

PFLAG Board Meeting 5/11/2011

Minutes

PFLAG Modesto supports the countywide "Choose Civility" initiative and pledges to encourage and model civil behavior.

Meeting began at 6:35pm

Roll Call: Bill Dotinga-President; Marilyn Mettler-Secretary; Michael McKibban-Treasurer; Cathy Jennison-At Large; Jahir Salazar-New Media Manager

Guests: Manuel Alvarado, GLEE Foundation; Janiece Eaton, Community member; Katherine Teixeira, past PFLAG Modesto librarian.

Approval of April Minutes—minutes approved along with revision per treasurer's request.

BOARD ACTION, Items needing action

Guest Discussion—Manuel Alvarado, GLEE Foundation

Manuel Alvarado spoke on behalf of the Stanislaus PRIDE Center and the GLEE foundation. He handed out brochures for the GLEE foundation and assured the board that the SPC was still in existence. He also mentioned that the SPC adult support group has a counselor in attendance at their weekly meetings on Wednesday evenings. Manuel explained that the GLEE foundation exists to help the LGBT community direct donations to organizations of their choice, like the United Way. GLEE will partner with organizations to funnel money to support PFLAG, PRIDE Center and other sections of the LGBT community.

Manuel answered several questions from the board.

Some of the answers were:

- The counselor at the Wed. night adult support meetings speaks Spanish.
- The PRIDE Center will be in operation Wednesday – Saturday, 3-7pm. Hope to soon be open on Tuesdays.
- The *e- PRIDE weekly* is being revamped and the SPC website is being reconfigured.
- Counseling will be resumed at the SPC.

Manuel asked that we display their brochure and collateral on our information table. Bill assured him that we would do so and post GLEE and SPC material on our website, Facebook page and newsletter.

In response to President Bill's query about collaboration, Manuel asked that we let people know that the PRIDE Center still exists, that the GLEE foundation and the SPC are not the same, and that we work in tandem for the community.

A board discussion followed.

Treasurer's Report—Michael

Michael reports that we have \$3444.05 in the bank. Rainbow Prom cost \$1820.98, took in \$1863.26, net profit \$36.28. We are in waiting period for response from Bank of the West regarding a donation/sponsorship.

Michael now has online access to the bank and credit (Marilyn's) account.

BOARD ACTION: Michael motioned to have US Bank de-authorize [REDACTED] on bank and credit account and authorize Bill Dotinga(President), Marilyn Mettler(Secretary), and Michael McKibban(Treasurer) as representatives of PFLAG Modesto on PFLAG Modesto's bank and credit card account. Cathy seconded the motion, no discussion, motion passed.

Old/Ongoing Business

- Debrief May support meeting – The theme was “roses and thorns” which led to a nice discussion. A new person was present and another returned after an absence.
- Rainbow Prom debrief –The event was very successful – Facebook comments were allpositive. 87 tickets sold, about the same number of bodies showed up. The primary means of payment was at the door, with 22 tix sold online. The evening was trouble-free, the major “infraction” was removing shoes on dance floor.
- StanSpeaks debrief—April 25th. Bill reported that it went well. If asked, he would do it again.
- Debrief Panda Express Fundraiser status—check received? \$66.04 – The check has not been rec’d. This was not as successful a fundraiser as we would have liked.
- The State/PFLAG co-venture—Bill will be in touch with Sue Richardson next week regarding our co-venture.
- Oakdale Satellite Update—Michael reports that no one other than he and Maureen were present. The Oakdale leader did not run the correct advertisement for Mother’s Day and Michael will follow-up.
- Facebook Update— Jahir reports that we have 253 friends, some as a result of the Rainbow Prom.
- Helpline/Email contacts—Marilyn forwarded all e-mails or important communications. Helpline has had no major calls.
- Newsletter requests/needs/assignments
 - Bill’s column about Respecting Others’ Opinions
 - Plug for June 7 Healthy TRANSitions - Bill
 - June 21st Potluck – Bill (Marilyn give him info about food assignments, donors, misc.)
 - Fourth of July – are we going to do it? We need someone to take this on other than a board member. Announce at Bingo!
 - Need a volunteer to distribute newsletter
 - Crossword puzzle?
 - Bill and Marilyn will commune about rest of newsletter by email.

New Business

- Long-range Planning Retreat – Michael will confer with Maureen about possibility of using their home for the retreat on Saturday, June 11. Plan out the rest of the year. Among the items needing discussion concern the library – are we keeping it? If so, we need a librarian.
- June 21 Potluck plans—Graceada Park, 5-9pm. PFLAG (Bill and Jahir) will BBQ some protein items; rest is usual potluck with name assignments changed since last potluck. Put out PFLAG banners and sign. Have unmanned spot for name-tags. Starbucks will provide coffee or ice tea depending on weather. Chicken Barn is donating a bucket of chicken. Bring blankets, guitars, games? BYOB in cans only!
- September Potluck preview—Cathy spoke to owner of Queen Bean about having a no-host gathering in September. TABLE THIS ITEM ‘til June.
- Board vacancies and Operations Team—No discussion tonight.

Healthy TRANSitions Planning/Details

- Location – Our usual venue will be occupied for this meeting June 7th. We can use youth rooms, narthex or sanctuary.
- One week before, let ELC know how many tables and chairs will be needed.
- Is Cecily Cosby coming with a retinue? What does Dr. Cosby need in advance? Maureen to find out details.
- We will have hors d’oeuvres type food. Cathy will make coffee accordingly. McKibbans will bring water, Marilyn bring ice and buckets and contact Ron and Jim for sodas. Cathy will contact Mel and John, Tony and RJ, Bob Patnode, Ernie, for food.

- Marilyn set up table with collateral, name tags, etc.
- Marilyn has contacted Public Relations/Outreach dept at Doctor's and Memorial Hospitals requesting assistance in getting our materials (description and flyers) to physicians and healthcare providers.
- How about Kaiser Hospital?
- Janiece will leave Healthy TRANSitions flyers at Sierra Health Care.
- Janiece and Katherine gave Marilyn a listing of trans contacts in Modesto area. Marilyn will prepare a database for distributing information to these individuals. Add some new ones to this list.
- Janiece will be sending Bill a "letter to the editor" for review. She proposes to send this to the Modesto Bee in effort to spotlight transgender needs and to acquaint the community with Healthy TRANSitions program.
- More planning and details will take place via email during the weeks ahead.

Meeting concluded at 8:40 pm.

Next meeting June 15, place TBD.

