

GALA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, October 03, 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, Timothy Siler, Natali Sanchez, Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua, Stephanie Rescan

Guests: Tauria Linala, Ellen Sturtz, Tyler Murphy, Miles Garcia, Bryan Hubain, Frank Dominguez, Daniel Gomez, Connor Murphy

Absent: Katie-Jo Switzer

Staff: Carlos Romero

3. Speakers:

3.1 Brian Hubain – Cross Cultural Centers Cal Poly

Brian Hubain (guest), director of the Cross Cultural Centers of Cal Poly, spoke about his desire to connect Cal Poly's Pride Center with GALA and the queer community. Mr. Hubain expressed his vision of finding ways for students to serve and take leadership roles the community.

Ryan Duclos, Ritchie Bermudez, CJ Gormley: speak

Public: Bryan Hubain, Ellen Sturtz: speak

3.2 Frank Dominguez & Daniel Gomez – Access Support Network

Frank Dominguez and Daniel Gomez (guests) presented his different fundraisers for Access Support Network, raffle, drag show, and Walk for Life. Mr. Dominguez and Mr. Gomez would like to revitalize and reengage people into the Walk for Life and challenged GALA to a friendly competition to raise money.

Ryan Duclos, Ritchie Bermudez, CJ Gormley, Timothy Siler: speak

Public: Frank Dominguez, Daniel Gomez: speak

Action/Information/Discussion:

4.1 Approve September Meeting Minutes

Approve the amended September Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Ritchie Bermudez

Second: CJ Gormley

Abstentions: n/a

Motion Passes Unanimously

Ryan Duclos, Ritchie Bermudez: speak

4.2 August Financial Report

Approve the July Financial Report

Motion: CJ Gormley

Second: Timothy Siler

Abstentions: None

Motion Passes Unanimously

Ryan Duclos: speaks

4.3 Center Coordinator's Report

Carlos Romero (staff) reported that GALA had a booth at Cal Poly's Week of Welcome where 40 students signed up for GALA's news letter. Future events GALA will attend are Culture Festival October 14 from 8am-5pm, Atascadero High School Gay Straight Alliance October 12, United Methodist Church suicide forum October 11, and Asset Development Conference October 06.

Ryan Duclos, Natali Sanchez, Carlos Romero (Staff): speak

4.4 President's Report

President Duclos reported that a anti-sodomy letter had been taped onto the front door of the center and discussed security around the center.

Ryan Duclos: speak

4.5 President's Report

President Duclos reported that the Queer Artist from New York had their performance September 29. Queer night out was well attended last month. President Duclos closed the nominations for next year's board and announced the nominees: Margaret Jones, CJ Gormley, Stephanie Rescan, Matias Bernal, Jane Lloyd. Continuing board members for next year are Ritchie Bermudez, Natali Sanchez, and Ryan Duclos.

Ryan Duclos: speaks

Public: Ellen Sturtz: speaks

4.6 GALA Donation Allocation

President Duclos tabled the GALA donation allocation for the November board meeting and noted that Carlos, Natali, and he have been working on the financials.

Ryan Duclos: speaks

5. GALA Group Committee Reports:

5.1 Communication, coordination, collaboration project – Ellen Sturtz

Ellen Sturtz (guest) reported that Luke's performance went around town, Doctor Taylor's home, Mayor's house, SLO High School, SLO Mission, and other stops. Ms. Sturtz met with Assemblyman Cunningham to start opening up dialogue with the representative to see the community. Mental Health Advisory Committee gave the approval to go ahead with the LGBT needs assessment.

Ryan Duclos, Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua: speak

Public: Ellen Sturtz: speaks

5.2 Q/Rainbow Connection Groups – Carlos Romero

Connor Murphy reported that Rainbow Connection is trying to build membership and plan out future schedules. Mr. Murphy also reported that he will be doing a presentation on good and bad queer representations in the media.

Carlos Romero (staff) reported Q group is going well with 10-15 students attending. Future events are game nights, LGBT history presentation. Mr. Romero reported that Nipomo High School said that they would like to do a South County high school group which he will be working with them on building.

Ryan Duclos: speak

Public: Connor Murphy, Miles Garcia: speaks

5.3 Senior Advocacy – Tauria Linala

Tauria Linala (guest) reported that the last Senior Social came from Santa Maria to talk about insurance. Ms. Sturtz also reported that Senior Advocacy have attended events at SLO Village and Home Share SLO to help seniors stay in their own home and Linda Beck presented a forum for seniors on how to age gracefully.

Ryan Duclos: speaks

Public: Tauria Linala: speaks

5.4 Trans Central Coast – Tauria Linala

Tauria Linala reported that a training on GALA's conflict policy was held on Sept 24 for facilitators disruptive situations at the Center. Ms. Linala stated that the groups will send feedback on the policy.

Ryan Duclos, Carlos Romero (staff): speaks

Public: Tauria Linala, Ellen Sturtz: speak

5.5 Lez Mix

Sherry (guest) reported that the group had watched a movie last month with new attendees coming to the meeting.

Ryan Duclos: speaks

Public: Sherry: speaks

5.6 Lez B Friends

Carlos Romero (staff) reported that the group is discussing a change in name and what the group is about.

Ryan Duclos, Carlos Romero (staff): speaks

Public: Ellen Sturtz: speaks

5.7 PRIDE – Robert Kinports

Robert Kinports discussed that a recap meeting will happen soon to start the talk on PRIDE for next year.

Ryan Duclos: speaks

Public: Robert Kinports: speaks

5.8 Social/Events/Fundraising – Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua

Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua reported that October will be the last Queer Night Out of the year

Ryan Duclos, Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua, Timothy Siler: speak

6. Next Meeting:

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12. Adjournment:

President Duclos: adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm