

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, NH

June 17, 2003

Board Meeting Minutes

The PFLAG NH Board of Directors met on June 17, 2003, at South Congregational Church in Concord, New Hampshire.

In attendance were: Gayle, Margie, Roberta, Carol, Jeremy, Gordon, Lisa, Paula, Cheryl and Sheila.

Roberta opened the meeting opened at: 6:30 pm.

Major Discussions:

1. Minutes

Amend May's minutes to say the minutes were tabled, and not voted upon. Lisa made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Margie seconded. All approved, the motion carried.

2. **April's Minutes** – Gordon made a motion to approve April's meeting minutes, and Lisa seconded. All approved, the motion carried.

3. GLSEN – Tabled

Action Item: Roberta will email John Schuttinger and invite him or another GLSEN representative to the September board meeting.

4. Curriculum Guide

The goal is to complete the Safe Schools Curriculum Guide within 1 ½ years.

Action Item: All board members should send curriculum guide materials to Roberta. Roberta will gather the information over the summer.

5. Grants

Grants must be a Board Project, and not left up to just a few.

Safe Schools Grant – Roberta accepted the grant of \$1030.00 and gave the check to Sheila to deposit.

NHCF Grant – A report on the status of the 2002 grant must be filed by September 1, 2003. The deadline for applying for the 2003 grant is also September 1, 2003.

Action Items: Roberta will keep track of and fulfill the requirements for the Safe Schools grant. Gayle, Gordon, and Sheila will keep track of and fulfill the requirements for the NHCF grant

6. Retreat

The annual retreat has been scheduled for July 26, 2003, at Paula Spink's house. There will be a chicken barbeque. Please bring a side dish, and let Paula know what you will be bringing. Arrival time is set for 10:00 a.m.

7. Gay Infoline

Mandy Vernalia has informed Sheila that they can no longer afford to keep up the phone line for the Gay Infoline, and wonders if we want to continue with it.

Outcome: Gordon made a motion to continue answering calls for the Gay Infoline for another 6 months. Lisa seconded. All approved, the motion carried.

8. Online Donations

Jeremy is looking into the possibility and the feasibility of taking online donations via credit card.

Action Item: Sheila will check will National to see if they have any objections or a policy regarding online donations.

Minor Discussions:

1. Peg & Dave's Northeast Tour

Gayle compiled the notes that came out of the brainstorming session from the meeting.

Outcome: Work on local chapter development.

2. Boston Pride

14 people from the NH chapters attended the Pride March, and 11 actually marched. It was suggested that we plan something for next year's march (handouts, stickers, etc).

Action Items: Carol will write an article for the newsletter. Margie will email a thank you to the Boston PFLAG.

3. Legacy Gifts

Action Items: Gordon will contact a lawyer to see about creating a policy for accepting Legacy gifts. Sheila will contact National to see if they have a Legacy Gift program.

4. National Publications Inventory

Chapters are getting low on National publications. Publications cost \$1 a piece and orders of 100 or more receive a 50% discount making it more feasible to combine orders.

Outcomes: Lisa made a motion to require chapters to purchase the National publications through the State Council (or directly from National). Paula seconded. All approved, the motion carried. Lisa donated \$70 to purchase 70 "Our Trans Children" to distribute among the chapters.

Action Items: Sheila will place an order for "Our Trans Children". This publication does not qualify for the 50% discount. Sheila will place a National order and bring to the retreat. Chapters needing publications can purchase them at the retreat.

5. Other Publications

State Council created publications.

Action Item: Jeremy will convert the existing State brochures into Publisher format, and put on the website. Chapters will then be able to download from the web and print what they need.

Other Publications

Outcome: Roberta made a motion to order copies of "If you are concerned about your child's gender behaviors", by the Children's National Medical Center. Margie seconded. All approved the motion carried. Gordon donated \$35 to order 100 copies.

Action Item: Sheila will order 100 copies of "If you are concerned about your child's gender behaviors".

Other Items Discussed:

1. Action Items – GSA's & Schools

Last month's action item for the entire Board was to contact your local school and inquire about whether or not they had a GSA. Also, introduce yourself as a PFLAG Board member and offer your assistance. Not many Board members had done this yet. Please do so before the start of the next school year.

2. Division of Duties

Due to our financial situation, Sheila has cut back her hours to about 5 hours per week. As a result,

some of her duties will need to be fulfilled by board members.

