



**North County LGBTQ Resource Center
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, April 12, 2017
MINUTES**

I. **Call to Order:** The North County LGBTQ Resource Center Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm; a quorum was present. The Mission Statement was read by Joe White.

II. **Attendance:**

Present:

Board Members

Carolyn Bolton, Chairperson/Executive Committee
Joe White, Treasurer/Executive Committee
Maria Al-Shamma, Project Youth Director
Raphael Rubalcaba, Director of HIV/AIDS Services
Delcy Olachea, Member-at-Large

Staff

Max Disposti, Executive Director
Linda Johnson, Administrative Assistant

Invited Guests

Elva Chavez, Planned Parenthood

Absent:

Beck Johnson, Member-at-Large
Monica Alexander/Sister Yeshe Did, Donations Coordinator

III. **Video.** The Board viewed the Board of Education video "*Basic Rules and Resources for Advocacy*," from the Centerlink website.

IV. **Minutes from previous board meeting were discussed.** Motion to approve minutes made by Carolyn Bolton, seconded by Joe White; unanimously approved, with Maria Al-Shamma abstaining, because she was unable to attend the last Board Meeting,

V. **Financial statements.** Financial Statements and Treasurer's Report were discussed by Joe White. Vote on approval is tabled until the May meeting, as statements did not go out on time.

VI. **Past Business**

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Planned Parenthood report was given by Elva Chavez. Last week was PP's annual dinner; they received record donations of \$500,000. So far, their southwest affiliates has raised 2.6 million

dollars. The Cocktails for Choice event is coming up soon; all proceeds go to PP. They will also have a speaker series three times during the year.

VII. Executive Director's Report was given by Max Disposti. Motion to approve Executive Director's Report made by Carolyn Bolton, seconded by Raphael Rubalcaba; unanimously approved.

VIII. New Business

Elva Chavez Board Application. Elva Chavez intends to apply for the Board of Directors; her application will be emailed to Board Members tomorrow. The vote to approve will be on the agenda for the May meeting.

Monica Alexander Board Resignation. Monica Alexander/Sister Yeshe Did gave notice that she intends to resign from the Board of Directors, due to conflicting obligations. She hopes to come to the May meeting to say her goodbyes. It is possible that she will return in the future.

Board Terms Review. Carolyn Bolton mentioned that it is time to review the terms of Board Chair, Board Secretary and Board Members, as terms are 2 years. Next month the Board will vote on board renewals.

Max Disposti Employee Review. Max's employment year is April to April. He is completing his portion of his Employee Review, and it will be ready in May.

Dining Out for Life. Seven restaurants are participating this year (one more than last year.) We need more volunteer ambassadors. Board Members are asked to announce where they will be dining, and to encourage others to participate. Heather Graff and Max Disposti will circulate among the restaurants.

Gala Report. Gala Chair Lisa Nava was unable to attend; a letter from her was read to the Board by Max Disposti. We have great growth for Gala 2017. The committee has met eight times. One-third of the VIP tickets (20 tickets) are sold; only 12 General Admission tickets have been sold. On May 11, the price of General Admission goes up. We need leads for big auction items, such as vacation packages.

Pride by the Beach. We are making progress on Pride. Jonathan King-Cretôt and Laura Buelke are serving as marketing advisers. We are working with Dave Myers of Legendary Event Management to get fifty or more new vendors. Drag Show Fundraiser is Thursday, May 11, at Rookies Sports Bar in Oceanside. Doors open at 6pm. Tickets are \$20 in advance; purchase at the Center. All 3 booths sold out.

Mental Health Clinic. Behavioral/Mental Health Unit at the Center is in the works. Priscilla Newton will be fully licensed in May. Charlie Webster will intern under Priscilla's supervision. We have a company to help us apply to receive Medi-Cal, Medi-Care and private insurance. Dr. Nicole Kent will be our Director/Supervisor of Mental Health, with no salary, and the clinic will be under her license.

Sex Education Program. Our Center will take part in a trial of a Centerlink program designed to create locally-based sex education for youth, including information about STI prevention and birth control. This could involve six organizations nationwide, including the LGBT centers in New York, Los Angeles, and our Center.

Metasoft Systems Foundation. Carolyn Bolton spoke of the benefits of the Metasoft Systems as a fundraising aid. Max would like to have a teleconference between Metasoft and the Board; Carolyn will send info to the Board, so they can prepare questions for the teleconference.

New Website. Our current website has insurmountable flaws. Arianna Segla is creating a new website for us that will avoid the WordPress platform, which has been much of the problem. She is in the process of transferring data to the new website. We hope that the new website will be ready mid-May, and we need it to be up prior to the Gala on June 3.

Immigrant Advocacy/Civil Rights. Max met with several entities regarding Border Patrol/ICE. Groups include the City of Oceanside, City Manager, Oceanside Police, Women's Resource Center, Muslim women's group, Immigration task force, etc. In an unofficial statement, OPD said they will not turn in undocumented immigrants to Border Patrol/ICE.

Volunteer Recognition is Saturday, May 6, 9am to 12pm at the Oceanside Civic Library Community Rooms. Please come to thank our volunteers. Light food will be provided.

Top-Rated Non-Profit. We achieved 2017 Top-Rated Non-Profit status on Great Non-Profits. This will help with promotion and fundraising.

Project Youth. Maria Al-Shamma reported that thirty-five youth attended the movie night on March 11. We participated in Y.E.S., the Youth Empowerment Synergy 2017 LGBTQ Youth Conference in San Diego on April 3. Pride Prom is April 15; Rich's nightclub in San Diego is donating décor to create a nightclub atmosphere. The youth want a Youth Open House on a weekday. Mission Vista GSA will have a GSA Leadership Summit using our Center's space.

Human Trafficking. Jonathan King-Cretôt was recognized by San Diego County District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis, when Jonathan pointed out that the City's Human Trafficking statistics are incorrect. Carolyn Bolton would like to have the Board receive more education about Human Trafficking.

Gender Advocacy Project has a new member, Michelle Zittlau with Vista Community Clinic. Transgender Day of Empowerment is Saturday, April 29, 6pm, at the Oceanside Library Community Rooms. Board Members are encouraged to attend. GAP has a great new website, created by GAP Chair Melissa Marquette.

Small Fundraisers. Max pointed out that our Major fundraisers are the Gala, and a recent car donation through CARS by Rick Wright of MainStreet Oceanside. Also important are our smaller fundraisers. A current example is our partnership with San Diego Repertory Theater's production of *Into the Beautiful North*, on Friday, April 14. Tickets are a \$35 value.

IX. Closed Session 8:08 – 8:22 pm

Elva Chavez' Letter of Intent to join the Board is pending.

Motion made by Carolyn Bolted to approve a Board Succession Plan; seconded by Raphael Rubalcaba; unanimously approved.

X. Meeting Adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Minutes submitted by Linda Johnson