

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, NH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

Havenwood Heights Chapel, Concord, NH

15 June 2004

Call to Order

Roberta called the meeting to order at 18:47.

Directors Present: Roberta Barry, Sheila Dion, Cheryl Elliot, Louis Hobbs, Margie Lindsley, Alicia Maggio, Carol Perkins, BarbieAnn Rounds, Gordon Sherman, Gayle Spelman, Marianne Storer, Jeremy Winnick

Directors Absent: Kit Carter, Sandy Conley, Lisa Hartley, Ursula Kneissl, Duncan McInnes

Guests: Kelly, Pat

Minutes of Prior Meetings

Marianne **moved** to accept the minutes of 4/20 as written. BarbieAnn seconded. Passed unanimously.

Business

Booth at Concord Market Days

Alicia reported that by having an information-only (rather than vendor) booth at this event, the permit will cost \$150, or \$75 each when shared with NHFTM. The vendor booth cost is \$225. However, only one banner is permitted in the booth.

Alicia and Kelly unveiled a design for a new banner of size 16"x72" that will fit any table. Alicia reported that the design would be painted on the vinyl and would cost \$190. Discussion about the design and cost. Sheila asked if it would be cheaper to have a camera-ready design instead of having an artist do it. Alicia did not know for sure. Believing that it was worth the effort to try, Sheila and Jeremy agreed to come up with a vector-based, camera ready version of Alicia's design.

School Climate Surveys

Roberta asked that board members find a teacher willing to fill out these surveys, sit with them while they fill out the survey, then mail the results back to PFLAG.

Roberta reported that she has begun following up with GLSEN to assess the impact of the Safe Schools project. Sheila reminded the board that getting the Safe Schools survey results is an urgent priority since it is a crucial step towards fulfilling grant requirements.

Youth Suicide Prevention Assembly

Roberta announced that Cheryl has volunteered to assist as our liaison to YSPA.

NH Tree

Louis provided a report on this event. Roberta reminded the board that it is important to include transgender issues when at speaking engagements.

Treasurer's Report

Cheryl distributed the 2nd Quarter financial report. Sheila noted in the future that people sending in donations who did not send in membership dues will be

listed as a "Supporting Member." Any additional amount sent in with dues will be recorded as dues under a Supporting Membership as well.

Speaker Bureau

Margie reported that Kelly's first speaking engagement was at Concord Hospital, at a program called TeenCare. Kelly noted that she enjoyed the experience and will probably be willing to do it again. She noted that her parents have joined PFLAG recently too.

Roberta reported that she met Sharon Underwood who spoke to 600 at a Manchester school. Roberta asked her to start reporting her speaking engagements via the Speaker Bureau form on the PFLAG-NH Website.

Helpline

Cheryl reported that the helpline has not moved yet because there is no clear indication as to whether the administrative assistant position will be filled in the near future.

Curriculum Project

BarbieAnn reported that she will be spending \$134 to obtain OmniPage OCR software. She also reported that she is willing to do the scanning and converting of the curriculum materials. Jeremy agreed to send her some of the .TIF files that he created when he possessed the curriculum folder so that she could test her software.

Jeremy reported that he had performed an analysis of different OCR software options. He had planned to bring the options to the board but purchased Read Iris Pro 9 for the PC instead. He noted that his decision was based on their offering of the upgrade version (regularly \$130) for \$59.99; this offer was good only until 5/31. He noted that he purchased it for himself but will offer it for PFLAG use if needed.

Brochures

Sheila noted that the Safe Schools brochure needs a transgender-based update. Louis and Gayle agreed to work on this.

Membership Database and Mailings

Roberta noted that the membership database is complex, cannot be easily taken over by someone else, and very out of date.

Sheila recommended that the database update be improved by adding "Return Address Requested" notations on the newsletter envelopes. She noted that there is a cost of \$0.35 for each return, but it has the corrected address attached to it. Sheila's mother will input these corrections as they come in after each mailing cycle.

Louis **moved** to affix "Return Address Requested" to each newsletter envelope. Marianne seconded. Passed unanimously.

Margie **moved** to reimburse Sheila's mother for 10 hours of work for updating the membership database. BarbieAnn seconded. Passed unanimously.

Sheila recommended that someone within the board learn the databases. Roberta noted that she and Margie and others will consider taking an Access course as a starting point.

July Retreat

Roberta announced that Tawnee Walling, the new director of Seacoast Outright, has offered to do strategic planning during the retreat. She also announced that she may purposely skip the retreat as part of her gradual transition from PFLAG-NH to PFLAG National.

Discussion on location and date; no definitive date was set, but Cheryl announced that her mother's house is available and features a pool and air conditioning.

Newsletter

Sheila reminded everyone to submit local chapter information, programs, and speaking engagement calendars to her for inclusion in the newsletter.

Halloween Auction

Sheila announced that Keith Clark from the Southern NH AIDS Task Force has invited PFLAG-NH to buy a table at their Halloween Auction. She noted that he will be contacting the chapter leaders and that the event will be included in the next newsletter.

Mount Monadnock Hike

Roberta distributed a registration packet for the Safe Schools Mount Monadnock hike, hosted by Greater Boston PFLAG, to be held on Saturday October 2. Greater Boston PFLAG will return 50 percent of the individual pledges to us for each climbing team, and return 100 percent of each corporate sponsorship.

Chapter Reports

Roberta asked everyone to consider following up chapter meetings with an e-mail or phone call, particularly with the new attendees.

Upper Valley

BarbieAnn reported an attendance of 5, plus Roberta. They watched "Out in the Cold," about kids that have been kicked out of home after they come out. BarbieAnn will be returning \$99 to the state board, and is planning an October event.

Concord

(*via e-mail*) On May 16, seven people attended our meeting including one new person. The new person had been involved in PFLAG in other states and had attended our advisory meeting last Thursday. There was a discussion on a Hopkinton Church's struggling in

meetings about being open and affirming. New person talked of work he has done in other states with the churches and especially singing in the chorus. He's been a member of a gay/straight chorus, which was very active. Margie will try to contact other member for local chorus information for him. We had a discussion on the work and our table at the recent New Hampshire Gay Men's concerts.

Announcements: Last Thursdays advisory meeting discussed.

Margie announced a program this Friday 5/21 at Dartmouth on Same-Sex Marriage.

Boston Pride March – June 12th. Contact the Marcrofs for details and a ride. Margie is looking for rainbow boas for New Hampshire to wear.

Concord Market Days is set for July 14th, 15th, and 16th. Alicia has a sign-in sheet for help at the table and will contact all board members.

Plymouth

Carol reported attendance of 0 in May and 2 in June. One was a mother that had attended the advisory meeting and had read Jeff's book.

Lakes Region

Gayle reported no meetings in May and June due to Mother's Day and an Indigo Girls concert. She also noted that there have been no calls looking for info on meetings. She announced that she is planning a film and barbecue meeting in July focusing on the TG community.

Seacoast

Marianne reported attendance of 14 at the May meeting, which was a support group. Marianne did not attend the June meeting since she was at P-Town, but reported that there were 3 attendees (it was the day after Memorial Day). They watched "Let's Get Real" and covered transgendered topics in support of a 14-year-old attendee.

Keene

Roberta reported attendance of 12 in June, including a promising potential replacement for her as the Keene chapter chair.

Straight Spouse Network

Nothing to report.

North Country

Nothing to report.

Adjournment

BarbieAnn **moved** to adjourn. Louis seconded. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 21:09.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy Winnick, recording secretary