

# Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, NH

## Minutes of the Meeting of the State Council

NH Freedom to Marry Office, Concord NH

Saturday, 16 December 2006

### Call to Order

Carol called the meeting to order at 11:27.

Council members present: Roberta Barry, Margie Lindsley, Carol Perkins, Gordon Sherman, Gayle Spelman, Jeremy Winnick

Others present: Mo Baxley, Sally Edwards, Lee Newman

### Minutes of Prior Meetings

Gordon **moved** to accept the minutes of the 7/1 meeting as written. Margie seconded. Passed unanimously.

### Business

#### The NHFTM Office Space

Mo Baxley of New Hampshire Freedom to Marry welcomed the council to their office and conference room. She noted that NHFTM is happy to provide book shelf and file cabinet space, but does not have the space for additional furniture. Roberta asked about acquiring a key to the building; Mo replied that she will ask PFLAG-NH to sign a contract first.

Margie asked that she, Carol, and Gordon meet separately with Mo to work out the details. Margie wants someone to be responsible for library items once our lending library has been set up. Gayle reported that she found some support videos from the Lakes Region library and is willing to bring them to the January 21 meeting, as well as donate them to the library.

Roberta shared her near-term vision for PFLAG-NH. First, she wants us to recover financially enough to be able to afford an administrative assistant and to be able to pay rent to FTM for the office and meeting space. Second, she wants us to more fully collaborate with GLSEN because they give us the best lead to the NEA. She would like to see these organizations jointly offer a scholarship program. Mo noted that there are already scholarship programs available, but that most kids don't know about them. She hopes PFLAG-NH will be able to help spread the word.

#### New Concord Chapter Meeting

Margie reported that as a result of the passage of the proposal at the annual meeting, the Concord chapter would begin meeting monthly at the FTM office. The first meeting in the new location will be Sunday, January 21, from 3-5pm.

Lee suggested that to further collaboration, he continue to host a potluck each month. He suggested that it could be held just prior to the Concord chapter meeting. He noted that he would prefer to hold his monthly "Officer's Club" meeting from 10:30-noon, then have the potluck from 12-3, then the PFLAG meeting. (Lee described the "Officers Club" as a support group for female-to-male transsexuals, which is usually the minority group. His support group has been meeting since the early '90s.) Lee hoped that some attendees of the potluck would stick around for the PFLAG meeting.

Margie noted that the chapter meeting would continue in the same format as before: a support hour starting at 3pm followed by the monthly program.

Lee reminded the council that many attendees at the potlucks are not out, and that there is still significant risk in being outed.

#### "What is PFLAG Today?"

Roberta suggested that the first program for the Concord chapter's 2007 season be called "What is PFLAG Today?" She offered to speak at the program, providing a bird's eye view from a PFLAG National perspective. Carol offered give an overview of PFLAG-NH along with some video clips. (Roberta offered to assist with video editing to shorten clips if needed.) Margie offered to discuss the Concord chapter, followed by Gordon and Lee Marcroft to discuss the Manchester chapter. We will mention that additional NH chapters continue to meet monthly in other cities.

Roberta suggested that the program focus on PFLAG's present and it's collaborative future, which can then lead into Lee's discussion on SAFE and Mo's discussion on Outright. Mo asked if there are any trans parents. Roberta said there are, but they don't often attend these meetings. Mo suggested that perhaps PFLAG should work to embrace them more fully. But she also reminded the council that with so much emphasis on collaborative efforts, we're in danger of forgetting to sell PFLAG itself.

Carol noted that she wants to host the Concord Community Task Force at the March program. Roberta suggests that the task force leadership be invited to the January meeting to get to know us better. Carol agreed to contact them.

Carol suggested that we create bookmarks to give out as gifts at the program meeting. These would provide a calendar of the upcoming programs in 2007.

Carol suggested that if no one comes for support during the support portion of the meeting, we use that time to develop programs, update the database, and do other business.

Jeremy offered to update the Web site for the new meeting location and add precise directions to the FTM office.

#### Treasurer's Report

Carol reported that the current checkbook balance is \$3624.73. Carol listed the latest income and expenses, including another check for \$6.75 from Johnson and Johnson along with a 1099-DIV form. Carol asked whether we needed to report this income to anyone. Consensus: no. \$26 is too small an income to be of interest to anyone.

#### Hotline

Gordon reported that the hotline is still active, including some support calls that come in in the middle of the night.

### Adjournment

The council did not set a date for the next formal meeting.

Gordon **moved** to adjourn. Margie seconded. Passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:32.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeremy Winnick, clerk