

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

## Minutes of the Annual Meeting of PFLAG-NH

Havenwood Auditorium, Concord NH

Saturday, 18 October 2008

### **Call to Order**

Roberta called the meeting to order at 13:09.

Council members present: Margie Lindsley, Carol Perkins, Roberta Barry, Gerri Cannon, Phyllis Cudmore, Lee Marcroft, Christine Marcroft, Gordon Sherman, Paula Spink, Jeremy Winnick.

Carol welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave special thanks to Peg Gage and Roberta Barry.

Carol reminded everyone that ballots were available for the council election.

Carol invited the civil union couples to cut a special cake. Carol invited all attendees to study the minutes while they enjoyed their cake.

### **Minutes of Prior Meetings**

Phyllis **moved** to accept the minutes of the 2006 annual meeting as written. Gordon seconded. Passed unanimously.

### **Business**

#### Treasurer's Report—Carol

Carol discussed highlights from the treasurer's report. Phyllis **moved** to accept the treasurer's report as written. Lee seconded. Passed unanimously.

#### Annual Report—Roberta

Roberta distributed the annual report and discussed highlights. She noted that although we skipped the annual meeting in 2007, we had more representation at the National Convention than we ever had before. She noted that PFLAG National has re-worked the mission to be more inclusive, and that she has passed that mission on to the chapters in New Hampshire, and notes that we have come a long way.

Roberta presented an award to Phyllis for her work as the TG coordinator for PFLAG-NH.

Roberta provided an update on each of the chapters.

Roberta encouraged everyone to tell their stories. "It isn't just our sons and daughters who 'come out.' We do too and our stories can be just as important."

Roberta provided an update on the Support, Education, and Advocacy work that PFLAG is doing. She noted that despite all the work, the schools are still unsafe for the GLBT kids.

#### Election Results—Carol

Carol reported that the ballots indicated unanimous support for the entire slate of candidates. Noting that there were no contested elections, Jeremy, serving as the recording secretary for the council, **moved** to cast one vote to hereby elect all candidates to their positions. There was no dissent. Roberta called the new council members by name. Gerri Cannon will be the new council president.

Roberta awarded certificates of appreciation to Margie and Carol for their years service as co-chairs of the council.

Roberta thanked all outgoing council members for their terms of service to the council.

#### Welcome from the New PFLAG-NH President—Gerri

Roberta introduced Gerri Cannon as the new president of PFLAG-NH.

Gerri thanked everyone for their support during her past 2 years serving on the council. She has 30 years experience in the computer industry, 18 years experience with the High Hopes Foundation, is currently serving on the board at Freedom to Marry, consults with the transgendered group she helped to found, and is currently a self-employed carpenter.

Gerri urged everyone to read the "Straight for Equality" brochure published by PFLAG National.

Gerri recently discovered that even people who are running for office are ignorant of PFLAG. She wants to focus on outreach next year. She also wants to focus on funding efforts.

#### Panel of Civil Unionized Couples

Guests Gail Morrison, Gretchen Grappone, Beth & Ruth, and Ann & Betsy were seated as a panel. Each in turn told her story towards being joined in a civil union earlier this year.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 14:50.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeremy Winnick, clerk