



**North County LGBTQ Resource Center
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, March 14, 2018
MINUTES**

Call to Order: The North County LGBTQ Resource Center Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 6:34pm; a quorum was present. The Mission Statement was read by Ken Grandlund.

Attendance

Present:

Board Members

Carolyn Bolton, Chairperson/Executive Committee
Maria Al-Shamma, Vice Chair
Joe White, Treasurer/Executive Committee
Maria Cerda, Board Member
Paul Messerle, Board Member

Other Volunteers

Greg Richardson, Youth Advisor to Board

Community Partners

Anna Runion, Pilgrim UCC, Minister of Youth and Social Justice

Staff

Max Disposti, Executive Director
Linda Johnson, Administrative Assistant

Invited Guests

Ken Grandlund, Carlos Tabora, Kara Schumer, GAP Chair

Absent:

Lisa Nava, Pride by the Beach Director (and volunteer Gala Chair)
Molly Francis, Project Youth Director

Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve February minutes made by Joe White, seconded by Maria Al-Shamma; unanimously approved.

Financial Statements

Financial Statements for January were reviewed. Motion to approve January financial statements was made by Carolyn Bolton, seconded by Joe White; unanimously approved.

Introductions

Board members, other volunteers, community partners, guests, and staff gave updates on their activities.

Video

The Board viewed a Joan Garry video about recruiting new board members. Carolyn Bolton recommends the book *Thriving NonProfits* with Joan Garry, joangarry.com and [facebook.com/JoanGarryConsulting](https://www.facebook.com/JoanGarryConsulting).

Past Business

Executive Director's Report was given by Max Disposti. Motion to approve January ED Report was made by Maria Al-Shamma, seconded by Maria Cerda; unanimously approved.

Gala Report was given by Max Disposti. Focus is on sponsors, auction items, higher expenses this year, and the \$100K fundraising goal. Sponsorships at \$30K, seeking more sponsors. Comedian Scott Nevins and Imperial Court's Empress Ajax (AJ Turner,) are confirmed.

Pride by the Beach Report was given by Max Disposti. Website launch/logo release almost ready. New server and sponsorship plan is next emphasis.

Maria Al-Shamma mentioned VUSD Safe Space badges. VUSD had a breakthrough with new badges that identify the wearer as a Safe Space person, and feature hotline numbers, our Center's logo, and Treavor Project logo. They are worn only by employees who have undergone our Center's LGBTQI+ Competency Training. Maria also mentioned the need for housing. Pride Prom is Saturday, April 2. Events include Safer Sex for Inclusive Sex on Saturday, March 17.

Human Trafficking Prevention was mentioned by Max Disposti. Jonathan King-Cretot will be presented with an award regarding his Human Trafficking Prevention work on Saturday, May 26.

Dining Out for Life Report was given by Max Disposti. Board Members are encouraged to participate and promote their participation on social media. Brief DOFL Volunteer Orientations will be held at the Center on Friday, April 20 at 6:30 pm, and Saturday, April 21 at 10am. More volunteers are needed. Abbie Corey will post announcements at Palomar College, and Van will post them at Mira Costa College.

Front Desk Report was given by Max Disposti. Calls for mental health referrals are increasing.

New group LGBTQ People of Color and their allies (age 17 & up) was mentioned by Max Disposti: To be called "Conversations with Maria (Cerda,)" Planned for the third Sunday of each month at 3pm, immediately following TransFamily Services. The first meeting will be on April 15. Food from Chipotle will be served.

Youth Advisor to the Board, a new annually appointed position, was discussed. Motion to appoint Gregory Richardson to this position was made by Carolyn Bolton, seconded by Joe White; unanimously approved.

Conflict of Interest Policies must be signed and filed

New Business

New Board Chair. Motion to approve Maria Al-Shamma as the new Board Chair was made by Carolyn Bolton, seconded by Paul Messerle; unanimously approved.

New Vice Chair. Motion to approve Maria Cerda as the new Board Vice Chair was made by Carolyn Bolton, seconded by Joe White; unanimously approved.

Ken Grandlund's Board application will be emailed to the board for review.

Closed Session

The Board agreed that a Closed Session was not necessary for this meeting.

Calendar

March 24, March for our Lives, 10am-1pm, Waterfront Park, 1600 Pacific Hwy, San Diego

March 31, Trans Day of Visibility, 1pm-4pm, Heritage Park, 220 Peyri Dr., Oceanside

April 1-12, Max's vacation

April 14, Earth Festival 10am-3pm, downtown Oceanside; we will be tabling

April 21, Queer Prom, Del Lago Academy, Escondido

April 26, Dining Out For Life at participating restaurants

Meeting Adjourned at 8:44pm

Minutes submitted by Linda Johnson