



**North County LGBTQ Resource Center  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, February 13, 2019  
MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** The North County LGBTQ Resource Center Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 6:30pm; a quorum was present. The Mission Statement was read by Joe White.

**Attendance**

**Present:**

**Board Members**

Maria Al-Shamma, Board Chair  
Maria Cerda, Board Vice-Chair  
Joe White, Treasurer/Executive Committee  
Ken Grandlund, Board Secretary  
Paul Messerle, Board Member  
Aaron Giron, Board Member

**Youth Advisor**

Not present

**Community Partners**

Ethan and Anders Harris Bell, Pilgrim Church

**Staff**

Max Disposti, Executive Director  
Linda Johnson, Executive Assistant

**Invited Guests**

Leea Provonost, Unicorn Homes

**Introductions**

Introductions commenced with a get to know you question about the rain.

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

Motion to approve January 2019 minutes without any financials was made by Ken Grandlund, seconded by Joe White; unanimously approved. Financial statements for January 2019 will be presented at the March board meeting as per usual custom.

**Community Partners Check-In**

New representatives Ethan and Anders Harris Bell from Pilgrim Church were introduced and briefed on the relationship between the Center and the Church. They both expressed keen interest in seeing how they can be even more effective liaisons between our two groups while continuing to strengthen the overall partnership. Both were asked to provide bios for the website. One or both plan to attend future board meetings regularly.

**PAST BUSINESS**

**Executive Director's Report** was reviewed by Max Disposti, with updates on the Center's new website development; our upcoming Business Networking mixer to be held March 15 in Carlsbad; an update on the progress of the 2019 Gala; and discussion regarding the development of a new youth scholarship program. Motion to approve the Executive Director's Report was made by Paul Messerle, seconded by Maria Cerda; unanimously approved.

**Board Committees** were again a topic of discussion with Ken Grandlund sharing additional research and information on the topic to add to that offered at the January meeting. A motion was made by Aaron Giron and seconded by Maria Cerda to direct the Executive Committee to develop the framework for a committee structure that serves the current and future needs of the Center and our Mission and to bring to the whole board a recommended course to take. The motion passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Unicorn Homes** The board was officially introduced to Leea Provonost who is guiding the Unicorn Homes program as it continued to move forward. Already, even before we have a pool of dedicated and trained Unicorn Home families, we've been asked to help several 18+ youth and have been able to find assistance for them. This shows that the need is real and may currently outpace our capacity. Discussion was held about how to manage the need with the pace of program growth

**Centerlink Conference** A brief update regarding the cost of attendance for those planning to go to the conference.

**Pick A Program** focused on our current and historic Human Trafficking Prevention programs. For 4 years, our Center partnered with local and federal government agencies through a grant program to identify and assist LGBTQ people at risk or currently affected by human trafficking. Our program manager, Jonathan King-Cretot is no longer working with the Center and our current grant has lapsed. However, we anticipate having some funding and programs return late in 2019/early 2020 through a new partnership with Lifeline. In the previous 4 years, we directly helped over 250 youth through this program.

**Board Share** Maria Cerda shared that she is now teaching US Citizenship classes through Mira Mesa College for Spanish language speakers. Maria Al-Shamma shared that the executive committee will begin meeting regularly. She also discussed the new board tracker and asked for it to be regularly updated.

The board moved into closed session for a short discussion.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:02 pm.**

Minutes submitted by Board Secretary Ken Grandlund