

GALA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, November 7, 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: Ryan Duclos, CJ Gormley, Ritchie Bermudez, Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua, Stephanie Rescan

Absent: Natali Sanchez, Timothy Siler, Katie-Jo Switzer

Staff: Carlos Romero

3. Speakers:

3.1 History Project

Tauria Linala presented an opportunity to preserve GALA history through a partnership with the SLO History Center and a Cal Poly professor of Queer Studies and history collection expert. GALA has an archive of history in various forms including written, audio, and video. The History Project would safeguard the collection through the digital archive at Cal Poly. GALA would retain the rights to use the archive as needed. A motion was made by CJ Gormley to work with Cal Poly to launch the GALA History Project, and seconded by Ritchie Bermudez. The motion passed.

3.2 Paul LaRiviere and The GALA Center

Former GALA Art Curator Paul LaRiviere addressed the board with a letter regarding concerns with the artwork showcase at the GALA Center. The discussion was moved to a closed session.

Action/Information/Discussion:

4.1 Approve October Meeting Minutes

Approve the October Meeting Minutes.

Motion: CJ Gormley
Second: Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua
Abstentions: None
Motion Passes Unanimously

4.2 September Financial Report

Approve the September Financial Report.

Motion: CJ Gormley
Second: Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua
Abstentions: None
Motion Passes Unanimously

4.3 Center Coordinator's Report

Carlos Romero (staff) reported that he will be attending a CAPSLO training on teen health, reproductive health, and STI testing. He will also be conducting an informational meeting at Cuesta College's Cultural Center to provide information on GALA's services and other resources available for LGBTQ students. Broken glass panes at the GALA Center will be repaired.

4.4 President's Report

President Duclos reported that GALA earned 2nd Place in fundraising at the annual AIDS Walk sponsored by Access Support Network. The event raised approximately \$50,000. The Holiday Party will be the last Queer Night Out of the year and will be held as a GALA Center Open House in the second week of December. A message on the answering machine left at the GALA Center will be submitted to our SLOPD Advocate for further review. The installation of security cameras at the GALA Center will be considered.

5. GALA Group Committee Reports:

5.1 Communication, Coordination, Collaboration Project – Ellen Sturtz

Ellen Sturtz (guest) provided activity report in October for the Communication, Coordination, and Collaboration Project. Highlights include attending the sloqueerdos Drag Show in support of ASN, Fright Night at the Center with CAPSLO and 5 Cities Hope, the CalPoly Hate Wall Rally and meeting with local organizations, advocates, and representatives.

5.2 Q/Rainbow Connection Groups – Carlos Romero

Carlos Romero (staff) reported Q group is going well with 10-15 students attending. He will be attending a Youth Clinic and is currently brainstorming on how to reach more kids.

5.3 Senior Advocacy – Tauria Linala

Tauria Linala (guest) reported that the group was awarded a grant for senior advocacy in partnership with the SLO Village. She also mentioned that the last meeting was open forum.

5.4 Trans Central Coast – Tauria Linala

Tauria Linala reported that the North County group met. Additionally, training on GALA's conflict policy was held with about 15 people. Ms. Linala also announced that the annual fundraiser will be held on March 3, 2018 at Windows on the Water in Morro Bay.

5.5 Lez Mix

It was reported that regular attendance of the group is approximately 10-15.

5.6 Lez B Friends

It was reported that due to low attendance, the group is reevaluating and may be considering becoming an online resource only.

5.7 PRIDE

President Duclos reported that \$40,000 was raised during the 2017 Pride Events. The planning committee for the 2018 SLO Pride will begin meeting in January.

5.8 Social/Events/Fundraising – Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua

The Holiday Party will be the last Queer Night Out of the year and will be held as a GALA Center Open House in the second week of December. Queer Night Out events will resume in January. *The Laramie*

Project will be playing at the Santa Maria Civic Theatre November 17-19. A vigil will be held outside the theater.

6. Next Meeting:

Date: Tuesday, December 5, 2017
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 1060 Palm St, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

12. Adjournment:

President Duclos: adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm