



**North County LGBTQ Resource Center
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, January 9, 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 Paul Messerle.

Attendance

Present:

Board Members

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

Youth Advisor

Not present

Community Partners

None present

Staff

Max Disposti, Executive Director
Linda Johnson, Executive Assistant

Invited Guests

None present

Introductions

Introductions were bypassed for this meeting.

Consent Agenda to approve Previous Meeting Minutes and Financial Statements

Motion to approve December 2018 minutes and financial statements for November 2018 as a single consent agenda item was made by Aaron Giron, seconded by Joe White; unanimously approved.

Community Partners Check-In

None available.

PAST BUSINESS

Executive Director's Report was reviewed by Max Disposti, with updates on the new Unicorn Home case manager hire. Additional discussion centered around GAP and structural changes they are making in their group with the help of Max. Motion to approve the Executive Director's Report was made by Paul Messerle, seconded by Maria Cerda; unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

2019 Town Hall General discussion about the format, timing, and rationale behind holding the annual town hall style meeting. Town Hall Meeting will be held at the Oceanside Public Library Annex at the Civic Center on Friday, January 18, 2019 at 6:30pm. In addition to being open to the general public, invited local government, public safety, and education have been invited to attend. Discussion about recording the event and streaming live or providing the video online also occurred.

Centerlink Conference Centerlink, a national organization that supports LGBTQ centers across the country, is having its annual conference in Los Angeles in 2019. Normally the Executive Director and Board Chair are sent to this annual event, but due to the proximity in 2019 and the overall value for board development and growth, the board has decided to send all current board members that can attend. The event takes place in September 2019. Board members have agreed to self-fund lodging and meals while attending the conference.

2019 Budget Executive Director Max Disposti guided the board through the final numbers for the 2018 fiscal year and presented his proposed budget for 2019. After thorough review, a motion was made by Joe White to accept the budget for 2019. Carlos Tabora seconded the motion which then passed unanimously.

Pick A Program is an agenda item designed to keep the board current on the programs provided by the Center, for general familiarity, updates to the program itself, as well as periodic evaluation. The Center's Mental Health Programs were discussed, with Executive Director Max Disposti providing a general overview including the history of our Mental Health initiatives, the current state of our free mental health program and how we are able to provide such a much needed service to our community. Information about the range of people we connect with therapists, the current provider partners, and the long term relationships that generate ongoing support was also shared by both Max and Executive Assistant Linda Johnson.

Board Committees is a topic that several on the board have discussed during individual conversations. There was some feeling that some committee structure could help the board make the transition towards a stronger governing board while providing relief to some of the tasks currently undertaken by the Executive Director. ED Disposti provided some information about how the Sacramento LGBTQ Center developed committees and what their responsibilities were. General discussion around what type of committees would make sense for our Center, how they would be organized, and what their missions would be provided good material for consideration. Currently the board has an Executive Committee and a Financial Committee. In addition to considering another committee, better definition of those committee will be continued to a future meeting.

Board Share Aaron Giron shared a hard won success he recently achieved for a transgender asylum client of his. He shared the difficulties of the case itself while illuminating the hardships generally experienced by those in the asylum system under the current federal administration.

Paul Messerle offered two more successes in his school- the first being allowed to organize and present a LGBTQ competency training for the entire staff and the second being his bringing in a special guest, openly gay morning DJ Jason (from FM 949) as a guest speaker at the school GSA club meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Minutes submitted by Board Secretary Ken Grandlund