

April 18, 2006 Meeting of the
Board of Stand Out Youth, Inc.

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

Present: Ernie Lee, Leo Monroe, Holland Morgan, Larry Brown, Patricia Coberly, Nev Kraguljevic, Jamie Maury, F. Richter

Absent: Suzanne Aiken, D. Cordero, Marianne Brouillette, Jason Parrish, Sarah Holmes

Guest: Federico Benedicio

Minutes: There was a motion to accept the March 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 was not present to the make report.

- Grants: Southern Partners Grant - Per Ernie, The first disbursement has been delayed, because Southern Partners has incorrectly sent the award notice via First City Network. Southern Partners has to identify Stand Out Youth, Inc. as an independent organization & re-issue the award.
- Via Nev, Gender Breakers, an organization consisting of Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) students, donated \$50.00 to Stand Out Youth, Inc.

Item 2 – Program Coordinator report by Larry:

*The number of youth participants averaged 6 youths in the past 4 weeks.

*Phone activity: Approximately 30 calls received in the past 4 weeks consisting of general questions such as location, time, what to know/anticipate about the weekly meetings.

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

*An April news article was submitted to FCN for inclusion in the FCN newsletter. The article summarizes Stand Out Youth's weekly group activities.

*Two SCAD attendees have asked about supportive physicians who serve transgender persons.

*Two potential facilitators are under consideration.

Item 3 -- Facility/facilitators committee report:

*Ernie reported that the spaces viewed at the Senior Citizens Building in March were no longer available. The committee will continue to search for alternative locations.

*Larry presented draft material on (1) Youth Facilitator position description & qualifications, (2) Facilitator approval process, (3) Confidentiality statement, (4) Conduct policy, & (5) Sign-in sheet for data collection

-Feedback was provided, and Larry will make the modifications.

-Leo raised the question of including drug screening of facilitators as part of the Facilitator approval process. Jamie will research lab costs for the screening process.

Item 4 – Public Relations committee & Technology/web expansion committee reports

*Public relations did not meet pending redevelopment of website.

*Website expansion - Federico continues consulting with the committee about expansion options. The board gave suggestions as to what types of tabs/links to include on the expanded site.

*Altering the current logo is in process. Updated samples of proposed logos were presented. The board provided feedback. Feedback from the youth expressed a desire for no use of familiar symbols associated with the GLBTQ community, e.g. the rainbow and triangle.

Item 5 – Development & Fundraising

*Committee has not met.

*Fred presented a fundraising idea that would take place in Statesboro, Georgia. The board encouraged him to move forward with the idea.

Item 8 – Other Business

*Holland suggested that the youth periodically meet at alternative locations, such as coffeehouses or restaurants. Larry identified that such meeting locations have been used in the past. Leo emphasized the importance of having a central meeting place for the youth and that periodic field locations/trips would be good.

Next board meeting will be at Ernie's office space, May 16, 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 8:45 PM.

Dated this the 18th day of April, 2006.

Leo J. Monroe
Secretary of the Corporation