



**North County LGBTQ Resource Center  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, July 10, 2024  
MINUTES**

**Attendance**

**Present:**

**Board Members**

Ken Grandlund, Board Chair/Executive Committee  
Aaron Giron, Board Member  
Paul Garza, Board Member  
Tina Valin, Board Member

**Youth Advisor NA**

**Staff**

Max Disposti, Executive Director  
Lisa Nava, Director of Operations  
Roxanne Deatherage, Pride Director

**Community Partner**

**Invited Guests**

Weylin Booth

**Absent**

Maria Al Shamma  
Yu-Wen Chio  
Corinna Contreras

**RECURRING ITEMS**

**Call to Order:** The North County LGBTQ Resource Center Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 6:33pm; a quorum was present. The mission statement was read by Paul Garza.

**STRATEGIC IMPERATIVE:** Pushed back to closed session.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Consent Agenda:** June Board minutes and May financial statements. Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Paul Garza. Tina Valin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**ED Report:** Max wants to defined a fundraising goal every month to set the tone. The goal is \$100k a month. A majority of that is commitment from donors. We applied for a \$500k grant from San Diego County (from district 3 and district 5). The money should be distributed in August if it is granted. We are looking for new grants but making sure that are submissions are focused and targeted, (reproductive rights grant is in the works). Simon, former board member, has been hired to work under the reproductive rights grant. Moving programs to the new building has already started, Lisa Nava is spearheading the effort. The new space has experienced some issues with the space being broken into but it is being managed. Center Operations will be closed for a total of 5 days, 09/11 - 09/13 for the move and an additional two days for understanding how the new space will impact workflow. Max is looking into utilizing the parking area as a "Safe Space" for overnight parking. New Unicorn Homes manager named Joey Sweet - per Lisa, he is doing well so far, he has experience, has met with case managers and is eager to take the reins and manage the program. We are seeking to reinvigorate the host homes program since a brief break in the past year. Discussion on assisting employees with navigating new healthcare, IRA, and other employment benefits.

Tina Valin made a motion to approve the ED Report. Paul Garza seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Recent Event Recaps:** Presentation by Roxanne on Pride and costs the day of the celebration. Roxanne would love to add more interactive entertainment in the future. Next year we will be able to expand to Nevada St. Entertainment cost is 12k, everyone that appears on stage is paid something. 5k was for DJ Inspire. Also included circus performers. 16k for the main stage costs including equipment and community stage. There was an issue with receiving a 10k bill directly from the city a few days before the event. The bill was related to police presence at the festival. Max is working with the city to fix the bill based on grants, itemized invoice and whether the festival can fall under an exempted event. Roxanne is finally moved to a full-time position. Next Pride will be June 7, 2025. Pride By The Beach won gold for best North County Event and won gold for best place to volunteer.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Community Partner Update:** No community partner update.

**Vice Chair Position:** Paul Garza has expressed interest in being the vice chair. Paul is trying to be the best ally that he can be. He is very cognizant of the space he is occupying. He is passionate about the community and he believes his experience will best serve the center. Paul will have a next busy couple of months but he is about to have more time to serve the board soon. Motion by Ken Grandlund to vote as Paul for vice chair. Tina Vallin seconds. Motion passes unanimously. Paul is vice president.

**Gala Ambassador Discussion:** Tabled until next meeting for more input from other board members. Maria has nominated Julie Vitale. Ken nominates Laura Belke.

**Special Gala Award:** Suggested by Tina. It has a trajectory and is currently being worked on. (1) Kristin Key - is a comedian, lesbian, musician unfortunately she will be in Michigan Pride Festival but she wanted to accept the award. She will submit a song that will be played at the gala. Since she cannot make the event she is willing to come back to the center, meet everyone, and have a concert with friends. (2) Encore - singing group to perform at the Gala. (3) Also maybe something called the "Icon Award" - Donna Dietch: a director who did the movie "Desert Hearts," credited with positive portrayal of a women falling in love with another woman, it is the 40th anniversary of Desert Hearts, (4) Jane Lynch - did an interview with Donna Dietch a few years ago and it might be possible to get both, (5) Dakota Johnson, (6) Tig Notaro wanted to do it but she is filming.

**CLOSED SESSION - Closed session will be moved to the next meeting since we are missing half of the board.**

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:16pm.**

Minutes submitted by Aaron Giron, Member-at-Large