



**North County LGBTQ Resource Center
Board of Directors Meeting (virtual)
Wednesday, February 14, 2024
MINUTES**

Call to Order: The North County LGBTQ Resource Center Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 6:36pm; a quorum was present. The mission statement was read by Paul Garza. The strategic imperatives were read by Ken Grandlund.

Attendance

Present:

Board Members

Ken Grandlund, Board Chair/Executive Committee
Maria Al Shamma, Secretary/Executive Committee
Yu-Wen Chio, Treasurer/Executive Committee
Aaron Giron, Board Member
Corinna Contreras, Board Member
Paul Garza, Board Member

Youth Advisor NA

Staff

Max Disposti, Executive Director
Lisa Nava, Director of Operations
Meg Martinez - Dining Out for Life Coordinator

Community Partner

Caroline Theiss-Aird - Pilgrim Church

Invited Guests NA

Absent NA

PAST BUSINESS

Consent Agenda: Aaron Giron made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 2024 meeting and the January to December 2023 financial report. Paul seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Policies: Donation policy - Maria made a motion to approve the donation policy as written. Yu-Wen seconded. Policy passed unanimously.

Trainee practicum handbook - Yu-Wen made a motion to approve the trainee practicum handbook as written. Paul Garza seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ED Report: Max reported on the strategic deliveries the board adopted last spring and how many we are reaching, though there are challenges along the way; the grants that support our Unicorn Homes program; grant for MAT program is ending in May which may lead to some staffing reduction; advocacy at school boards. Paul Garza made a motion to approve the ED report. Maria Al-Shamma seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Recent Events Recap: The group shared a recap of recent events: Town Hall

Strategic Imperatives Check in:

- **Getting the Center Ready for our First Single Audit:** Max reviewed the first single audit that we are currently preparing for. As an organization we are taking all the directives provided by our

Financial Company PBO to be fully prepared for our first Audit at the end of 2024. We will continue to review and hear about the audit in each board meeting moving forward. The BOD may need to convene some special meetings as part of the process as we vote on aspects of the audit. The financial committee will be meeting monthly. Max will ask if we also need an audit committee.

- **Create, Enhance, Develop Center Space:** We are now in escrow and the inspection of the property will begin tomorrow. We have a 60 day contingency period which ends March 30 - after which we will launch a committee about the move and all things that entails. The BOD may be more hands on with the move.

NEW BUSINESS

Community Partner Update: Carolyn sent an update that Pilgrim Church is doing activism at the border. Pilgrim is organizing an anti-racism trip in Washington DC in April.

Dining Out for Life Presentation: Meg Martinez Vargas, our DOFL coordinator, presented about this year's event. April 25th is the date and the event will go on all day. The goal for this year is about \$10K. Meg would like board members to be ambassadors and/or being at a location and getting lots of friends/colleagues to join. Also if the BOD knows of restaurants that may be willing to participate please let Meg know.

Board Chair Update: Mama Linda Queer Youth Fund - Paul is working on this. We need to strategize funding for this. Need a new timeline for the fund.

Virtual meetings: Next virtual meeting will be in June 2024

Open Discussion

CLOSED SESSION n/a

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05pm

Minutes submitted by Maria Al-Shamma, Board Secretary