

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, NH

November 27, 2001
Board Meeting Minutes

The PFLAG NH Board of Directors met on Tuesday, November 27th, 2001, at South Congregational Church in Concord, New Hampshire. In attendance were: John Monroe, Roberta Barry, Margie Lindsley, Lisa Hartley, Gayle Spellman, Gordon Sherman, Ruth Smith, Betty Batchelder, Carol Perkins and Sheila Dion.

John opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Items Discussed:

1. Minutes of previous meetings: Lisa made a motion to accept the October Minutes. Betty seconded the motion. All approved, the motion carried.

2. Subcommittee Reports

Membership:

The membership letter and dues form was sent out two weeks ago with the new mailing address and phone number. Sheila reports a strong response to the letter with approximately \$1400 in dues received in the first two weeks. Sheila also passed out packets to the Chapter leaders containing extra membership forms and address labels of the new PFLAG NH address to put on all publications needing updates that are given out. Packets will be sent to the Chapter leaders who did not attend the meeting. Anyone else needing labels or membership forms should contact Sheila.

Communications:

John reminded everyone that newsletter items are due within two weeks for the Jan/Feb newsletter. Also reminded people to get Chapter updates to Jeremy for the website. It was noted that the website address was not on the Nov/Dec newsletter and that it should be on future newsletters.

Nominating Committee:

Betty reported that all nominees but three have been contacted. Betty will contact Jeremy and will ask John Schuttinger for recommendations. Board members should

send Sheila the names of new nominees. A concern was expressed about how many seats should be open to outside groups and that maybe members of other groups could be invited to attend and offer input, but that they shouldn't be voting members. Still another concern was that the Board might become too insular if there weren't enough new members added.

Education & Outreach Committee:

Roberta reported that the Superintendent's letter was hung up because the NH ACLU has not contacted Sheila with their approval, logo and signatures as promised. It was agreed that if contact with them had not been made by the end of the week, Sheila would send out the letter excluding their logo and name.

Roberta also passed out copies of a letter she drafted to Counselors and Healthcare Professionals in the Keene area, letting them know about PFLAG and resources available to their patients/clients. Roberta then passed out flyers regarding two guest speakers, Glenda Russell and Janis Bohan, who will be speaking at the December 4th Keene meeting, at the St. James Episcopal Church.

Additionally, Roberta reported that she has joined the Diversity committee at the Keene school district and has made good contacts.

Other Stuff:

A discussion was initiated about how to get more parents to PFLAG meetings. The following suggestions were made: invite people to come to the meetings for the purpose of supporting other people; more media exposure is needed; encourage Outright kids to encourage their parents to be involved in PFLAG; create a business card or flyer to have available at Outright meetings encouraging kids to get their parents involved. A slogan was suggested "Get your parents off your back. Send them to PFLAG!"

Business cards were suggested for Board members. Sheila is going to explore the possibility of creating and printing them.

John made a motion to send \$1000 to PFLAG National to help support them through their financial difficulties. Gordon seconded the motion. All approved, the motion was carried.

Annual Meeting:

Dates and places were discussed for the Annual Meeting. February 2 was decided as the preferred date and the UU Church in Concord was the preferred place. Ruth and Gordon are going to check out the First Church and the Audubon Society. As soon as the date and place are confirmed, Sheila will mail out the Invitations.

By-laws:

Proposed by-law changes:

All agreed that Article 5, section 7 needed revising. A suggestion was made to shorten the time nominations may be received from six weeks to four weeks. Also, the number of members required to sign a petition for nomination was questioned. The Board feels that "Transgender" should be added to Article 2, section I, and that all mention of "Satellite Chapters" should be changed to "Regional Chapters". John will email the Board suggestions for rewriting Article II. Everyone agreed that personnel policies do not belong in the by-laws.

Other Business:

It was decided that the next Board meeting will be December 18th and will be the "By-laws meeting".

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Dion, Administrative Assistant