

## GALA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Location:** 1060 Palm St., San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

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### 1. Call to Order:

**Vice President Ryan Duclos:** called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. **Quorum.**

### 2. Roll Call:

**Present:** Matias Bernal (phone), Ryan Duclos, CJ Gormley, Timothy Siler, Natali Sanchez, Stephanie Rescan, Margaret Jones, Jane Lloyd, Amanda Servin, Robert Diaz

**Guests:** Tauria Linala, Ellen Sturtz, Erica Thatcher, Suzie Walsh, Conor Murphy, Dylan London, Vivian

**Absent:** Ritchie Bermudez

**Staff:** Carlos Romero

### 3. Speakers

#### **3.1 Erica Thatcher – Community Read Program – 6:02pm**

Community Reads Project selected as their project focus *The 57 Bus* (a story about a hate crime committed against an agender teen) around which there will be an event and panel. They are partnering with three local high schools and juvenile hall. The author will also be visiting. The GALA board has been invited to join the panel, which falls on Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. A flyer and copy of the book were given to the board, including Erica's contact information.

#### **3.2 Suzie Walsh – SLO Police Department Liaison – 6:06pm**

Suzie Walsh is the LGBTQ liaison with the SLO Police Department, where she works major crimes against persons including aggravated sexual assault and child abuse cases. She is also the Chair of the Police and Community Together team. She offers her time to meet for coffee with any member of GALA who wishes to further connect. She is also open to having a booth at any community event to continue her outreach efforts.

#### **3.3 Conor Murphy - Murphy Cal Poly Senior Project Proposal – 6:12pm**

Cal Poly student Conor Murphy is working on a project to create an application wherein local doctors are rated based on the quality of their treatment of transgender patients. Conor made a request for GALA funding. The board did not confirm funding approval. The board offered to email a link to GALA members to assist with advertisement for the project.

**Robert Diaz, Jane Lloyd, Ryan Duclos:** speak

**Public: Tauria Linala and Ellen Sturtz:** speak

### **3.4 Dylan London – London Cal Poly Senior Project Proposal – 6:23pm**

Cal Poly student Dylan London is working on a website for comprehensive local resources for the LGBTQ community. The board addressed emailing a link to GALA members to assist Dylan with data collection. Vice President Duclos entertained a motion to approve sending out the link for Dylan's project to GALA membership. Jane Lloyd made a motion to do so and Stephanie Rescan seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions – motion passed. Vice President Duclos requested that Dylan write a blurb to be featured on the GALA website and Facebook page.

## **4. Action/Information/Discussion**

### **4.1 Approve January Meeting Minutes – 6:29pm**

Amanda Servin made the motion to approve the January meeting minutes; CJ Gormley seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions – motion passed.

### **4.2 December Financial Report – 6:30pm**

The board discussed creating an annual budget. President Bernal confirmed that an annual budget would be created at the next Executive Committee Meeting.

### **4.3 Center Coordinator's Report – Carlos Romero – 6:31pm**

Carlos Romero informed that the board had been invited for a meeting at Cal Poly on Thursday, February 8th to participate in the Cal Poly open house. The meeting is 12-1pm and Carlos plans to attend. Carlos is waiting on Los Osos Glass to send a quote to repair a GALA building window.

### **4.4 President's Report – President Bernal – 6:32pm**

President Bernal will email the January President's Report to the board which will then be added to the website.

### **4.5 GALA Committee Formation – President Duclos – 6:33pm**

Vice President Duclos announced that the GALA board had created a list of 6 committees during the January retreat, one of which is the governing committee, composed of the executive members of the board. The committees were listed. President Duclos entertained a motion to merge the Fundraising Committee with the Outreach and Recreation Committee. A motion was made by Stephanie Rescan and seconded by Timothy Siler. Eight in favor; none opposed; motion passed. Timothy Siler joined the newly merged Fundraising and Outreach Committee. Amanda Servin announced her departure from the Fundraising and Outreach Committee.

## **5. GALA Group Committee Reports:**

### **5.1 Communication, Coordination, Collaboration Project – Ellen Sturtz – 6:37pm**

Ellen Sturtz (guest) informed the board that she customarily provides a written and verbal report for her monthly activity and will continue to do so. A written report was provided to the board. Ellen elaborated on her experience at the Women's March.

### **5.2 Q Youth – Youth Member Vivian – 6:45pm**

Q Youth member Vivian presented on Q Youth developments and represented herself as a candidate for GALA Youth Board Member if such a position were created by GALA (not confirmed). Vivian has been attending Q Youth for a year and informs that the group has been brainstorming on fundraising opportunities for the activities that the group is planning. Vivian addressed her attempts to raise awareness of the Q Youth group.

**Ryan Duclos, Carlos Romero (staff):** speak

**Public: Ellen Sturtz:** speak

### **5.3 Senior Advocacy – Tauria Linala – 6:54pm**

Tauria Linala (guest) attended the Adult Services Policy council meeting in February and spoke for and advocated for GALA. She serves on the Care Management subcommittee at the Adult Services Council. Their most recent accomplishment was sending a letter to the board of supervisors to advocate for seniors who are low-income but are outside of the low-income bracket to receive free services. Linala is also working on a grant that GALA provided to SLO Village to provide subsidized memberships to lesbians who are at risk of isolation. They will have helped 6-10 lesbian women to mitigate isolation in San Luis Obispo County. Linala also attended the Growing Together Initiative Advisory meeting on behalf of GALA. Linala added that the Growing Together Initiative will have a retreat and develop a revised focus for collaboration.

**Jane Lloyd:** speak

**Public: Tauria Linala:** speak

### **5.4 TCC – Tauria Linala – 6:59pm**

Tauria Linala (guest) reported that a facilitator's training will occur for GALA support group facilitators, led by Mike Hughes, former GALA board president and current TCC secretary. The training will occur Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm in the GALA conference room.

**Margaret Jones, Carlos Romero (staff):** speak

**Public: Tauria Linala:** speak

### **5.5 PRIDE – Matias Bernal – 7:03pm**

Vice President Duclos informed that the next Pride Committee meeting is Monday 2/26 at 5:45pm and encouraged all board members to attend. President Bernal added that there has been discussion for Pride 2018 to incorporate more diversity, including creating a potential Latino event. There is also intent being communicated by the Pride Committee to incorporate more local talent.

**Carlos Romero:** speaks

**Public: Ellen Sturtz:** speaks

### **6. Next Meeting:**

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### **12. Adjournment:**

**Vice President Duclos:** announced upcoming closed session and adjourned the meeting at 7:12pm.

**CLOSED SESSION 7:14pm - 7:44pm**