making these decisions as the editor. Robert and other board members offered to make themselves available to consult in these questions. It was resolved that the cutoff for submissions would be the 26th of every month.
4. **Issue: Calendar of Events** –

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
6/30	SLOCCF/GTI grant application is due	David K, Robert, & Mike completed the applications and David has submitted them
7/10	Pride dance & BBQ –	2.5 hours for security added
7/11	Pride in the Plaza - Robert	See item #6 below
10/2	Waiter’s Dinner - Robert	Plans on track. A discussion regarding which non-profit should benefit from the event was tabled.
10/10	Picnic – David x2	No report
10/11	Candidate’s Forum – David P & Mike	(in honor of National Coming Out Day) SLO Library community room is booked
10/30	Halloween Dance	
11/14	Town Hall Meeting	
11/?	Musicale – Robert	We are still pursuing a venue
12/10	Holiday Party & Awards Banquet - Carl	Contract in to Madonna Inn

5. **Issue: Santa Maria Times article** – Bill made the board aware of an article in the *SM Times* that deplored a homophobic article appearing in the Santa Maria High School newspaper. There was discussion of what action GALA might take in the matter. Mike agreed to look into the matter further and follow up.
6. **Issue: Pride Dance** – Bill presented a budget for the Pride dance. It was modified by adding \$37.50 for additional security for a total of \$1982.50. (I Don't remember who motioned or seconded, but it passed unanimously I believe.)
7. **Issue: Pride Week** – Carl is no longer coordinating Pride. So, Robert has stepped in. Planning meetings will be held every Monday at 7PM in the GALA Center. All board members are requested to assist in locating volunteers to attend these meetings and share the workload. The week's events were reviewed. Mike agreed to prepare a one-page insert for the newsletter promoting the events. The most current information will be posted on the website.

Shannon requested a volunteer to coordinate the arrangements for the kids' area.

Ruth moved that the advertising budget for Pride Week be increased from \$2785 to \$3,000 to match the SLO City Grant funding. Danny seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Danny moved that 2.5 hours for additional security be added to the budget. David P. seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **Issue: July board meeting** – Mike moved that the next meeting of the board be moved to 5pm on Monday, July 5th, in order not to overlap with the Interfaith Service on Tuesday. David P seconded. Motion carried. Danny abstained.
9. **Issue: Visions 2004** – The event was successful if lightly attended. Jack Breezee did a marvelous job hosting and catering. David K moved that GALA give him a token of appreciation in the form of a gift certificate for dinner in the amount of \$50. Ruben seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
10. **Issue: Contracts** – Eveline raised the question of the proper process and authority for entering GALA into contracts. It was agreed that
 - Board Members may execute instruments on behalf of GALA involving sums below \$50 without board approval;
 - Board Members may otherwise enter into contracts with persons or businesses based on approved budgets or board approval. However, if the Board Member signing the contract does not understand all the terms and conditions thereof, or the risk to GALA is great, it is prudent that he/she consult another more knowledgeable Board member or council prior to signing the contract; and
 - Descriptions of contracts to be entered into will be included with budget submissions and noted in the minutes.
11. **Issue: Center Renovations** – Danny will present plans to the board at a future meeting.

12. **Issue: Youth Group co-facilitator** – Ashely Smith was introduced as a possible co-facilitator. Ashley provided the Board some background information about herself and answered a few questions. Robert read her LiveScan and found to be acceptable. LiveScan report destroyed.
13. **Issue: Women’s Shelter** – Eveline reported on her conversation with the Women’s Shelter regarding how they are using their grant to serve the LGBT community. They have agreed to do a presentation for the board.
14. **Issue: SLO Film Festival** – The email vote regarding GALA’s sponsorship at the \$500 level was unanimous in favor. A check was cut and mailed to the SLO International Film Festival.
15. **Issue: Financial Policy Proposal** – Some discussion was had. David & Robert agreed to submit a more comprehensive policy (including Visions) for the next Board meeting.
16. **Issue: Non-discrimination Policy** – Tabled until next meeting.
17. **Issue: Achievement House advertising** – David P explained that Achievement House may be seeking a discount on a 2-page ad in the newsletter. The possibility of in-kind trade was discussed.
18. **Issue: Rae Stone** – Robert and Ruth briefly described the events that led up to the revocation of Rae Stone’s membership in 2003. A brief discussion ensued, and it was decided that the Board would not contact Rae. However, if Rae wished to contact the Board with a reconciliatory purpose, the board would listen.

Follow-up actions:

BOARD MEMBER	ITEM
Mike	Follow up <i>SM Times</i> article
Eveline	Follow up with Women’s Shelter
Robert	New stationery (on hold until after Pride)
Robert	Alcohol policy at dances (tabled for next meeting)
Shannon	Look into community access TV and hand off to Anthony
David P	Proposal on Achievement House ad

Adjourned: 8:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Mike Hughes