

Pride Center of the Capital Region
Board of Director's Meeting
Pride Center, Garden Level meeting room
332 Hudson Avenue
Albany, NY

September 6, 2017 @ 6:00pm

Minutes

I. Welcome, Call to Order, Attendance: Joe Kerwin

The Board of Directors of the Pride Center of the Capital Region met on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 for a regularly scheduled meeting. The meeting took place at the The Pride Center, 332 Hudson Avenue, Albany, New York. Board President Joe Kerwin, called the meeting to order at 6:09pm.

Board of Directors

Present:

Joe Kerwin, President
Cynthia Bott, Vice President
Timothy Beebe, Secretary
Stephanie Slominski
John Daniels
John Kraigenow
Scott Levine
Maggie Morrison

Absent:

Vincent Lanzone, Treasurer
David Connors

Staff:

Martha Harvey, Executive Director

Guests: Numerous Community members present for the Open Forum portion of the meeting.

I. President Kerwin welcomed Board members and guests and called the meeting to order at 6:09pm.

II. A motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes from the July 5, 2017 Board of Director's meeting. The directors present voted to approve the minutes as presented, with director John Daniels abstaining.

Resolved that the Board of Directors approved the Minutes from the July 5, 2017 meeting.

III. Open Forum during which Community members addressed the Board.

Lorran Ford (? sp) Local community members

Sadie Delacruse (?sp) states that she is a trans woman and afraid. She asks that Martha step down as Executive Director, to remedy her fears.

Barbie McMillen states that she worked in the Pride Center's Youth Program. She says that staff were treated as family and that the tone has changed a lot. She no longer thinks the Center is a place to refer people. Requests a change to the By Laws to increase trans representation on the Board.

Morgan, a trans woman who has been attending the Trans Group for 2 years, says she no longer feels safe at the Pride Center due to recent events. She further said the board doesn't understand the magnitude and there is a need for more trans representation on the board.

Francis who attends the 12 step program and identifies as queer/ trans said that the video camera outside the building made people feel untrusted.

Tilla (? sp) a facilitator for the Trans Pride group and Lorriane (? sp) who has been involved with the Pride Center for 10 years in various positions both asked that the camera be removed.

Board President Kerwin addressed the concerns regarding the camera and apologized to the group for the camera.

The group expressed that they are united in their concerns.

IV. No Treasurer's Report

V. Treasurer Vincent Lanzone is stepping down from the board effective September 6, 2017.

Scott Levine nominated Stephanie Slominski for the position of Treasurer. Her nomination was seconded and unanimously approved.

VI. **Review of written Committee reports/ Committee updates.**

John Daniels wants to start up the Marketing and Communications Committee and invited the guests present to get involved.

VII. **Old Business-** Gala update. Martha Harvey distributed packets for the donation of auction items.

VIII. **New Business**

A. Executive Director's Report: Martha Harvey reports that Jillian Hannlan will be the facilitator for the upcoming Community Forum.

A. President's Report: Joe Kerwin reports there is an upcoming Pride event at the Mansion Inn in Rock City Falls on Thursday, September 14th at 5:30. The house party hosted by John Daniels and Christopher Edwards raised nearly \$3,000. He thanked the Board of Directors for their time and commitment.

IX. **Adjourned meeting at 6:42pm.**

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 5:30pm at the Pride Center, Garden level.

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy Beebe