

GALA BOARD MEETING MINUTES (Draft)

Date: Tuesday, September 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: Ryan Duclos, CJ Gormley, Ritchie Bermudez, Timothy Siler, Natali Sanchez, Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua, Stephanie Rascan

Guests: Tauria Linala, Ellen Sturtz, Robert Kinports, Scott Molan, Lindsay Miller, Tom, Pat Mullen

Absent: Katie-Jo Switzer

Staff: Carlos Romero

3. Speakers:

3.1 Robert Kinports – Robert Kinports

Robert Kinports (guest) recognized PG&E for the help that they have given GALA for the solar work on the center. PG&E donated \$5,000 to GALA. PG&E expressed gratitude to partner with GALA and getting the message on equality.

Ryan Duclos, Timothy Siler: speak

Public: Robert Kinports, Lindsay Miller, Scott Molan: speak

Action/Information/Discussion:

4.1 Approve September Meeting Minutes

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Motion: Ritchie Bermudez

Second: CJ Gormley

Abstentions: Natali Sanchez and Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua

Motion Passes

Ryan Duclos: speaks

4.2 July Financial Report

Approve the July Financial Report

Motion: CJ Gormley

Second: Timothy Siler

Abstentions: None

Motion Passes Unanimously

Ryan Duclos, CJ Gormley, Ritchie Bermudez, Natali Sanchez, Carlos Romero (staff): speak

Public: Ryan Kinports: speaks

4.3 Center Coordinator's Report

Carlos Romero (staff) reported that PG&E donated \$1,000 to GALA, and All State donated \$6,000 for youth group. Callie has been helping out at the center

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

Public: Robert Kinports: speaks

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 will get quotes for cameras and Carlos will talk with groups that meet at the center to see how they feel about cameras. President Duclos also reported that board nominations are open for next year's term.

Approve Stephanie to join GALA Board

Ryan Duclos, Carlos Romero, Timothy Siler, CJ Gormley, Ritchie Bermudez, Natali Sanchez (staff): speak

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

4.6 GALA Donation Allocation

President Duclos tabled the GALA donation allocation for the October board meeting until after he and Carlos meet with a financial advisor.

Ryan Duclos: speaks

5. GALA Group Committee Reports:

5.1 Communication, coordination, collaboration project – Ellen Sturtz

Ellen Sturtz (guest) discussed the past thoughts about the collaboration with Cuesta for the art show, and that the Cuesta art curator would contact her if there would be any other artist shows viable for the center. Ms. Sturtz reports that County Mental Health has been very supportive of the LGBTQIA community.

Ryan Duclos, Carlos Romero, Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua (staff): speak

Public: Ellen Sturtz, Robert Kinports: speak

5.2 Q/Rainbow Connection Groups – Carlos Romero

Carlos Romero (staff) reported that the youth group will start meeting again in September, and he will be meeting with local QSA (queer straight alliance) at schools. Rainbow Connection is going well, but there has been low attendance because of the summer break.

Ryan Duclos, Carlos Romero (staff), Timothy Siler: speak

5.3 Senior Advocacy – Tauria Linala

Tauria Linala (guest) reported that the Senior Advocacy would need to get funds out of their account from the grant to end senior lesbian isolation and to also donate funds from Senior Advocacy to GALA's general account. Ms. Linala also reported that Suzi Aanerud presented at August's Senior Social.

Ryan Duclos, Ritchie Bermudez, Timothy Siler, Carlos Romero (staff): speaks
Public: Tauria Linala, Robert Kinports: speaks

Approve \$2000 check to SLO Village

Motion: CJ Gormley
Second: Ritchie Bermudez
Abstentions: None
Motion Passes Unanimously

Approve \$200 expense/reimbursement to fund promotional social media outreach for grant outreach

Motion: Ritchie Bermudez
Second: CJ Gormley
Abstentions: None
Motion Passes Unanimously

Approve \$180 donation from Senior Advocacy to GALA

Motion: CJ Gormley
Second: Natali Sanchez
Abstentions: None
Motion Passes Unanimously

5.4 Trans Central Coast – Tauria Linala

Tauria Linala reported that representatives of the group went to Los Angeles to review a transgender jobs program being run by the LGBT center of LA. September 13, 6:30 pm, Twin Cities Hospital will be hosting a LGBTQIA quorum to hear from the community on services and concerns about service

Ryan Duclos, Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua: speaks
Public: Tauria Linala, Ellen Sturtz: speak

5.5 Lez Mix

(No discussion)

5.6 Lez B Friends

(No discussion)

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 September is the last Queer Night Out scheduled to be in San Luis Obispo, and the last two events for the year are the Halloween Party in October and holiday party at the end of the year.

Ryan Duclos, CJ Gormley,
Public: Stephanie Rascan, Ellen Sturtz, Tauria Linala: speak

6. Next Meeting:

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12. Adjournment:

President Duclos: adjourned the meeting at 7:13 pm