

## **GALA BOARD MEETING MINUTES (Draft)**

**Date:** Tuesday, August 01, 2017  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Location:** 1060 Palm ST, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

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### **1. Call to Order:**

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

### **2. Roll Call:**

**Present:** Ryan Duclos, CJ Gormley, Katie-Jo Switzer, Ritchie Bermudez, Timothy Siler

**Guests:** Tauria Linala, Ellen Sturtz, Callie Kesler, Mark Lisa, Doug Heumann, Stephanie Rescan, Matias Bernal

**Absent:** Natli Sanchez, Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua

**Staff:** Carlos Romero

### **3. Speakers:**

#### **3.1 Doug Heumann & Mark Lisa – Twin Cities Community Hospital**

Doug Heumann (guest) introduced Mark Lisa, CEO of Twin Cities Community Hospital (guest). Mr. Lisa presented his vision for Twin Cities to be an inclusive hospital for all patients regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, age, disability, veteran status or any other characteristic protected by law. Mr. Lisa's mission to become a leader for healthcare for LGBTQIA patients include an advisory committee completing the Health Equality Index survey then moving the committee to become a LGBTQIA advisory committee.

**Ryan Duclos, Timothy Siler:** speak

**Public: Doug Heumann, Mark Lisa, Matias Bernal, Tauria Linala:** speak

#### **3.2 Matias Bernal – RISE**

Matias Bernal (guest) presented a request for RISE to hold a mental health group at the GALA Center the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

Motion: Ritchie Bermudez

Second: Katie-Jo Switzer

Abstentions: None

**Motion Passes Unanimously**

**Ryan Duclos, Timothy Siler:** speak

**Public: Matias Bernal, Tauria Linala:** speak

### **Action/Information/Discussion:**

#### **4.1 Approve July Meeting Minutes**

Approve the July Meeting Minutes

Motion: CJ Gormley  
Second: Katie-Jo Switzer  
Abstentions: None  
**Motion Passes Unanimously**

**Ryan Duclos:** speaks

#### **4.2 June Financial Report**

Approve the June Financial Report

Motion: CJ Gormley  
Second: Katie-Jo Switzer  
Abstentions: None  
**Motion Passes Unanimously**

**Ryan Duclos, CJ Gormley:** speak

#### **4.3 Center Coordinator's Report**

Carlos Romero (staff) reported that pest control would be coming in for squirrel holes, Ryan Duclos and CJ Gormley would be working a GALA booth at SLO Pop festival August 6th, Timothy Siler and Ritchie Bermudez would be working a GALA booth at Santa Maria Pride Aug 12th, and GALA received two invitations to host a booth at Cal Poly October 14th for Culture Festival and mid-September for Week of Welcome. Mr. Romero also reported that Pride profits for this year were bigger than last year.

**Ryan Duclos, CJ Gormley, Carlos Romero (Staff):** speak

**Public: Callie Kesler, Ellen Sturtz:** speak

#### **4.4 President's Report**

President Duclos thanked everyone for helping make Pride successful this year. President Duclos reported that at the next board meeting PG&E would be presenting a check to GALA and Suzie Aanerud would be in attendance. President Duclos also presented Stephanie Rescan to join the board.

Approve Stephanie to join GALA Board

**Ryan Duclos:** speaks

**Public: Stephanie Rescan, Ellen Sturtz, Tauria Linala:** speak

#### **4.5 GALA Donation Allocation**

President Duclos tabled the GALA donation allocation for the September board meeting.

**Ryan Duclos:** speaks

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

#### **5.1 Communication, coordination, collaboration project – Ellen Sturtz**

Ellen Sturtz (guest) thanked GALA for supporting the SLO Progressive march. Ms. Sturtz encouraged membership engagement in the upcoming GALA board elections and suggested a forum for candidates to speak at a GALA open house. Ms. Sturtz promoted GALA to define organization development of who the nonprofit is and who it wants to be.

**Ryan Duclos, Timothy Siler, Ritchie Bermudez:** speak

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

## 5.2 Q/Rainbow Connection Groups – Carlos Romero

Carlos Romero (staff) reported that the youth group raised \$300 at Pride and received a \$600 grant from Allstate. Mr. Romero stated that the August Q Group meeting would be postponed due to low attendance, and Rainbow Connection will welcome Q youth for the month of August.

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

## 5.3 Senior Advocacy – Tauria Linala

Tauria Linala (guest) reported that she will be hosting cultural competency training for Hospice September 29th for their volunteers and SLO Village serves able bodied seniors but may refer seniors to Hospice. Ms. Linala also reported that Senior Advocacy will be participating in Santa Maria Pride, next month's senior social will host Suzie Aanerud from SLOPD, and will work on a social media outreach campaign with the funds from the grant received for helping end isolation for senior lesbians.

**Ryan Duclos:** speaks

**Public: Tauria Linala:** speaks

## 5.4 Trans Central Coast – Tauria Linala

Doug Huemann, leader of Trans Central Coast (TCC) (guest), reported that TCC will be starting a North County peer support group in Atascadero and is looking for how the community would like the group to look like. Mr. Huemann also reported that he gave a speech to police staff and will also talk at other police briefings as well as a Victim Witness training in September/October, CAPSLO, Growing Together Initiative, and with Jay Bettergarcia at Mental Health.

**Ryan Duclos:** speaks

**Public: Tauria Linala, Doug Heumann, Matias Bernal:** speak

## 5.5 Lez Mix

(No discussion)

**Public: Sherry:** speaks

## 5.6 Lez B Friends

(No discussion)

**Public: Sherry:** speaks

## 5.7 PRIDE

(No discussion)

## 5.8 Social/Events/Fundraising – CJ Gormley

CJ Gormely reported that this month's Queer Night Out would be in a to-be-determined location and reported that last month's venue was not as large as was needed.

**Ryan Duclos, CJ Gormley,**

**Public: Stephanie Rescan, Ellen Sturtz, Tauria Linala:** speak

## 6. Next Meeting:

**Date:** Tuesday, September 05, 2017

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**12. Adjournment:**

**President Duclos:** adjourned the meeting at 7:39 pm