



GALA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2019
Time: 6:05pm to 7:42pm
Location: 1060 Palm St., San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Roll Call:

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

Guests: Lynn Schmidt (GALA Art Curator), Uilly Ferrer, Samuel Byrd, Cal Poly

Absent: Tiana Dorsey (Youth Representative), Jane Lloyd (Vice President)

Staff: Michelle Call, Executive Director

3. Speakers

- 3.1** Walter Heath re: Medicare for All - 6:07pm – Discussed Medicare for All legislation & requested letter of support from GALA Board to Representative Carbajal and individual signatures on
- 3.2** Ender Kirin (he, him, his) re: needs of Ray Halter Library – 6:13pm – represented Jim Kunkler and himself. Stated that library currently only open one day a week, but want to be able to have library more available, therefore need more volunteers to assist and generate ideas to make the library interesting to more people. Discussed the Black and Gold service through the SLO County Library. Ray Halter Library is considered a separate library. It was brought to the board's attention, currently GALA is paying \$400 annually for Library World check-in and out services.
- 3.3** Susan Dressler, Bend the Arc – 6:19pm – Explained the mission of the national Bend the Arc organization and the local SLO County Chapter
- 3.4** Abby Lassen, Jewish Community Center-Federation of SLO – 6:24pm – Discussed the JCC, which sponsors the May 17-19th Jewish Film Festival (promotion of inclusivity and diversity), responds to incidents of hate & partnering with local NAACP
- 3.5** Samuel Bryd, Cal Poly LGBTQ+ Lead Coordinator – 6:29pm – Thank you for GALA's Chick Fil a letter supporting removal from campus

4. Action/Information/Discussion

- 4.1** **Approval of April Board Meeting Minutes – Diaz – 6:30pm**
Corrections – 5.7 typo (Weisman)

Diaz presented the April Board Meeting Minutes for approval. Eckles made a Motion to Approve as corrected and Taylor seconded. The Vote regarding the Motion to Approve the April Board Meeting Minutes PASSED with 7 approvals, no opposition, and no abstentions

**4.2 April Financial Report – Eckles – 6:32pm
In the middle of audit.**

Corrections – none

Eckles presented the April Financial Report for approval. Diaz made a Motion to Approve and Jones seconded. The Vote regarding the Motion to Approve the April Financial Report PASSED with 7 approvals, no opposition, and no abstentions.

4.3 Executive Director Report – Call – 6:35pm

Call provided written Report to Board prior to meeting and copies were available at the meeting to any interested persons. Also provided copies of the draft booklet listing all the GALA groups with contact information.

5/19/19 “Doing The Work” with Leola Dublin Macmillan re: racism

Request for Gender Neutral Bathroom Signs (AB1732) uptick – requested that TCC sign be added to GALA’s website

4.4 Lease – Heumann/Call – 6:45pm

E-Legal has now expressed interest in leasing the smaller upstairs room for 3-4 years for meetings only. At this time, a commercial realtor should be contacted to ascertain the fair market value of renting out both rooms together (the current situation) and renting out separately. Lynn will contact commercial realtor(s) for square footage value and inform Michelle of her findings. Michelle will also reach out to other executive directors to see if any interest in renting space.

5. GALA Group Committee Reports:

5.1 SLO Lez Be Friends – Lloyd was ill, no report

5.2 Q&R Groups –~~Dorsey~~/Diaz - 6:55pm

June 15th All Gender Body Positivity Fashion Show for all ages at the Guild Hall

Hosting RISE Close to Home Orientations June 11th and 18th

CAPSLO sponsoring summer sections at GALA re: sexual health education for youth – possible MOU with CAPSLO if no one from GALA can be at the center during the sessions

Need for more facilitators

5.3 Senior Advocacy – Call – 6:58pm

On hiatus until fall

Sign-up sheet at PRIDE to see if interest

5.4 Tranz Central Coast – Taylor – 7:00pm

Discussing whether or not to have a strategic planning meeting

Education Committee very active providing training to CAPSLO, CASA, DSS, etc.

5.5 LGBTQ Latinex Group – Taylor – 7:03pm

No meeting last month, next meeting 5/19

May partner with H.O.P.E. (Santa Maria) and in south county

5.6 Pride – Gormley - 7:06pm

Reverse Drawing & BBQ will be held on June 14th at the AG Association Hall – need donate desserts for dessert raffle (suggested contacting Steve of Marshall’s Jewelry—past owner of Utopia Bakery)

Pageant at the Guild Hall: \$5,100 in ticket sales + ~\$1,000 in bar receipts - costs ~\$1,200 = \$5,000 (net)

5.7 Outreach – Taylor - 7:14pm

First meeting was in March.

Waiting for Bylaws Committee (now Governance Committee) and membership vote before can promote new name, logo, etc.

GALA will host a queer organizations get-together either August 18 or 25th

President will hold open-door meetings every 4 months

Nomination Committee will be folded into Governance Committee

5.8 Bylaws – Heumann - 7:19pm

Governance – Group Description – include Rebranding, Nominations was disseminated prior to and at the meeting (noted a few corrections)

Heumann made a Motion to Dissolve the Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee and Eckles seconded. The Vote regarding the Motion to Dissolve the Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee PASSED with 7 approvals, no opposition, and no abstentions

Heumann made a Motion to Establish the Standing Governance Committee and Taylor seconded. The Vote regarding the Motion to Establish the Standing Governance Committee PASSED with 7 approvals, no opposition, and no abstentions

Heumann was appointed Chair of the Standing Governance Committee

Need Logo—suggestions on how to create?

1) Open call to Arts Obispo, Cuesta, Cal Poly & GALA newsletter will be created by Schmidt re: new Mission Statement – draft open call to be sent prior to next meeting

Heumann appointed current Bylaws Committee members: Eckles, Weisman, Schmidt & Call as the new Governance Committee members

Heumann to research present and draft Bylaws for how persons become members of committee

5.9 Art Curator – Schmidt - 7:32pm

Art After Dark occurred on May 3rd (Friday).

Policy needed for working with artists at Center—will be taken up by Governance Committee

5.10 Fundraising – Weisman - 7:35pm

RR Museum Wine Tour

Board Announcements – 7:40pm

7 Sisters will partner with GALA on drag show

6. Next Meeting:

Date: June 4, 2019

Time: 6:00 pm

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12. Adjournment:

Meeting Chair Diaz: adjourned the meeting at 7:42pm

CLOSED SESSION FOLLOWED.