

California Men's Gathering Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, September 4, 2009

Meeting started at 2:10 PM

Attendance: Joe Wagenhofer - Prez, Michael Bell-Outreach, Jim Ruyboyianes-Webmaster, Al-Binky, Barry Schoenfeld-Communications, Drew Blanchar-ECBA, Christopher Johnson-65th, Ben~Andy Hein-VP/DD, Dave Clark-Treas, Frank Rothacker, Rich Farshler-ECSA, Ed Wahl-Arts, Robert Burnham-67th, Trevor Eyster-Facebook, Jason Jenn, Ed Perez, Lee Usher – Secretary, Michael Varnen – ECSD & 66th, Jamie Kravitz – Web Cmte

Absent: Mohabee

Summer Gathering: 160-168 Attendees, perhaps a few aren't attending. 40 newbies, changes, pool party on Saturday not Sunday, t-shirts at the morning Gathering, 2 Comm Gatherings, about even on financial aid. Summer feels that it is unfair for the Archivist to not attend this Gathering. It is recommended that if a Board Member cannot be present then an alternate attendee be present.

Question about Quorum: Barry quotes the by-laws saying that "quorum is 12" as of the Jan 2008 JBM. We are currently at 11 so we cannot vote on anything until someone else shows up. [Robert later finds that it only applies to a member's meeting, ie, the JBM.

Registration Process: Acteva didn't work so well for Spring, Acteva cost \$4,400 [Michael Varnen shows up-quorum], we don't have many things we tell committees how to do-do we want to tell committees how to do this?, mailings go to several addresses, Acteva wasn't the best but there are lots of other companies out there and it isn't what we do, we were skunked by our website causing us to loose our own system, do we want to continue to have the PC's handle registration?, how many hours does registration take?

Minutes of last meeting approved by acclamation, Barry motions, Ben~Andy 2nds.

Treasurers Report: Dave reports that the Board is ahead on budgeted items for this fiscal year due to lower than anticipated requests for reimbursement and not doing the float. Approved by acclamation. Jim motions, Ed 2nd.

67th CMG Budget: Ed Motions, Michael B 2nd, approved by acclamation

Registration of Logo: \$165 for 10 years, Men Mentoring Men to be Men cannot be trademarked because it already is in NJ, Building Community One Man at a Time can be. Robbie has looked at our Logo for possible change. Text passed out for consideration of the "Funny Girl" speech. Barry motions we use this as much as possible between now and the JBM, Rbt 2nd, by acclamation.

Visibility Update: 65th did not designate a cause.

Pride Booth update: Michael wants to know how things are going, Barry – LA yes, Joe – BA yes two guys attending “won” registration @ SJ & SF, Michael V – SD yes, better text for the guys to say to potentials, Binky – get out in front of the booth, Rich – Sac & SF, passed out 250 cards at each, 65-70 names, B~A easier to talk to young men if you have something to tell them,

Binky – not good info on Summer for distribution. [Jamie K comes in]. Michael Bell – We’re going to continue doing this, funding it, supporting it with materials. We’ll get things printed this year out of this year’s budget.

64th Survey Results: Fewer Community Gathers/More Workshops, Café was highest rated/lowest negs, intergenerational interactions.

ENotify: This goes before the Events Committee conference and we need to identify an appeal process (going back to the board). Events committee conference should produce a report for the November board meeting.

Men Mentoring Men committee – move to the November board meeting.

Web presentation: Jamie and Barry, an extensive document, focus of first page is mainly towards NEWCOMERS! Quick links take others off to whatever they want to see. “What is CMG?” and “Is CMG for Me?” are features of new first page. Video Clips will be available to men to look at telling them about the CMG in their own words. Jim R, Jamie, Ben Bregman, Trevor and Chris Mangnani recognized for their VAST contributions to this project thus far.

Board Retreat: 5 Bold Moves, How do we move forward to make these items a reality. Joe proposes this activity for the November Board Meeting, and do a teleconference a few weeks before [early-mid November] to handle any business. Gerry can attend if she can at Camp. Michael Bell 2nd. Acclamation. We will send out eNotify inviting those interested to phone in for the teleconference AND the meeting at Pathfinder Ranch. We’ll see how that works. Barry motions Jim 2nd Barry adds that it will fall to the Secretary to handle the “registration” of visitors. Acclamation.

JBM: Joe proposes that we implement that we cover what we HAVE to there first, with changes to the ByLaws, and stuff like visioning and handle all of the policies and procedures as much as possible as ongoing Board business. Dave proposes we empower Joe to design the schedule/operation/scope of the, within the bylaws, as he chooses. Michael Bell 2nd, Joe says he’ll bring in the Executive Committee. Rich – we have a free meeting room, Clarion Hotel is the host location. We wander off into the issue of Membership.

Policy on Alcohol at CMG Events: Joe and Ben~Andy will work on this to create an interim policy and distribute it to go into effect immediately which can be modified at the November meeting and perhaps codified at the JBM. We will check on the JBM decisions on alcohol.

Role of CMG VP – to November

Reimbursement for Created Materials to ECLA: M Bell and Dave C handling out of Booth Budget

Fall Gathering: Budget approved without numbers, but will be finally approved by the Executive Cmte. Fall is authorized to spend up to their seed money in order to ensure that the Gathering happens. Dave motions, B~A 2nd Acclamation

Motion to Adjourn and meeting adjourns at 4:57 PM.