



**North County LGBTQ Resource Center  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, Sept 11, 2019  
MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** The North County LGBTQ Resource Center Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 6:37pm; a quorum was present. The Mission Statement was read by Paul Messerle.

**Attendance**

**Present:**

**Board Members**

Maria Al-Shamma, Board Chair/Executive Committee  
Maria Cerda, Vice Chair/Executive Committee  
Ken Grandlund, Board Secretary  
Paul Messerle, Board Member  
Carlos Tabora, Board Member

**Youth Advisor**

Gregory Richardson

**Community Partners**

Anders Harris Bell, Pilgrim Church

**Staff**

Linda Johnson, Executive Assistant  
Lisa Nava, Pride Director

**Invited Guests**

Corinna Contreras

**Introductions**

The meeting opened with introductions and an opportunity to share something that is important to us.

**Consent Agenda to approve Previous Meeting Minutes and Financial Statements**

Due to various members being unable to vote on the complete consent agenda, each individual part of the consent agenda was broken out and voted on by those present at a prior meeting. A motion to approve the minutes for the July 2019 meeting was made by Carlos Tabora and seconded by Maria Cerda. The motion passed with Maria Al-Shamma abstaining from the vote. Secondly, Paul Messerle made a motion to approve the June and July 2019 financial reports. Maria Al-Shamma seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**PAST BUSINESS**

**Executive Director's Report** was reviewed by Maria Al-Shamma, who noted a new Spanish language parent support group had been established through the Center and that they would meet monthly at the Oceanside Library-Mission Avenue branch; Additionally, discussion about the Unicorn Homes program, Gender Odyssey event in San Diego (August 2019), and the availability of some Center materials in Spanish. Motion to approve the Executive Director's Report was made by Ken Grandlund, seconded by Maria Cerda; unanimously approved.

**Board Committees** No new updates from these fledgling committees.

**Pride by the Beach and the Annual Gala** After careful consideration and some negotiation with

the City of Oceanside, we have determined to swap the dates of our two big annual events, Pride by the Beach and the Annual Gala. Pride will be moving to early June, to better align with the internationally recognized Pride Month celebrations. This move will make our Pride event first in the county each year. As a result of moving Pride, we need to redistribute the calendar and the obvious choice was to put our Gala in October where Pride used to be. Logistically challenging for the first year or so, eventually this realignment will better serve our community, our supporters, and our Center. Some additional detail around Pride 2019 and dates for future events were noted.

**Board Retreat Update** A note to board members to watch for a survey to come and to provide any specific ideas for the retreat to Maria Al-Shamma by the first week of October.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Community Partner Update** Anders Harris Bell updated efforts the Pilgrim Church has made to provide volunteers to Pride by the Beach as well as new information around their World AIDS Day commemoration event.

**Pride by the Beach Director Report** Lisa Nava refreshed the board about the goals set for the 2018 event which centered around rebranding, festival enhancements, attendance, and relationship building. Many of these goals were met and incorporated into the targets for the 2019 event. It has been determined that we need to first increase the number of volunteers in order to grow Pride any larger than its current form. This is a goal as Pride seeks to reach 10,000 in attendance in 2019, with a distinct focus on family friendly events and atmosphere. The current committee is comprised of 7 dedicated volunteers who have together promoted Pride at the Drag Show in the spring and at the Variety Show in September. There are now over 200 people wanting to help Pride be a success. Advertisements have been placed in several local/community facing publications. Activities will include a country music dance tent, Latin music, Hip-Hop music, a giant Hungry Hungry Hippos game, an educational history walk, and more. On October 9<sup>th</sup>, the Oceanside City Council will issue a Pride by the Beach proclamation which will be followed by a Pre Party at 19Ten Oceanside from 5-8pm. The will be a Pride After-Party on October 12 at Lone Pine Brewery/That Boy Good in the evening after Pride.

**CenterLink Conference Logistics** were discussed to coordinate board member activities and travel for this development event.

**Board Share** Gregory Richardson asked about participation in AIDS Walk this year- the Center is not officially participating; some updates on available grants at MiraCosta College, various GSA school visits and other queer youth oriented activities..

Ken Grandlund talked about his involvement in a new San Diego LGBTQ corporate network. Maria Al-Shamma shared her involvement with new construction in Vista USD around gender neutral bathroom areas.

Linda Johnson noticed that we don't currently have any support groups for middle aged adolescents.

Maria Cerda shared news about the sports equity bill that was recently passed.

Additionally, it was noted that the next Board Meet & Greet would be in San Marcos on November 7<sup>th</sup>, location TBD.

**The board moved into a closed session at 8:01 pm.**

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:57 pm.**

Minutes submitted by Board Secretary Ken Grandlund