



GALA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2019
Time: 6:03pm to 7:39pm
Location: 1060 Palm St., San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

1. Call to Order:

Vice President Lloyd: called the meeting to order at 6:03pm. **Quorum was present.**

2. Roll Call:

Present: Jane Lloyd (Vice President), Jeff Eckles (Treasurer), Doug J. Heumann (Secretary), Denise Taylor, Dave Weisman, CJ Gormley

Guests: Lynn Schmidt (GALA Art Curator), Sam Byrd (Cal Poly), Tobin Johnson & Nuvia Mendoza (AIDS Life Cycle)

Absent: Rob Diaz (President), Margaret Jones, Tiana Dorsey (Youth Representative)

Staff: Michelle Call, Executive Director

3. Speakers

3.1 Annual AIDS Life Cycle – Johnson – 6:10pm

3.2 Cal Poly Update – Byrd – 6:16pm

4. Action/Information/Discussion

4.1 Approval of February Board Meeting Minutes – Lloyd – 6:25pm
Corrections Jeff's name

Lloyd presented the February Board Meeting Minutes for approval. Eckles made a Motion to Approve and Taylor seconded. The Vote regarding the Motion to Approve the February Board Meeting Minutes PASSED with 5 approved, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention (Gormley)

4.2 January Financial Report – Eckles – 6:26pm

Eckles presented the January Financial Report (reconciled) for approval. Heumann made a Motion to Approve and Weisman seconded. The Vote regarding the Motion to Approve the January Financial Report (reconciled) PASSED with 6 approved, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

4.3 February Financial Report – Eckles – 6:28pm

Eckles presented the February Financial Report for approval. Heumann made a Motion to Approve and Weisman seconded. The Vote regarding the Motion to Approve the January Financial Report (reconciled) PASSED with 6 approved, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

4.3 Board Strategic Plan – 6:29pm

Update/Discussion
Will remain on every agenda for the foreseeable future.

4.4 President's Report – Lloyd – 6:30pm

Will report later in the meeting.

4.5 Executive Director Report – Call – 6:31pm

Call provided written report prior to the meeting. In addition, she reported that the Center volunteers being of great assistance.

Issue to be addressed

A. Should the GALA premises become smoke-free? Currently, the corner of the parking lot near the trashcans has been designated as a smoking area. Unsanitary conditions have been reported repeatedly by the tenants. Seems that the problem extends past the users of the Center. It has been suggested that the SLO County Tobacco Control Program would assist the organization with a public announcement should GALA decide to that its premises will be smoke-free. It was pointed out that statistically, the LGBTQ community has higher than average abuse of tobacco.

Taylor made the Motion to Designate the GALA premises a smoke-free environment and Eckles seconded. The Vote regarding the Motion PASSED with 6 approved, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

B. Should the Board approve funding for Executive Director Call to attend the CenterLink (The Community of LGBT Centers) Leadership Summit? The Board was reminded that GALA is a member of CenterLink. Call submitted a Budget of \$760 for entry fees, hotel and gas.

Eckles made the Motion to Approve funding for Executive Director's attendance at the CenterLink Leadership Summit and Gormley seconded. The Vote regarding the Motion PASSED with 6 approved, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

5. GALA Group Committee Reports:

5.1 SLO Lez Be Friends – Lloyd – 6:53pm

First social had 19 attendees

5.2 Q&R Groups – Dorsey

No report

5.3 Senior Advocacy – Call - 6:55pm

Call reported that due to personal reasons, Linala has needed to limit her time to this program. Call is holding a planning meeting on the 4th Wednesday from 4-6pm in hopes of finding persons to maintain at least the Senior Socials.

5.4 Tranz Central Coast – Taylor – 6:58pm

New transgender youth group at Center: well attended

Spanish language LGBTQ group started in February month (meeting monthly) with Taylor as facilitator: not well-attended, but will continue to advertise as transgender persons have expressed a need
Annual fundraiser a success: ~\$6,000 in profit!

Eckles mentioned that he heard podcasts of the Dave Congalton Radio Show on 3/04 and 3/05, which were very uninformed and harmful to the transgender population. Dave is out sick due to heart surgery.

5.5 Pride – Call - 7:02pm

Call reported that the committee is working on procuring a headliner and scheduling all events.

Committee interested in having a booth at SLO Farmer's Market in June (the month before Pride on July 14th)

5.6 Outreach/Nominations – Taylor - 7:12pm

Taylor will send a Doodle poll asking folks to state interest in date and time for first meeting. Committee is open to all, not just board members

5.7 Bylaws – Heumann

Will be addressed in closed session following this meeting.

5.8 Art Curator – Schmidt - 7:17pm

Censorship policy: research suggests that no censorship policy should be in place – 1st Amendment concerns. Discussion regarding landlord responsibilities/obligations. What portions of the Center are a part of the tenant's lease for use by its staff and customers, such as front room? library/conference room? etc.? What efforts have been made in the in the past. The lease will be up for renewal in 2019/202, this issue should be addressed in the new lease.

5.9 Rebranding

No report.

5.10 Newcomers Group – Lloyd - 7:35pm

This has been postponed. Possibly will be rolled into the Outreach Committee

5.11 Fundraising – Weisman - 7:36pm

Trains & Wines: this possibility is on hold due to the train group. Future Public House events are a possibility.

President Announcements – Lloyd

No announcements

6. Next Meeting:

Date: April 2, 2019
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: 1060 Palm St., San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

12. Adjournment:

Meeting Chair Lloyd adjourned the meeting at 7:39pm

13. Closed Session 7:50pm-8:10pm