



**North County LGBTQ Resource Center
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, April 11, 2018
MINUTES**

Call to Order: The North County LGBTQ Resource Center Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 6:31pm; a quorum was present. The Mission Statement was read by Maria Cerda.

Attendance

Present:

Board Members

Maria Al-Shamma, Board Chair
Maria Cerda, Vice Chair
Joe White, Treasurer/Executive Committee
Carolyn Bolton, Board Member

Other Volunteers

Laura Beulke, Gala Committee

Community Partners

Anna Runion, Pilgrim UCC, Minister of Youth and Social Justice

Staff

Linda Johnson, Administrative Assistant

Invited Guests

Ken Grandlund, India Pierce, Aaron Giron

Absent:

Max Disposti, Executive Director
Paul Messerle, Board Member
Lisa Nava, Pride by the Beach Director (and volunteer Gala Chair)
Youth Advisor to Board, Gregory Richardson

Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve March minutes made by Carolyn Bolton, seconded by Maria Cerda; unanimously approved.

Financial Statements

February Financial Statements were not available to review. Motion to table approval of February financial statements was made by Joe White, seconded by Carolyn Bolton; unanimously approved.

Introductions

Board members, other volunteers, community partners, guests, and staff gave updates on their activities.

Community Partners Check-In

Anna Runion of Pilgrim Church said they are participating in the April 28 #MeTooLGBTQ conference at the San Diego LGBT Center, 9am-5:30 pm. Info: <https://sdpride.org/metoolgbtq/>
June 17 is Pilgrim's LGBT Open & Affirming Sunday. Judith Johnson will be preaching. Pilgrim will pay half the cost of our San Diego Pride bus charter again this year. Round-trip tickets will be \$10. Pilgrim is planning a self-care retreat for activists and social service providers. Details TBA.

Video

The Board spoke about a Centerlink video entitled, "Crafting Your Case for Support." Board members are encouraged to view it on the Centerlink website. If you don't have a Centerlink sign-in, you will need to create one. [Go to https://www.mycenterlink.org/](https://www.mycenterlink.org/).

Past Business

Executive Director's Report was sent out via email, Max Disposti was out of the country on Board Meeting day. Maria Al-Shamma stated that our current focus is on the Gala, Pride by the Beach, Dining Out for Life, Board Development, and Grants. Maria Al-Shamma mentioned that Max was interviewed on the TV talk Show Real Talk San Diego on March 27. To see the show: <https://www.facebook.com/realtalksandiego/videos/909124772589589/> Maria C suggested that we put a link to the interview on the Center's website.

Motion to approve the March Executive Director's Report made by Joe White, seconded by Carolyn Bolton; unanimously approved.

New Business

Gala Report was given by Laura Beulke, in Lisa Nava's absence. The Gala Committee is seeking auction items. So far, the total value of the auction items is \$20K- \$25K. We will have art installations and an art auction. We are accepting donations for the art auction.

Gala Raffle: The big raffle will be for a ten-day Puerto Vallarta vacation valued at a \$25K. The penthouse apartment sleeps 10 people, and comes with a personal chef, chauffer and maid. (Airfare and food are not included.) There are 300 raffle tickets, on sale now at \$100 each. Payment must be check or cash. We cannot accept payment online. Gala Committee Members agreed to sell 30 tickets each. The website has all the raffle info.

Gala VIP treatment: Bonus experience for the first 60 Gala ticket purchasers. They will be entitled to arrive at 2 or 3, and get a tour of the Leichtag farm. There are a total of 300 Gala tickets available. A table for 8 people sells for \$1,500. Early Bird tickets are \$125 through April, and go up to \$150 on May 1.

Gala Sponsorships: Current Gala sponsorships include \$8K from Vista Community Clinic, and \$10K from Tri-City Medical. We are seeking more sponsors.

Volunteer Needs: We need volunteer bartenders, but they must have an ABC permit. It is a one-day training that costs \$75. We need more street team activity.

Gala Ambassador Award Recipient: We need to choose a recipient for the Gala Ambassador Award. It may not be one of our volunteers.

We discussed the Board's responsibilities to the Gala Committee, such as selling tickets, using social medial advertising, and possible crowd finding sponsorships. One idea is to film yourself in a 60-second message. We could write an article for a local paper such as the Coast News or Gay San Diego. Never underestimate the "direct ask."

Board Community Building Day (in place of the Board Retreat) was discussed. Possible dates include Saturdays, August 25 or September 22.

Executive Committee: Motion to approve Maria Al-Shamma's appointment to the Executive Committee was made by Carolyn Bolton, seconded by Joe White; unanimously approved. Carolyn Bolton is leaving the Executive Committee. Max Disposti, Maria Al-Shamma, and Joe White now make up the current Executive Committee.

Ken Grandlund's Introduction. The Board discussed Ken Grandlund's Board Application.

Closed Session

Motion to approve Ken Grandlund as a Board Member was made by Carolyn Bolton, seconded by Joe White; unanimously approved.

Calendar

April 14, Earth Festival 10am-3pm, downtown Oceanside; we will be tabling
April 21, Queer Prom, Masquerade theme, Del Lago Academy, Escondido 7-10pm
April 26, Dining Out For Life at participating restaurants
April 28, Volunteer Recognition, 6:30-8:30pm
May 26, Jonathan King-Cretot honored at Shining Stars Awards, 11am-2:30pm, Ronald Reagan Community Center, 195 E Douglas Ave, El Cajon
May 28, Center Closed due to Memorial Day
June 3, GALA, 2-8pm, Leichtag Foundation, 441 Saxony Rd., Encinitas
June 12, Pulse Orlando Shooting 2-year Anniversary
June 17, LGBT Open and Affirming Sunday, Pilgrim Church, Judith Johnson preaching
June 30, Oceanside Independence Parade, 10am, meet at 9:30
July 7, SheFest, North Park
July 14, San Diego Pride Parade and Festival
July 15, San Diego Pride Parade
TBD: **Board Community Building Day**, possibly August 25 or September 22.
September 27 & 29 Centerlink Conference

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25pm

Minutes submitted by Linda Johnson