Outcome: Gayle and Paula will assist with the newsletter and other mailings.

3. Email Communications

Roberta requested that people respond to email, even if only to let the sender know you have received it, and will respond in more detail later.

4. Board Resignation

Anne Boedecker has resigned from the Board. It was suggested that future board nominations come from within the chapters, or from other GLBT organizations with an interest in PFLAG.

Outcome: Seek a board representative from the Gay InfoLine.

5. Presidential Visit

Roberta is planning on making a visit to each chapter over the next few months.

Action Item: Each chapter leader needs to let Roberta know when would be a good time for a visit.

6. Program Evaluation

Sheila created two program evaluation forms to be used at all speaking engagements. This is a requirement of the NHCF grant. One form is for adults to fill out, and one form is for students. Gordon made a motion to start implementing use of the evaluation forms immediately, and Lisa seconded. All approved, the motion carried.

Action Item: Sheila will email the form to everyone to copy and use.

Subcommittee Reports

Membership:

Sheila reported that there are currently 149 paid members.

Admin/Finance:

Cheryl reported that the checking account balance is \$3498.76.

Advocacy:

Nothing new to report.

Communications:

Jeremy donated \$100 to pay for the website for the next year. The next newsletter deadline is June 20th.

Chapter Reports**Plymouth**

The monthly meeting for June was held last night, Tuesday, June 10th. Two local men attended the meeting with me. I had planned on a video but don't have access to the TV and VCR (unless I take one from home). We just talked and hope to connect with the high school g/l/b/t group, possibly working with the PSC ALSO group next fall.

Keene

Our regular support meeting was attended by a new couple. We shared stories of our respective journeys. We spoke of our coming "Speaker Series" for fall. We also discussed other fall/2004 programming. Have been approached about doing a topic about legal issues and we are considering doing another transgender information night. We are working with GLSEN for a showing of "As If It Matters" for Sept. 11th at the public library.

Seacoast

Report not received.

Concord

No new people attended. (Seven total) Boston Pride March discussed. Marcroft's first time. Fourteen of us attended. Eleven marched. Gordon led a discussion about people's reactions to his car's bumper stickers and some not so nice comments. John Liston was thanked for purchasing 5 reams each of colored paper for the copying of the Growing up Brochures. Gordon will copy and we will fold next month. Gordon and Cy reported on their United Christ of Christ Annual Meeting they attended. Their Deering Church was recognized for becoming Open and Affirming this year. Ontario Canada Gay Marriage discussed along with Gene Robinson's election by the Episcopal Church for Bishop. This lead to discussion on churches.

Speaker Bureau:

6/18/03- Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield – Lisa Hartley and Margie Lindsley joined 3 Anthem employees for their Gay Awareness Day for employees. Unfortunately there was a low turn out. We had a total of 9 attendees with the panel. Lisa did trans education which we received

positive impute from the group. Multi handouts were sent ahead of time for an information table and more left the day of the panel. Small group encouraged a productive round table discussion. Next year Anthem hopes for a bigger turn out.

North Country:

At our regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, June 16, Kit and I made plans for the July 26th Lancaster Street Fair. Each year we set-up a display booth on Main Street, along with a few dozen vendors and others. We staff it from around 8 - 4. At the booth we have a sampling of literature as well as a selection of baked goods to hand-out. This year we are planning a picnic for dinner, following the Fair. We had a visitor this month. (The first in months).

Laconia/Lakes Region:

The Laconia/Lakes Region PFLAG Chapter meeting for June was attended by three people. Dick & Ruth Stuart facilitated at the meeting.

Upper Valley:

The Upper Valley PFLAG chapter met Monday July 14 in Auditorium A of the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. There were four individuals present. Claire Simmonds from WISE (The Women's Information Service) gave a presentation that covered domestic violence and sexual assault, the conditions existing in the Upper Valley and how WISE acts to help individuals, both men and women dealing with domestic violence and sexual assault. Included in the talk was information on violence and sexual assault in same sex couples. WISE also deals with these issues in schools with education so there is room for collaboration with PFLAG.

On another matter it was reported that a local resident was beginning the transition from male to female and had been accepted by family, friends and employer.

Other Business:

The next board meeting will be the PFLAG NH Annual Retreat, at Paula Spink's house, on July 26th, 2003. Arrival time is 10:00 a.m. Please RSVP and bring a side dish to share.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Dion
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