

7 RIVERS LGBT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting: Annual Membership Meeting

Date: January 19, 2007

Start time: 8:07 pm

Location: City Brewery Hospitality Center – La Crosse, WI

Note taker: Alice Benson

Present:	Approximately 50 people present	
Absent:		
Information Sharing	Information Processing	Desired Outcomes/Actions/Responsibilities
Call To Order	President's action	The meeting was called to order by President Cindy Killion at 8:07 pm.
Approval of minutes from Annual Meeting of January 20, 2006	Action by members present	Kari Marshall moved, seconded by Francie Ball to approve the minutes of the 2006 Annual Meeting that had occurred on January 20, 2006. Unanimous approval.
Agenda Additions and Approval	Board action	Dan Linton moved, seconded by Lisa Jackson to approve the agenda as is. Unanimous approval.
Introduction of 2006 board members	Cindy Killion, Board President	Cindy introduced the board members for 2006 and expressed thanks for everyone's work, efforts and contributions.
Introduction of Connie Sutter	Cindy Killion, Board President	Cindy introduced Connie Sutter, the AmeriCorps volunteer who has been working on the Center. Connie spoke about her work on the physical space of the Center, the Adult Group that's being held at the Center, Film Nights, and the volunteer sign up sheet.
President's Report	Cindy Killion, Board President	Cindy spoke about the new space - The biggest accomplishment of 2006 was the new space for the Resource Center. It took over 3 months to get into shape, with many people painting, cleaning, working very hard. The new space is more visible and accessible. Board members have been meeting with other Resource Centers around the state. Cindy and other directors are going to be meeting with Governor Doyle to ask for funding for the Centers. They are going to ask for \$180,000 statewide, with \$40,000 being earmarked for La Crosse to hire a director.
Treasurer's Report	Kari Marshall, for Karyn Cecile, Board Treasurer	The 2006 financial statement and 2007 budget were available for everyone. Kari reported that the 2006 financial report showed expenses of \$16,681.09 and revenue of \$23,015.35, with a \$6,334.26 carry over to 2007.
Committee Reports	By Each Committee	<p>EDUCATION COMMITTEE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cindy reported that the goal of this committee for 2007 is to organize the Speaker's Training and provide more community outreach and education through the Speakers Bureau.

		<p>FRIENDS & ALLIES COMMITTEE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kari reported that the focus of the Friends and Allies Committee for 2007 will be to increase our base of volunteers. She invited people to join the committee and announced the date for PRIDE 2007. <p>FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alice reported for committee chair Karyn. One of the goals of the committee is to develop and implement a strategic plan that raises sufficient funds to support the Resource Center's annual budget. Cindy, Karyn, and Denis are working on a major donor campaign for 2007. Alice extended an invitation to community members to join the committee. <p>TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary O reported that the goal of this committee is to add more features to the website (which got a big round of applause), including making it more interactive. She discussed the blog and the monthly e-newsletter and pointed out the sign up sheet available for anyone who is interested in signing up to receive the newsletter. There is now internet access at the Resource Center and a calendar on the website. If people have events they would like on the calendar, they should contact Mary. <p>PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cindy reported that events in 2006 have received good media coverage. The Thank You event in December was a front-page story. <p>NOMINATING COMMITTEE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary and Cindy met with the candidates Ira will take a one year position Rob and Leslie will take 2 year positions
Announcements	By All	Dan Linton announced that a 3-4 car garage would work very well for the annual garage sale, and if anyone has one available and is willing to let the Resource Center use it for the rummage sale, they should contact the Center.
Old Business		None
New Business		None
Election of Board Members	By All	<p>The Center's Nominating Committee (Cindy, Daina, Mary) have interviewed candidates and pulled together a slate of board members. The bylaws were read to indicate the correct makeup of the board (not less than seven (7) or more than twelve) and the tenure (2 year terms). The slate of directors was presented and each person shared something about themselves. Francie made a motion seconded by Dan to accept the whole slate as it stands. Unanimous approval. The slate of new and re-elected board members is:</p> <p>Leslie Scheld, two-year term, expires Jan, 2009 Rob Nipko, two-year term, expires Jan, 2009 Ira Radke, One-year term, expires Jan, 2008</p>

		<p>Ann Kramer, two-year term, expires Jan, 2008</p> <p>Alice Benson, two-year term, expires Jan, 2009</p> <p>Lisa Jackson, two-year term, expires Jan, 2009</p> <p>Mary O'Sullivan, two-year term, expires Jan, 2009</p>
Farewell to these board members	By President Cindy Killion	President Killion handed out certificates to Board Members Mike Leach and Sara Sullivan who are leaving the board. She thanked them for their work. She also handed out a special recognition plaque to Kelly Teachout who was a founding board member. Cindy thanked Kelly for all her work and thanked her for being the person who brought the original group together to found the Resource Center.
Questions, remarks from Membership		None
Adjournment	By President Cindy Killion	<p>Dan made a motion, seconded by Lisa to adjourn the annual membership meeting. Unanimous approval.</p> <p>The meeting was followed by a Dance. Approximately 100 people were present throughout the evening.</p>