



301 W. College Ave., Suite 5 Silver City, NM 88061

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 4, 2014

12 – 1:30 P.m.

Rainbow Village

Board Members:

- Guadalupe Cano
- Hugh Epping, HIV Coordinator
- Mark Karagas Secretary
- Elizabeth Rockey, VP/Secretary
- Ted Tufares, Pres
- Torri LaRue, Treasurer

Agenda Items:

- Call to Order Present: See above list. Meeting called to order 12:20 p.m.
- Minutes of the last Meeting Approved – Elizabeth Rockey, Mark Karagas.
- Financial Report – Submitted. Receipts must be submitted. Otherwise, it is impossible for the treasurer to do an effective job on the financials and assigning the costs to the correct category without the receipts. Approved – Mark Karagas and Guadalupe Cano.
- **Continuing Business:**
 - Grants (Elizabeth) – We did not receive the most recent United Way grant. Email will be forwarded to the board. Using demographics for Grant County in general would work for grants and general information. Ted will look for more detailed sign-in sheets online.
 - NM HIV (Hugh) – Ted and Hugh recently attended HIV rapid testing training last week. Rapid testing uses blood. The chances of a false positive are very low statistically. Partner notification is becoming more common in NM. However, anonymity is assured because a person is not forced by law to reveal their status to partners. Due to the passage of the ACA, those with a pre-existing condition like being positive for HIV cannot be denied health insurance.
 - Rainbow Pages – Elizabeth and Mark will work on a plan and proposal for the ads and rainbow pages. Torri and Elizabeth will work on a plan for youth support. Ted and Hugh will work on a proposal for rapid testing so we know when and where to advertise, etc. Each plan will be shared with the entire board. A caucus will be reached via our fb page on the budget aspect.
 - School Board Meeting – Led to a discussion on vacancies on the school board. Elizabeth and Mark expressed an interest in the possibility of running.
 - Membership Drive – 600 Club We have 7 committed members. Discussion was about encouraging more people to sign up. Board members will provide names and contact information for perspective 600 Club members. Hugh will contact people and approach them on a personal and face to face basis. Mark will check online for plaques to honor the members. A caucus will be reached on our fb page. Mark will also explore some donor sites with pledge possibilities for our website.

- Annual Meeting – All board members felt it went really well. We all decided May might be better for a picnic next year.
- **New Business:**
- LGBT Grant Co. Banner at WNMU (Hugh) The cost to hang a banner at WNMU in the stadium and the gym is \$300. We will have new banners made which highlight our phone number. The banners will cost \$140. The cost will be covered using Gamma Mu Youth Development funds. Approved. Torri LaRue, Elizabeth Rockey
- Reaching school kids (Torri) Idea for setting up a LGBT Grant Co. table near schools – high schools and university. Information will be offered along with condoms. A search for less sex-centric brochures will begin. We will start this in the fall. Deb is meeting with high school nurses. Then we will have more information on what is needed.
- Bullying – Bridge with PFLAG (All) Hugh is already involved with PFLAG. He will pursue the bridge.
- Youth Support Group (Torri and Elizabeth) Torri and Elizabeth would like to host a youth support group. The group would offer topics like life skills (budgeting, etc.). More information will come in June.
- EQNM Transgender Training (Elizabeth) Ted will make arrangements for someone to come down to train us.
- Razz and 101 Things for Youth to Do in Grant County (Elizabeth) Begins the end of May. Elizabeth will get the supplies needed.
- Cyber Pro and Electrical for Stove (Hugh) Hugh and Ted are working on this. A stove will be coming.
- Rummage Sale (Ted) Everyone who can meet Wednesday, May 21 at 10 a.m. at the storage facility to price and tag items. People can also bring items to donate at the time. We will load up Friday evening so we can set up Saturday morning. Elizabeth will send info to radio stations. events@silvercityradio.com
- Equipment Rainbow Village (Torri) – We need an inventory of items at the Village. Ted will work on this project.
- RESIST Grant for Centerlink Conference in September (Elizabeth) Elizabeth will request a grant from RESIST so the whole board has the possibility of attending the conference. Still waiting on them to post the agenda so she can write the grant.
- The Car (Elizabeth) Table until next month. Hugh Epping, Torri LaRue. Approved.
- Give Grande NM (Elizabeth) May 6th we can double donations. Mark will send out an email notification.
- ADDED: Dance Fund Raiser – Raul will organize. He is looking into location (The Q or The Toad) A \$600 budget was voted on. \$400 for a dj/band and \$200 for advertising, posters, etc. Possible dates include July 19 and July 26. Hugh Epping, Torri LaRue
- Rainbow Village: Hours have changed. There were some issues about expanding hours. It was decided we would keep the current hours (Fri and Sat 5-9 and Sun 2-5) and when we get more people attending the hours we have then we expand. Board members were asked to come up with ideas on things we can offer at the center to boost attendance. Some ideas were- Movies, series, croquet, speakers. Netflix will leave with Ollie. The board decided \$8 per month was reasonable for Netflix. Approved. Mark Karagas and Torri LaRue.

Meeting called over: 2:45 Torri LaRue, Mark Karagas

UPCOMING DATES:

Board meet at The Drifter 10 a.m. May 17th

Information about School Board positions will be held at the Baptist Church on Swan Thursday at 6 p.m.