



**North County LGBTQ Resource Center  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, February 8, 2017  
MINUTES**

- I. **Call to Order:** The North County LGBTQ Resource Center Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm; a quorum was present. The Mission Statement was read by Delcy Olachea.
  
- 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  
Monica Alexander/Sister Yeshe Did, Donations Coordinator  
Beck Johnson, Member-at-Large  
Delcy Olachea, Member-at-Large  
  
**Staff**  
Max Disposti, Executive Director  
Linda Johnson, Administrative Assistant  
  
**Also attending, Invited Guests**  
Judith Johnson, Community Partner, Pilgrim United Church of Christ  
Elva Chavez, Planned Parenthood
  
- III. **Video.** Discussion about the Board of Education video "*Who's Watching the Money? Effective Financial Governance,*" from the Centerlink website. It is recommended that board members watch the video on their own.
  
- IV. **Minutes from previous board meeting were discussed.** Motion to approve minutes by Carolyn Bolton; seconded by Maria Al-Shamma; unanimously approved.
  
- V. **Financial statements.** Financial Statements and Treasurer's Report were discussed by Joe White. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Carolyn Bolton; seconded by Delcy Olachea; unanimously approved.

VI. **Past Business**

**COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

**Pilgrim UCC report** was given by Judith Johnson. Unprecedented numbers of people are attending. A class entitled Progressive Christianity 101, will start on an upcoming Sunday.

Judith and Max Disposti are working on a joint application for Pilgrim and the Center to the Open Society Foundation for a \$40,000 grant regarding uniting communities against hate. The grant is due on February 15; the response will come about February 25. Grant duration is six months.

**Planned Parenthood report** was given by Elva Chavez. PP may lose funding; huge influx of patients coming in now for fear losing opportunities. Numerous rallies and anti-Planned Parenthood protesters expected. *PP does NOT want counter-protestors; due to security issues.* There will be a rally in support of PP on Saturday, February 11 at 10AM at Moonlight Beach; thousands are expected. PP's Annual Dinner will be Thursday, April 6, in downtown San Diego. Elva can take 3 or 4 guests.

VII. **Executive Director's Report was given by Max Disposti.** Motion to approve by Carolyn Bolton, seconded by Maria Al-Shamma, unanimously approved.

VIII. **New Business**

Per Max, Heather Graff will be the 2017 **Dining Out for Life** Coordinator. Jonathan King-Cretot was hired as our **Human Trafficking** Caseworker.

The television series, "**Gender Revolution: A Journey with Katie Couric**" on the NatGeo (National Geographic) Channel will play free next week, and after that, a copy can be purchased from Amazon for \$6.99. We can get a free copy if we arrange a showing for at least 30 people.

**Grants Report:** Max will apply for the Tri-City grant again. He will ask for more money this year. Max applied for a grant with Mental Health of America. If it goes through, we may be able to hire 6 or 7 clinicians.

Max will interview Michelle van Wolferen regarding a new volunteer position as a Volunteer Coordinator.

**Pride by the Beach** theme will be "Together Making Strides – A Decade of Pride." Shannon Rose will give a report to the Board in March.

**Solidarity Coalition:** The community has launched an unnamed coalition of leaders regarding protests and marches on behalf of Muslims, Women's Task Force, Palomar College Women's Reproductive Rights, and Immigration Rights in San Diego. They meet at our Center.

Maria Al-Shamma got a link to our Center put on the City of Encinitas website:

<http://www.encinitasca.gov/Resident/Community-Resources>

Carolyn Bolton reported that San Diego County will have its first **Welcoming Schools** Program. Carolyn is a Welcoming Schools Facilitator. Welcoming Schools (Kindergarten - Grade 5,) has added a module supporting Transgender people.

**The Trans Youth Symposium** will be hosted by our Center on Saturday and Sunday, February 11 and 12, at the Library Community Rooms. We expect approximately 75 people, and the California Board of Behavioral Sciences will be there for the first time.

Following the symposium on February 11, we will hold a Trans Youth Meet and Greet at our Center. This will allow our youth to meet Johanna Olson, MD, of Children's Hospital in Los

Angeles. She is an Adolescent Medicine physician specializing in the care of gender non-conforming children and Trans youth.

GAP is gearing up for **Trans Day of Empowerment** on Friday, April 29, at the Library Rooms.

**Executive Orders:** Max spoke of our role should there be an unfavorable Executive Order from the White House. The Center's Mission Statements speaks to sustaining equality and inclusiveness. We must be cautious not to create barriers with polarizing remarks regarding Republicans vs. Democrats. If there is a harmful Executive Order, we will mobilize. Max has worked with police the city, and our community partners to discuss a possible march and/or rally.

A June 11 "LGBTQ National Pride March on Washington D.C." is being planned. Allies are called to participate. There may be marching in San Diego as well. (June 12 is the one-year anniversary of the shooting at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando.)

**Migrant Rights:** Our Center represents a very diverse population. Our community *is* directly affected, because LGBTQI people are immigrants; a sector of our population is under attack. . Max's statement on Facebook and in an article for Gay San Diego were widely broadcast. We need to defend all victimized people, and join to fight oppression. The Immigrant Ban is temporarily suspended because of visibility and activism such as marches and rallies. Our youth need to see us stepping up and being leaders.

Per Carolyn Bolton, one concern is that people will be afraid to reach out for services, including emergency services, for fear of being deported.

**Gala Report** was given by Max. Lisa Nava has been involved in Gala efforts since October. We need more Sponsors. Walgreens Pharmacy is a current sponsor. AT&T wants to increase their sponsorship from their \$1,500 of last year. Julie Goldman and Lee Coulter (local musician) have been signed as our entertainers. Empress Ajax with the Imperial Court will be our Emcee.

MobileCause, our new medial platform, will allow increased social media visibility for the Gala. Tickets are on sale now. Next year the Gala will be held at the Leichtag Foundation in Encinitas.

Laura Buelke is coordinating much of the volunteer effort. Gala volunteers will be able to sign up online. We need more volunteers for set-up, and particularly for breakdown the following day.

**Break** 7:59 pm – 8:04 pm

**Closed Session** 8:05 – 8:24 pm

In closed session, Beckett Johnson was unanimously approved as Secretary of the Board of Directors.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 8:25 pm

Minutes submitted by Linda Johnson.