



## GALA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Tuesday, April 2, 2019  
**Time:** 6:05 pm to 7:25pm  
**Location:** 1060 Palm St., San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

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### 1. Call to Order:

**President Rob Diaz:** called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. **Quorum was present.**

### 2. Roll Call:

**Present:** Rob Diaz (President), Jeff Eckles (Treasurer), Doug J. Heumann (Secretary), Margaret Jones, Jane Lloyd (Vice President), Denise Taylor, Dave Weisman, C.J. Gormley

**Guests:** Lynn Schmidt (GALA Art Curator), Jamie Woolf (Tranz Central Coast Chair)

**Absent:** Tiana Dorsey (Youth Representative)

**Staff:** Michelle Call, Executive Director

### 3. Speakers

3.1 Walter Heath re: Medicare for All – Mr. Heath Cancelled

3.2 Stephen Vines, NAACP – Mr. Vines did not attend

### 4. Action/Information/Discussion

#### 4.1 **Approval of March Board Meeting Minutes – Diaz – 6:06pm** **Corrections -none**

Diaz presented the March Board Meeting Minutes for approval and made a Motion to Approve and Weisman seconded. The Vote regarding the Motion to Approve the March Board Meeting Minutes PASSED with 8 approved, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

#### 4.2 **March Financial Report – Eckles – 6:08pm**

Eckles presented the March Financial Report (reconciled) for approval. Diaz made a Motion to Approve and Taylor seconded. The Vote regarding the Motion to Approve the March Financial Report (reconciled) PASSED with 7 approved, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

#### 4.3 **Board Strategic Plan – Diaz – 6:10pm**

Update/Discussion: This section was included in Section 4.4, the President's Report. In future agendas, there will be no separate Board Strategic Plan section.

#### 4.4 **President's Report – Diaz – 6:11pm**

Update: The first “Meet the President” was successful. 10-12 folks attended the full-time, with others dropping by. Attendees included several elders. Next “Meet the President” will occur sometime in June. Discussed women’s event on May 17<sup>th</sup> and an event on May 4<sup>th</sup> at Seven Sisters. No update on Strategic Plan per se, but Bylaws Committee continuing work, which will assist the corporation in achieving the goals.

#### **4.5 Executive Director Report – Call – 6:14pm**

Call provided written Report to Board prior to meeting and copies were available at the meeting to any interested persons.

EVENTS: \ June 19<sup>th</sup> GALA at SLO Blues baseball game; 9-month program being proposed by RACE Matters re: women and LGBT

Storage Unit – suggested that certain donated products be given to BDSM groups for sale, with half the proceeds returning to GALA. Diaz made a Motion to Approve and Heumann seconded. The Vote regarding the Motion to Approve allowing BDSM groups to sell certain items held in storage, with the half the proceeds returning to GALA PASSED with 8 approved, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

PRESENTATION: Call and Andreea S. Martin presented on Friday evening from 5-9pm (dinner provided) to 21 interested parents and others re: tg and non-binary youth

Chamber Breakfast—dates for Board members to accompany Call

#### **4.6 Lease – Heumann – 6:30pm**

During February’s Board meeting discussion regarding censorship of Center artwork, the lease with e-Legal Services, Inc was broached. Since the present 5-year lease will conclude in January 2020, Heumann asked when the Board should begin negotiations with the tenant. It was decided that in July of 2019 (after Pride) the board should engage a commercial realtor and begin negotiating a new lease.

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

#### **5.1 SLO Lez Be Friends – Lloyd – 6:41pm**

20 women attended—success. Considering having one “meeting” at Seven Sisters

#### **5.2 Q&R Groups – Diaz - 6:43pm**

Continue to combine the Q & R groups. 10-14 youths consistently attend. Planning a Body Positive Fashion Show.

Announced that will be losing at least one facilitator in August, therefore looking for new facilitators.

Announced that as a part of participating with the RISE Close to Home Program, GALA will award two \$500 scholarships from the Bill Tomasini Fund. The recipients must provide 12 volunteer hours per month for a year.

#### **5.3 Senior Advocacy – Call – 6:46pm**

Due family health issues, Tauria Linala no longer can be responsible for this group. Call believes it is important to at least maintain the monthly senior social. The last social had only 4 attendees to hear Rudy Xavier from the Diversity of SLO County speak about legislative issues

Call is scheduling a planning meeting to see what seniors want and who might step forward

#### **5.4 Tranz Central Coast – Woolf – 6:47pm**

New transgender youth group: now sponsoring two per month-very successful

Spanish language group started this month: Taylor commented that only 1-2 attendees—will have at least one more month. Discussed ways to get the word out besides through CHC.

Announcements: Still looking for a Treasurer;

Events: Tg Day of Visibility—well attended between 50-75 folks of all ages, including a number of parents and kids from the Friday night presentation

Meeting with HOPE (Santa Maria) to discuss providing or arranging for a tg support group in Santa Maria  
Strategic Planning meeting—hoping to schedule in the next several months. TCC will be employing the SPOKES facilitator used by the GALA Board

#### **5.5 Pride – Call - 6:55pm**

It was suggested that Frankie Dominguez attend to provide updates to the Board.

Reverse Drawing will be held wither June 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> at the Vets Hall in Pismo Beach

#### **5.6 Outreach/Nominations – Taylor - 6:59pm**

Look for email setting first meeting date.

**5.7 Bylaws – Heumann - 7:01pm**

When speaking with SPOKES Executive Director about Policies and Procedures template, it was suggested that the Bylaws really should be a Governance Committee. In general, Governance Committees not only address bylaws, but also policies and procedures, forms, org chart, job descriptions, etc. Discussion of having a motion was had. Instead Heumann was asked to bring a better description of a Governance Committee’s duties to the next Board meeting. Sat the May meeting a discussion will be had and the board will entertain a motion at that time.  
Bylaw amendment discussion will be held in closed session following this meeting.

**5.8 Art Curator – Schmidt - 7:04pm**

Art After Dark will occur on April 5<sup>th</sup> (Friday). Cal Poly LGBT Faculty and Staff Association will be at Center at 5:30pm  
Draft Art Content Policy was received from Diaz.

**5.9 Rebranding – Call 7:05pm**

Awaiting revised Bylaws. Heumann suggested that this really should be a part of the “Governance” Committee work.

**5.10 Newcomers Group – Lloyd - 7:06pm**

Tabled until September

**5.11 Fundraising – Weisman - 7:07pm**

Train Wreck Fridays are back – Fridays starting in June. Board asked Weisman to research whether Oct 18<sup>th</sup> is available.  
Cost per person is \$99, but actual cost to Train Museum is \$75, therefore GALA would receive \$24 per participant. Must have at least 20 folks not to exceed 25.

**Board Announcements – 7:15pm**

Gormley announced that had 80 folks at Queer Night Out & next one scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm at Fossil Wine Bar  
Diaz asked if the Board should consider any events around recreational marijuana. Discussion was had and decision was made that at this time GALA should not have an event around recreational marijuana, especially in light of the fact that the LGBT population is known to have a higher degree of substance abuse versus the non-LGBT community.

**6. Next Meeting:**

**Date:** May 7, 2019  
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**12. Adjournment:**

Meeting Chair Diaz: adjourned the meeting at 7:25pm