

February 21, 2006 Meeting & Retreat of the
Board of Stand Out Youth, Inc.

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM.

Present: Jamie Maury, Ernie Lee, Trish Coberly, Leo Monroe, Marianne Brouillette,
Jason Parrish, Fred Richter, Holland Morgan, Nev Kraguljevic

Not present: Suzanne Aiken, Sarah Holmes, Larry Brown, Daniel Cordero

Guests: Federico Benencio

Introductions took place for guests.

Minutes: There was a motion to accept the January 2006 Minutes as prepared by
Board Secretary. It was seconded and a vote taken. The motion carried.

There was a motion to accept the agenda as presented by Board President. It was
seconded, then voted on, and the motion carried.

Item 1 – Financial report: Marianne reported the current checking account balance as
\$2589.72. She also reported that the bank had charged the account a service
fee, which would be credited back to the account.

*March's rent is outstanding and will be paid.

*Leo asked with whom Marianne had been coordinating signatures for checks.
Ernie (President) and Sarah (Vice-President) have been co-signers.

*Nev stated that his employer, Savannah College of Art and Design, wanted to donate
money to Stand Out.

Item 2 – Grants: Southern Partners Grant: This grant will be the first awarded to the
incorporated organization Stand Out Youth. The foundation is based out of

Atlanta, Georgia and has the theme of social justice. Stand Out has been awarded \$6,500.00. The first disbursement will be in March 2006. The second disbursement will be in August 2006. A press release will be prepared.

Item 3 – Program Coordinator report via e-mail summary to board president:

*The average number of weekly youth participants has been 1-2 youths. Larry said that he is open to suggestions on how to increase participation. Trish reported that there was a sign-up sheet for volunteers created at Savannah Pride in September 2005. Ernie will ask Martha about the sign-up sheet.

*Phone activity: Average number of calls per week is 1-2 calls, consisting of general questions such directions to meeting space.

*Outreach: Larry reported that he met with Savannah-Chatham County School counselors and social workers in reference to teen depression and suicide risks, and how sexuality impacts these issues. The Trevor video was shown. Counselors were receptive and agreed to passively make brochure materials available to students.

*The scheduling of topics and facilitators continues to appear on the website.

*Gene Graves has resigned from acting as a scheduled facilitator. More facilitators are needed. One referral was received from Leo.

*A February news article was submitted to FCN for inclusion in the FCN newsletter.

The article summarizes Stand Out Youth's weekly group activities.

➤ Item 4 – Technology/web expansion committee report by Jason

*Federico has been consulting with the committee about expansion options.

*The logo is under review. Effort will be made to update the search engine options.

Effort will be made to make the site multi-lingual, by including Spanish language.

*Leo asked how would the proposed changes interact with the contracted service for the current website as it is. Ernie will communicate with the web administrator. The committee needs to know the host information and who owns the site name.

Item 5 – Public Relations Committee report by Nev

*Nev commented that the public relations committee will hold off on developing a media kit until the logo review is complete.

*Board member biographies will be placed on the web.

Item 6 – Facilitators & Facilities committee report by Leo

*Leo identified that the committee was wanting to refine/formulate a process of applying or expressing interest in serving as a facilitator. And, that one way to start the process is to identify a position description for a facilitator. Also, the committee wants to improve/develop a data collection instrument, which will help define who Stand Out is serving (which could be incorporated into the virtual community, too). Additionally, there was reference to establishing guidelines for the group meetings in terms of conduct/behavior and offering a safe space for the youth (this can also become part of establishing a safe virtual community).

*About a location, leasing space with Planned Parenthood is a possibility.

*One feedback comment received was to expand the background screening. It was identify that Larry wanted to have the background summary held in an accessible file. Trish said that she knew of some free website search engines for accomplishing a broader screening. Another comment came from

Holland, who expressed interest in including a policy that the facilitators must remain present at the facility until the last youth leaves once the meeting is over.

Item 7 – Development & Fundraising committee via written statement from DJ

*Committee had not met, but DJ communicated with the owner of Wright Square Café saying who is willing to donate use of the café's patio area for an event

Item 8 – Other Business

*Ernie encouraged the board to talk about Stand Out on a regular basis with friends and acquaintances. He also expressed appreciation for the board's effort in participating in January's planning session. Ernie encouraged the committees to move forward with establishing timelines and objectives.

*Jamie asked the question about how to respond to potential donors when they want to know in what way the funds will be used. Responses should identify what the organization needs/wants to do...acquire office space, a director, expand the website, increase youth participation.

*Fred expressed interest in continuing to review the age of youth to be served.

*Meeting times: Ernie suggested that for the next few months, the board might need to meet for an hour and a half. Jamie suggested that the board might need an interim mini-retreat. There was general support for both suggestions.

Next board meeting will be at Jamie's office space, March 21, 2006, 7:15 PM.

With there being no more business to discuss, a motion was made and seconded to close the meeting. A vote was taken. Motion carried. The meeting closed at 8:30 PM.

Dated this the 21st day of February, 2006.

Leo J. Monroe
Secretary of the Corporation