



Board Members present: Tom A. (Chair), Paul T. (Chair-Elect) John F. (Secretary), Dave U. (Secretary-Elect), Kathi S. (Treasurer), Laurel K. (Secretary-Elect), Mat W.(Membership), Mikey W. (Fundraising).

Board Members not present: None

Corporate Officers present: Lynette Ross (Corporate President), Shiela Elwell (Corporate Treasurer/Secretary), Lisa McDugald (Chief Technology Officer)

Members and visitors present: Lloyd G., Melinda, Grainne M., Negar, Sam B, Cory, Unnamed Guest 1, Unnamed Guest 2.

Call to Order: Tom A opened the meeting at 5:00 pm.

Confirmation of a Quorum of the Board: John F. confirmed that a quorum of the Board was present.

Notice of Resignation:

- Tom A announced that just before the start of the Board Meeting that Duane B handed in his resignation of the position he held in Membership. The resignation was effective immediately.

Grainne Requested Boards Approval for meetings of GreySheeters Anonymous to be held at Lambda Center.

- Grainne asked if there was room for meetings of GreySheeters Anonymous to be held at Lambda Center.
- Lynette R commented where we were the last time the Board (previous, not current Board) landed with this question was that the approval of non substance abuse meetings should be made by the Membership after sufficient membership discussion and not the Board.
- A comment was made the food is a substance.
- Dave U recommended posting a notice to check if there is any interest among the people who visit Lambda Center.
- Lynette commented that making a change for a new meeting, would result in rewriting the Bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation which is a huge shift, takes a lot of time and is lot of work.
- It was commented that the direction of Lambda Center takes needs to be made by the Board and decided by the Membership.
- It was decided the Board will have a closed meeting to discuss the ramifications of what other clubs and other fellowships do in instances such as this request.
- Paul T made a motion for the Board to meet and discuss this at 4:00 in a closed meeting before the start of the Board Meeting on Sunday, March 13, 2016. The motion was seconded by Laurel K. The motion passed and was carried and was approved unopposed.

Anonymous Visitor 1 Brought Allegations of Being Harassed, Assaulted and Threatened On Lambda Property To The Board

- A very detailed Harassment Claim made against a Raphe S, while attending meetings at Lambda Center with description of instances and the days they took place were presented to the Board. These took place on the property and off the property.
- It was brought to our attention five (5) other people have had similar experiences and a Board Member or two have experienced the accused of exhibiting unbalanced behavior.
- One of those people Anonymous Visitor 2 was present and said he received 52 text messages in an 18 hour period being told that the accused was going to beat his ass in the parking lot. The accused would also get in his face and threaten him.
- One of the allegations against the accused is that while he was in a meeting still in progress, he would post on Facebook that he wished someone would shut the F*** up .
- It is the understanding that the accused is banned from two other places or clubs where meetings take place.
- Once all of the presented information was shared with the Board, Kathi S moved that we ban Raphe S from the property; this was seconded by Mikey W. The motion passed and carried unanimously that this individual will be banned from the building and parking lot.
- A Certified Letter will be drafted by Tom A. and Paul T. will be mailed to the Raphe's work address within two days of this meeting of the Board, informing him that he is not allowed on the premises or in the parking lot.
- None of the actions taken by the Board regarding the accused pertain to the Raphe's wife Madeline.

Melinda Asked the Board About Selling Merchandise at the Coffee Bar to Support Roundup:

- Melinda wanted permission from CMA to purchase CMA stickers and sell them at the coffee bar. All proceeds would go to Houston Roundup.
- Tom A. asked Melinda to bring her request in writing with her intent so it can be reviewed at the next Board Meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Presented by John F. (Secretary)

- The Minutes of the following meetings and elections were submitted: December 13, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting, Annual Membership Meeting January 10, January 10, Board of Directors Meeting, Special Membership Election January 30 were all submitted for approval.
- A few minor corrections were brought up and will be made before posting them. Motion was made to accept the corrected Minutes by Kathi S and seconded by Dave U. Motion was passed unopposed.

CHIEF OF TECHNOLOGY'S REPORT:

Presented by Lisa Mc. (CTO)

- The processing of the new direct deposit for payroll has gone through its first cycle successfully.
- The new computer for the office is scheduled to be installed next weekend. Any files from anyone on the Board who uses the computer that they wished to have installed on the new system, were asked to place them in a folder on the desktop.
- Board Members and Corporate Officers are the only people who will have access to the new system.

FUNDRAISING REPORT:

Presented by: Mikey W. (Fundraising)

- Mikey W. stated that Mardi Gras Parade was successful and raised a minimum of 3,800.00. Laurel K indicated that amount may increase, understanding that some people wanted to send in money earmarked for the event.
- The next event slated for Fundraising will be the Easter Brunch and Bonnet Show on Sunday, March 27, 2016 starting at 12:15 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Presented by: Kathi S. (Treasurer)

- The financial statements were reviewed in detail. The amount of 2,437.42 under Long Term Liabilities on the Statement of Financial Position as of January 31, 2016 will be removed. The financial report was approved.
- The last payment on the loan for the purchase of the building was manually made in January. This did not take place in December since the bank doesn't automatically take out the last payment on a loan since the final payment may not be the same amount as previous payments.
- The actual title as a result of paying off the mortgage will be provided to Lambda Center once the Release of Lien is processed.
- Mat W asked if we create and approve an operating budget. The answer was no and the general discussion of the point was that it was a good idea to do so.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Presented by: Tom A. (Chair)

- Tom A asked that any reports and information that needs to be reviewed by Board Members in the upcoming Board Meeting, be sent to the Tom by the close of business of the previous Wednesday.
- All Board Members and Corporate Officers will be sent an e-mail blast of the documents to be reviewed in the upcoming meeting and each individual can print whatever they prefer to review in the meeting.

- John F. will continue to bring a few copies of the Minutes for review instead of handing Minutes out to each Board Member at the start of the Meeting.
- New keys will be issued for the Lambda Office door and storage closet.
- Signs need to be put up stating Lambda Centers policy on Concealed Handgun Licensing, that the Open Carry of Handguns is prohibited. Mat W made a motion that we put up signs our position. The motion was seconded by Paul T.
- Tom A has appointed a committee of three people: Mat W., Paul T. and Kathi S. Tom A. will serve as an *ex officio* member to review the policies once determined. These individuals will be reviewing the Comprehensive and General Liability Insurance (CG&L); our Directors and Officers Insurance (D&O) and our Flood Insurance. The current agent no longer wishes to write these policies for us. The findings of this committee is to determine if the policies as written:
 - Protect us from anticipated harms
 - If the policies are right for the amounts being paid
 - If the cost of the insurance is appropriate for our needs
 - What policy the Roundup needs to protect the Center.
- The findings of this committee will be brought to the Board.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

- A membership report was not submitted. The person who normally presents this report has resigned.
- Lisa Mc. stated that she will help Mat. W to get him indoctrinated with the process so he can be aware of the duties of Membership.

OLD BUSINESS:

Amendments to Lambda Center Bylaws

- The amended Bylaws were presented by Lynette R.
- Paul T. made a motion to accept the Bylaws and Kathi S. seconded. The motion carried unopposed.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dave U. and was a seconded by Kathi S. The motion passed.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:38pm.