

GALA
Gay And Lesbian Alliance of the Central Coast

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting, held at Wayne McCaughan Community Pride Center, 11573 Los Osos Valley Road, Suite B, San Luis Obispo, CA
Tuesday, January 6th, 2009

Present: Clayton Marsh (Presiding for 2009 Board), Michael Beck (Presiding for 2008 Board), Bryan Jordan, Eveline Blanchette, Kari Graton, John Klimala, Gerald Lindemulder, Will Russell, Bill Tomasini

Guests: Jen Ton, Meghan O'Sullivan , Marie Moore, Beth, Charlotte Gonzolez, Sherry Collier, Robert Kinports

6:32 PM- Opening of the Meeting by 2008 President, Mr. Michael Beck

- I. Introduction of Guests
- II. **Motion** to approve BOD Minutes from December- Jordan motions, Lindemulder seconds – Motion carries with one abstention (Tomasini)
- III. **Motion** to approve treasurer's report- Lindemulder motions, Tomasini seconds, motion carried with one abstention (Blanchette)
- IV. Love and thanks
 - a. Big thanks to the Real Estate Committee
 - i. Special thanks to donor Don Bovee for his extreme generosity in donation which is enabling GALA to have a permanent home in downtown SLO
 - b. Big thanks to Clay and Prop 8 activities
 - c. Special thanks to Dan Frederickson for starting with team building activities
 - d. Thank you to Michael for working hard to do prep for team building
 - e. Thanks to Robert Kinports for all his work with the new building, and of course his continued work with Pride
 - f. Special thanks to Jordan for the tough job of treasurer
 - g. Marsh thanks to everyone staying on the board next year
 - h. Beck again thanks the board for their service and in helping with his tough year
- V. Adjournment of 2008 Board of Directors- Out-Going President Michael Beck
- VI. Convening of 2009 Board of Directors- President Marsh
 - a. Elected to serve as President of GALA in November 2008 by a mail vote of the GALA Membership
- VII. Meghan O'Sullivan- here to represent The Closet- Lesbian Group and whitenot.org
 - a. www.Whiteknot.org – neutral showing of marriage equality
 - i. Have dates where you are supposed to where these ribbons
 - b. The Closet Young Women's Lesbian Group
 - i. Have coffee at Black Horse on Thursdays at 8:30
 - ii. Thanks from Marsh about being part of Farmer's Prop 8
 - iii. Offering to advertise the group in our News & Reviews
 - iv. Would like to put flyers out at Farmer's Market
 - v. Targeting women 18-29
 - vi. Attempting to go to the Queer Youth Conference at UCSB
- VIII. Robert Kinports- Progress on 1060 Palm Building Purchase

- a. Currently in Escrow
- b. Reviewing of plans for Tennant Improvement
- c. This includes- Making meeting room up front, turning one of the downstairs bathrooms into a kitchenette, opening the back and turning it into the board room/library, Turning upstairs kitchenette into bathroom, adding a kitchenette to upstairs unit, adding drywall to storage rooms upstairs
- d. Reviewed all of Blanchette's inquiries- including taxes, cash flow, and escrow contingencies
- e. Tentatively Planned Demo Weekend Feb 7-8, 2009
- IX. Guests Beth and Charlotte – here to express interest in volunteering
 - a. Interested in being volunteers for Farmer's/events/other areas
- X. Marie Moore
 - a. To work on fundraising – especially contributions to the wall of donations
 - b. Will think about taking more of a leadership role in administration of fundraising activities (being on the board) and follow up with Eveline
- XI. **Motion** to approve 2009 budget- John motions, Seconds Jerry, Motion Carries with 1 abstention (Blanchette)
- XII. Marsh discusses Non-Profit Assistance Program
 - a. QuickBooks Class being offered- March-May
 - b. Let Marsh know if you want to attend
- XIII. New Holiday Venue – Holiday Party – Lorelei
 - a. Embassy Suites will be more expensive- due to food costs going up
 - b. Volunteer to look into Holiday Party Venue
 - c. Bryan will do the Holiday Party- venue for next year
- XIV. Accountant- Our Accountant gives money to Yes on 8 affiliated organization
 - a. Option- Across the way in our current center
 - b. Gay Friendly- came in to get No on 8 sticker
 - c. **Motion** to approach Antoinette Higgins by Klimala and seconded by Bryan Jordan
 - i. Motion Withdrawn
 - d. Motion by Klimala to have the Executive Board work with Lorelei to search and hire new accountant for 2008, seconded by Jordan
 - i. Motion carried unanimously
- XV. Marcus Menard has resigned from the Board
 - a. Hubbs will take over Yahoo Group Moderator
- XVI. Gays and Lesbians at Sunny Acres
 - a. Also known as The Devaul Ranch
 - b. Called Marsh and asked for help for gays and lesbians living at the ranch
 - c. Need tents, shoes, coats, clothing, money and anything else we can give
 - i. Helping people in need would be a good way of fulfilling outreach goals
 - ii. Asking our members to donate through e-newsletter
 - d. **Motion** by Klimala, Kerry- Putting notice out in e-newsletter to collect items at the center for the Sunny Acres Center for until January 16th- Motion carries with 1 nay
- XVII. Farmer's Market- January 8th
 - a. Hubbs will be there- The rest of the board needs to look at their calendar and choose some dates that they can attend.

XVIII. E-Newsletter-

- a. Some Issues with the ability to read it
- b. Possibility of trying Constant Contact
- c. Investigate with Lorelei – possibly of waiting until we have a re-vamp of website/newsletter

XIX. Setting of date for next board retreat – next BOD meeting

Adjournment of Meeting – 8:55PM

Respectfully Submitted by

Eric Hubbs, GALA Secretary