

PFLAG Board Meeting 12/14/2011

Board Meeting MINUTES

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

Note: This meeting began at 6:35 pm at the home of Jahir Salazar.

Roll Call: Bill Dotinga-President; Clayton Eli -Vice President; Marilyn Mettler-Secretary; Michael McKibban-Treasurer; Janiece Eaton-Board Member at-large; Jahir Salazar-New Media Manager

Guests: There were no guests this month

Board of Directors Meeting

Board actions **action items**

Approval of November Minutes – minutes were approved as read

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer reports \$4127.20 balance in bank to date.

- Treasurer issued a banking summary for 10/01/2011 to 12/14/2011. (will be kept with these minutes)
- PFLAG National has cashed our refund for \$1,000 diversity grant money.
- We have some encumbered funds (~\$700) in reserve for Gay/Rainbow Prom.
- Our net loss was greater than \$3,000 last year. In May we expect that number to decrease with MoFest!7 fundraiser.

Old/Ongoing Business

- The Dec.6th potluck was a success with (as best as we could count) 83 attendees. Community groups were well received for the most part.
- Marilyn, Jahir, Jeanette Rosenthal, and Bill assisted a couple having a difficult time accepting a gay son.
- Skype transition will occur after board approval of new brochure, and after its printing.
- January First Tuesday meeting: **Representatives from a new social networking/advocacy/activism website, myglbtplus.com.**
- February First Tuesday meeting: **Stanislaus County Library** to talk about their programs and to promote the **Save Stanislaus Libraries** campaign.
- Facebook – 327 people "like" our page. For the past several weeks our focus has been on potluck and dues season promotion. Clayton has an idea that will be discussed more in depth at the board meeting.
- Dues Report: As of 12/11/11, we have 50 paid members of which 13 are new or rejoining. There remain 24 unpaid members from the 2011 roster. **Marilyn will continue to collect dues and reach out to lapsed members.**
- We have collected \$1480 in dues, paid \$9.93 in PayPal fees, and received \$580 in donations.
- Helpline: Maureen reported only one call, from a woman looking for an HIV/AIDS family support group. None in county, except a chance for 1 on 1 in person or online.

Topics needing discussion:

- **Healthy TRANSitions update** – The group has been very well attended. Topics for future discussion and exploration were many.
- **GSA Summit Recap**

- Jim Ross and Cathy Jennison assisted. Maureen was a key player in feasibility and planning stage.
- We spent \$183.13 on “breakfast”. About \$45 in left over paper products
- About 50 in attendance – several adults for the CRLA run parents session
- Talked to 2 men from San Joaquin Co PRIDE (Michael has contact information). Interested in the idea of us assisting with an organizing night for a PFLAG Stockton.
- **Safe Schools outreach**
 - Michael would like to have another leader, and is more convinced than ever of the importance of this “chair”. Jim Ross and Michael have talked about meeting shortly after Jan 1st.
 - Clayton expressed an interest in helping with outreach – his kids hear a lot of LGBT epithets in middle school.
- **Oakdale Satellite**
 - One person in November in addition to Maureen and Michael. No meeting in December.
- Cathy’s complete and full retirement from involvement with PFLAG Modesto. **Need to form a committee for social functions.** She has approached **Bob P.**, and “he didn’t run away or say surgery would prevent him from helping out...” Janiece will send Marilyn copy for an e-blast soliciting a “hospitality chair”.

New Business

- **Request from Stanislaus County: Can we incorporate/host an LGBT Seniors support group?**
 - **BOARD ACTION: Janiece motioned that PFLAG Modesto have a pilot program from 4:30 to 6:30 for the LGBT Seniors Support Group; Clayton seconded; no discussion, motion passed unanimously.**
 - **Michael committed to opening the doors for this group at 4:30. Bill will get Cathy’s keys for Michael.**
- **2012 Brochures-** Several suggestions were offered and noted. **Bill will implement the appropriate changes and e-mail to the board for more discussion.**
- **Using Facebook for newsletter promotion/discussions-**Clayton asked about having some of our newsletter articles available singly on Facebook. **Jahir will check into the feasibility of this idea.**
- **Expenditure Request: DVD documentary *Out Late***(descriptive details in agenda)
 - **BOARD ACTION: Michael moved that we expend up to \$30 to purchase “Out Late”; Marilyn seconded; no discussion; passed unanimously.**
- **San Joaquin Pride Center and establishing a San Joaquin PFLAG presence** to be our program for March unless **Marilyn has heard from NAMI regarding their offer to speak to us. Marilyn will follow up.**
 - Discussion about how we can help them start a PFLAG chapter and who to call at National PFLAG. **Bill will contact Pam Whiteley and ask about helping to establish a SJCo. PFLAG chapter. Michael has contact info for 2 individuals at SJCo Pride.**
- **MoFest!7**—Saturday, May 19th, 2012 at The State Theatre
 - Bill has 3 contemporary films to review. **Clayton suggested “Becoming Chaz” and will contact Chaz about viewing rights.**
- **Online auction fundraising**
 - Michael has pairs of donated tickets for Sacramento Jazz Festival and Oregon Shakespeare Festival for a starting an online auction
 - **Bill will see if we have a widget for auctioning on our website.**

- To do online auctioning:
 - Aim at one quality item per month unless we build a sufficient backlog
 - Create section on website.
 - Establish closing date and time.
 - Bids sent via e-mail. Post highest current bid.
 - Ask bidders if they want to be notified if their bid is exceeded – with caveat that last e-mail counts and we cannot guarantee contact regarding exceeded bid.
- **VISION 2020 Discussion - tabled**
- **Long-range planning meeting for 2012, combined with board meeting, in January**
 - Michael will check with Maureen regarding using their home once again on January 14th, 2012.
- **New ideas: most will be covered at long range planning meeting.**
 - Board member asked about something for middle school kids. They need a place to go to talk to each other. We will address this at the long-range planning meeting.
 - Getting a legislative update for Trans persons. **Bill directed Janiece to do a “Year-end Trans” article.**
 - Movie night suggestions for films- bring to LRPM
 - Police/sheriff presence at bars – address possible meeting with law enforcement.
 - Clothing exchange

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm