

GALA BOARD MEETING MINUTES (Draft)

Date: Wednesday, July 05, 2017
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 1060 Palm ST, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Roll Call:

Present: Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua, Timothy Siler, Ryan Duclos, CJ Gomley, Natali Sanchez

Guests: Tauria Linala, Ellen Sturtz, Gabriel Granados, Emma Saperstein, Dr. Jay Bettergarcia, Robert Kinports, Jerry Mihaic, Bill McCarthy, Natlie Barket

Absent: Ritchie Bermudez, Katie-Jo Switzer, Nicole Ketterer

Staff: Carlos Romero

3. Speakers:

3.1 Emma Saperstein – Cuesta College Art Gallery

Emma Saperstein (guest), EOC Gallery Coordinator at Cuesta College, recommended Belinda Bing for the GALA Art Curator position. Ms. Saperstein also requested the use of the center Spetember 28-30 for performance art show hosted by Cuesta College.

Ryan Duclos, Timothy Siler: speak

Public: Tauria Linala, Ellen Sturtz: speak

3.2 Gabriel Granados – SLO Progressives

Gabriel Granados (guest), requested GALA to host a table at a fundraiser for SLO Progressives towards progressive causes and to show solidation towards other minorities. The group also presented a rainbow flag to GALA.

Ryan Duclos: speak

Public: Gabriel Granados, Natalie Barket, Ellen Sturtz: speak

3.3 Ellen Sturtz & Dr. Jay Bettergarcia – Mental Health Services Act

Ellen Sturtz (guest), introduced Dr. Bettergarcia (guest) who presented to the board her project on using a LGBTQ grant for mental health to support the needs of LGBTQ mental health and wellness.

Ryan Duclos, Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua: speak

Public: Ellen Sturtz, Tariah Linala, Robert Kinports: speak

3.4 Jerry Mihaic – Independent Living Resource Center

Jerry Mihaic (guest), presented to the board his business and mentorship and peer support, location for people to meet, and request to collaborate with GALA in the future to serve the LGBTQ community.

Ryan Duclos: speak

Public: Jerry Mihaic, Ellen Sturtz, Tariah Linala: speak

Action/Information/Discussion:

4.1 Approve June Meeting Minutes

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Motion: Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua

Second: CJ Gormley

Abstentions: None

Motion Passes Unanimously

Ryan Duclos: speaks

4.2 May Financial Report

Approve the May Financial Report

Motion: CJ Gormley

Second: Natali Sanchez

Abstentions: None

Motion Passes Unanimously

Ryan Duclos: speaks

Public: Tauria Linala: speaks

4.3 Center Coordinator's Report

Carlos Romero (staff) reported that he was at the foster youth wellness resource fair last week.

Carlos Romero (Staff): speaks

4.4 President's Report

President Duclos reported that any extra volunteer help for PRIDE would be appreciated. President Duclos also presented Nicole Ketterer's resignation to the board.

Ryan Duclos: speaks

4.5 GALA Donation Allocation

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

Ryan Duclos: speaks

5. GALA Group Committee Reports:

5.1 Q Youth Group – Carlos Romero

Carlos Romero (staff) reported that Q Group went to farmers and handed out fliers and will be having a tea party.

Carlos Romero (staff): speaks

5.2 Rainbow Connection

(no discussion)

5.3 Senior Advocacy – Tauria Linala

Tauria Linala (guest) reported that senior advocacy was awarded a \$1,800 Community Foundation of San Luis Obispo County to help avoid isolation for lesbian seniors in San Luis Obispo County, and that the group's upcoming speaker is Leanne from Hospice SLO County. Ms. Linala requested that Senior Advocacy donate \$100 from its funds to donate to hope in support of Hope and Santa Maria Pride.

Approve \$100 donation from Senior Advocacy funds

Motion: Timothy Siler

Second: CJ Gormley

Abstentions: None

Motion Passes Unanimously

Ryan Duclos, Timothy Siler: speak

Public: Tauria Linala, Ellen Sturtz: speak

5.4 Trans Central Coast – Tauria Linala

Tauria Linala (guest) reported that Rusty Mike Hughes is working to schedule a GALA facilitator training. Ms. Linala reported that she will be attending Santa Maria's Hope meeting to start Ellen.

Ryan Duclos: speaks

Public: Tauria Linala, Ellen Sturtz: speak

5.5 Lez Mix

(no discussion)

Public: Sherry: speaks

5.6 Lez B Friends

(no discussion)

Public: Sherry: speaks

5.7 PRIDE – Robert Kinports

Robert Kinports (guest) reported on PRIDE's July schedule, farmers market booth, drag show, pre-PRIDE party, and PRIDE in the Plaza.

Ryan Duclos, Timothy Siler: speak

Public: Robert Kinports: speaks

5.8 Social/Events/Fundraising – Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua

Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua reported he is making a proposal for Drag Brunch and that the next Queer Night Out is in North County

Ryan Duclos, Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua: speak

6. Next Meeting:

Date: Tuesday, August 01, 2017

Time: 6:00 p.m.

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12. Adjournment:

President Duclos: adjourned the meeting at 6:55pm