



Pride Houston Minutes of Monthly Board Meeting January 15, 2007

I. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING COMMENTS

6:30 p.m.: Meeting called to order by President, Carol Wyatt.
Other directors/officers in attendance: Nick Brines, Erik Olenchak, Brian Reidel, Albert Garcia, Brad Odom, and Dima Elissa. Also in attendance: Geoffrey Cuellar, Evan Leslie (GLBT Political Caucus), David Harris.

Michael McManus has tendered his resignation from the Board and it has been accepted unanimously by all those present at the meeting.

II. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motion by Carol to approve minutes of 12/19/06 meeting without changes.
Second by Nick. Approved unanimously.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Review and discussion of current financials.
- Discussed and revised proposed budget for 2007.
- Motion by Brad to accept revised budget for 2007. Second by Dima. Unanimously approved.

IV. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

A. Production

- Festival Committee is very motivated and working hard. Looking for someone with logistics and safety experience.
- Finalizing main stage entertainment this week.
- Grand Marshall nominations will be available next week. Voting to occur on February 10th, 14th, and 28th. Announcement by the end of March or beginning of April.
- Volunteer recruitment party on January 20 at 5:30 p.m.

- Noted that Board liaisons are to be copied on all formal communications by committee chairs.

B. Fundraising

- Ideas solicited and discussed for ongoing efforts to recruit a new Director of Development. Ads to be revised to be more inclusive.

C. Task Force

- Discussion re process for addressing the Task Force's recommendations in light of community feedback received.
- Affirmed decision to abstain from voting at this time on the Task Force recommendations.
- Decided to reconstitute Task Force in May. Composition of the reconstituted Task Force to include members of POMPOM and other parties who have voiced opposition to the Task Force recommendations. The Task Force will participate in the preparations for Pride 2007 to observe the challenges faced under the present event location and assist in preparing additional polling to gauge community sentiment. The Task Force will provide input to the Board based on these observations and provide additional input and recommendations for a vote on the issues by the Board at the August 2007 board meeting.

D. Friends of Pride

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V. IMPORTANT DATES

- 1/20/07 – Volunteer recruitment party @ 5:30 p.m.
- 2/10/07 – Voting re Grand Marshall.
- 2/14/07 – Voting re Grand Marshall.
- 2/28/07 – Voting re Grand Marshall.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn @ 8:20 p.m. Seconded. Unanimously approved.