

SCV-CAMFT BOARD MEETING

Minutes – August 28, 2009

Call to Order: 9:08 am Meeting called to order by Lara Windett.

Attendees: Lara Windett, Nanette Freedland, Claire Wright, Chandrama Anderson (arrived at 10:39AM), Carol Marks, Judy Hanf, Verna Nelson, Matt Larkin, La Donna Silva, Bonnie Faber, and Terry Sanders. George Deabill and Verna Rice (both non-board chapter members) attended also.

Out: No one.

Concerns/Announcements & Appreciations:

- Lara appreciated Terry and Chandrama for attending the Marriage Equality (ME) Town Hall Meeting in Berkeley.
- Matt appreciated the Board for helping him with the minutes and emails.
- Nanette appreciated Chandrama for keeping the Board on course regarding ME.

Approval of Minutes from prior Meeting:

- Nanette motioned that we approve the July 24, 2009 minutes. Claire seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Officer Reports:

President's Report/Lara:

- Lara will create a P & P for paying independent contractors 7 to 10 business days after receipt of invoice.
- Matt motioned that the Board approve Lara's proposal for Board service incentive that gives a Board member with 2 years of service a maximum credit of \$150 towards a future workshop. Terry seconded the motion. The motion passed (copy of proposal attached to the signed minutes).
- Lara proposed the formation of a committee that would manage all Independent Contractors working for the Chapter. Claire motioned that the Board approve the Contractor Management Committee (consisting of Lara, Carol, Nanette, and Terry). Judy seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- The Well-Being Support Group has been faxing Sean blank sign-in sheets.
- Judy will be Prelicensed Support Group facilitator for the South Bay Region.
- Verna will be Newly Licensed Support Group facilitator for the South Bay Region.
- Lara and LaDonna will talk about setting up the CISM Training for 2010.

President-elect's Report/Terry:

- Terry reports that there was a big turn out at the Berkeley Marriage Equality Town Hall Meeting last Friday, August 21, 2009. Chapters represented were Santa Cruz, Marin, East Bay, Los Angeles, SCV, and San Francisco. Terry talked about the ME committee, our survey, and how the MEC is working on a statement to present to the Board. Terry and Chandrama sensed a lot of defensiveness and deflecting of questions from CAMFT Board. Nanette proposed that CAMFT Board might have been coached to be neutral. Chants of "Why not!?" were echoed multiple times during the meeting. Mary Remeirsma reported that the CAMFT Bylaws allow for the possibility to support Marriage Equality.

Chief Financial Officer's Report/Claire:

- Claire reminded the financial committee to revisit their previous recommendations.
- Budget: Matt proposed that bookkeeper amount be changed to 8000. The Chapter Coordinator hours may be insufficient. Get Claire any revisions ASAP because 2010 Budget must be formally approved at September (25th) Board Meeting.

Secretary's Report/Matt:

- The next board meeting will be September 25, 2009 at Michaels.

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- Matt discussed two qualified candidates for the bookkeeper position. Merrett Sheridan is an Independent Contractor and Dat Dihn would be contracted through Hallmark. Matt will negotiate with both candidates and propose hiring options at the next Board meeting. He will email Board as negotiations progress.
- Carol and Sean went to the Chapter's storage facility and determined that there is a lot of material that needs to be shredded/discarded. That which is kept needs to be organized neatly and efficiently so that a member could go to storage facility and easily find what they need. Matt will coordinate with Sean (and Carol if available) to take the next steps.

Past President's Report/Bonnie:

- Bonnie passed around the Chapter Coordinator Job Responsibilities (attached to the signed minutes). The Contractor Management Committee will talk to Sean about these modified responsibilities.
- Bonnie circulated the proposal for a webmaster (attached to the signed minutes). Nanette motioned that we hire a webmaster at a rate of up to \$30/hour, 5 hours/week, or roughly up to \$650 per month maximum. Carol seconded the motion. The motion passed. Terry was out of the room and did not vote.
- Lara proposed that there are many problems with the website and that an outside audit with repair recommendations would help restore confidence in the website. Bonnie motioned that the Board approve up to \$300 to have the website audited for problems. Verna seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Director Reports:

Technology & Communications/Chandrama:

- Chandrama attended meeting at 10:40 and did not vote until ME proposal.
- Chandrama reports that all members are now receiving the Daily Digest of listserv. About 20 members have opted out so far. There is no record of Daily Digest posts. Sean has been contacted regarding this matter and has yet to respond.

Membership/Judy:

- Judy will email Annual Meeting information to the Board.

Programs and Evaluations/Verna:

- There are 26 people registered for today's luncheon.
- There were 45 people who attended last month's luncheon. 13 were walk-ins. Most walk-ins were auditing the luncheon.

Business Development/Nanette:

- No new business.

Pre-licensed and Newly Licensed/Position Available:

- No new business.

Ethics/Carol:

- No new business.

Special Events/La Donna:

- LaDonna presented the statement draft regarding Marriage Equality to the Board. The MEC (Marriage Equality Committee) proposes that this statement go on the chapter website, in the newsletter, in an email blast, and in a letter to CAMFT. LaDonna motioned that the Board support the statement, as amended. Matt seconded the motion. The motion passed. Bonnie abstained. The MEC agreed to manage feedback regarding the statement. The MEC will consult the Board if non-routine responses to feedback are needed.

Old Business:

- Sean's advertising costs.

New Business:

Meeting Adjourned: 11:21 am

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I do hereby attest that these minutes are an accurate accounting of SCV-CAMFT's Board Meeting on Friday, August 28, 2009.

Matt Larkin, Secretary