

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, NH

Minutes of the Meeting of the State Council Home of Jeremy Winnick, 18 Palm Street, Concord NH Saturday, 1 December 2007

Call to Order

Carol called the meeting to order at 13:15.

Council members present: Margie Lindsley, Carol Perkins, Gayle Spelman, Roberta Barry, Gerri Cannon, Phyllis Cudmore, Gordon Sherman, Lee Marcroft, Jeremy Winnick. Roberta reported that Sandra Aversa is the new Keene liaison to the council.

Business

Treasurer's Report

Carol distributed the treasurer's report and discussed highlights. The report covered fiscal year 2007. The balance as of September 30 is \$4872.60.

Roberta noted that we recovered well throughout 2007, ending with a higher balance while increasing giving to other organizations. She noted that she's very proud that NH had the largest turnout at the National Convention, larger even than Greater Boston PFLAG. She stressed that the NH council is in need of fresh leadership to counteract the burnout that we long-term members feel.

Discussed the telephone expense, which was \$536.16 for the year. Roberta noted that we're not listed in the phone book. Gordon will check how much it will cost to have our number listed. Gerri noted that it will be about \$37 per month at a minimum, and it will only appear in the phonebook where your address is.

Roberta asked whether we should do some holiday gifting. She asked whether we gave a gift to the NH Gay Men's Chorus. Margie noted that it was money for an ad in their Christmas program, not a gift. There were no minutes from the last meeting to check for sure. Carol will check whether we successfully placed the ad in the chorus program.

Gayle **moved** to donate \$100 to the chorus. Phyllis seconded. Passed unanimously.

Margie **moved** to donate \$200 to NH Freedom to Marry. Phyllis seconded. Passed with all members voting in favor except for Gerri who abstained.

Roberta **moved** to donate \$100 to Seacoast Outright. Carol seconded. Passed unanimously.

Phyllis **moved** to spend \$125 to purchase ads for the Women Singing Out programs (winter and spring shows). Gayle seconded. Passed unanimously. Jeremy will design an ad for PFLAG-NH and send it to them.

Phyllis **moved** to accept the treasurer's report as written. Gerri seconded. Passed unanimously.

Brochure Inventory

Roberta noted that we need booklets and brochures at the ready for usage at events. Gerri suggests a spreadsheet listing all the materials we have at each chapter so that we can track inventories. Then we'll know how much to print and where to send them. Gerri agreed to handle setting up the inventory. Roberta asked that each chapter provide inventories of all local and national booklets and brochures to Gerri. Gayle asked whether we should retain or throw away old brochures.

Roberta suggested that you look at the brochure and determine whether it is outdated or not.

Sunday Meeting Feedback

Carol asked for feedback on the Sunday meetings. Gordon noted that we're not as accessible as we should be, since we're up on the second floor. Margie noted that having new blood at the meetings has helped a lot. Phyllis noted that having access to the NHFTM offices is very helpful. Margie noted that each group needs to clean up after itself, and that Mo does not want any leftover potluck food left in the office.

Roberta suggested that PFLAG maintain a presence at the potluck portion of the meeting to help develop better interaction, trust, knowledge, and understanding between the groups that meet there. Gerri suggested that we distribute an agenda or description of the PFLAG program at the potluck. Discussion on how to make the space more welcoming.

Margie stressed that good programs help with attendance. Lee suggested that keeping the Website up to date is helpful.

Roberta suggested moving PFLAG meeting announcements from the "support" category to the "general" meeting category, since otherwise folks decide whether to attend based on whether they need support. Gayle suggested that we check these listings to see if they still exist.

Gerri suggested that we issue a letter and a business card to all the therapists in the state. Jeremy noted that Rainbow Resources maintains a list of all the therapists and updates it quarterly. Gerri agreed to work on the business card; Jeremy will work on the letter. Carol suggested that we each draft a letter and e-mail our drafts to the council. She asked that we submit our drafts by the next council meeting, which is scheduled for 2pm on Sunday, 12/16. She hopes to send the letters in January.

Gerri suggested polling the trans group for topics that might be of interest to them to be covered by the PFLAG program.

Task Force

Carol noted that she wasn't kept informed about Task Force activities this fall. She will write to them and ask to be kept in the loop. Gordon says that they are still working on making Concord the first open and affirming city.

Speaker Bureau

Roberta asked everyone who does any speaking or event work fill out the speaker bureau report from the website. She also asked that it be password protected so that it isn't publicly available.

Administrative Assistant for PFLAG

Roberta wants to build up enough money to be able to hire someone to do the executive work that Sheila used to do. She noted that Mo Baxley can assist with finding someone to fill in a part-time capacity.

Net Community

Jeremy described the new Net Community resource being rolled out by National PFLAG. He noted that it may be a while before it replaces our local records, but it's a good start.

Next Meeting

Margie asked whether we could do something fun for the 12/16 meeting. The council agreed to host a Yankee swap; each attendee from the council will bring 2 gifts to cover the visitors who don't know it's a swap. The gifts should be valued at \$10 or less. If inclement weather interferes, we'll cancel the meeting the night before via e-mail or phone. Gerri suggested putting together a list of folks who can receive text messaging on their phone.

Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 16 at 14:00.

Roberta **moved** to adjourn. Phyllis seconded. Passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 14:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy Winnick, clerk