

June 27, 2006 Meeting of the
Board of Stand Out Youth, Inc.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM.

Present: Ernie Lee, Leo Monroe, Nev Kraguljevic, Marianne Brouillette, Jason Parrish,
DJ Cordero, Larry Brown, Sarah Holmes, Jamie Maury

Absent: Suzanne Aiken, Holland Morgan, Patricia Coberly, F. Richter

Minutes: There was a motion to accept the May 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 presented a printed summary of account transactions.

– Ending balance as of 5/31/06 - \$4394.11.

Item 2 – Program Coordinator report by Larry:

*The number of youth participants averaged 3 youths in the past 4 weeks.

*Phone activity: No calls received in the past 4 weeks.

*E-mail inquiries: none

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

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

*Youth meetings for June will continue on a bi-weekly schedule, because of limited availability of facilitators.

*Two potential facilitators are under consideration pending personal meeting/interview with Larry.

Item 3 -- Public Relations committee & Technology/web expansion committee reports:

*Website expansion – The proposed website as created by Federico remains on a temporary host site. The site reflects the new logo, a new layout and color scheme, a new style sheet, and validates related to current industry standards.

*Public relations committee met. Nev presented a proposed media packet that reflects the new logo. It consisted of a power point presentation and a brochure.

- Board members provided feedback.

- Ernie will ask a friend of his to review and critique the media packet.

- Nev will forward the computer file of the packet to Ernie.

*Ernie read an e-mail message from Gene Graves acknowledging the board's effort to revamp the organization's literature. Gene also stated that he had not seen any of the old brochures and supported distributing those until new ones are created.

- Following discussion, there was a motion to roll out all new media information/literature at one time in the fall. The motion was seconded and a vote taken. Motion carried.

- Sarah agreed to research possible printers and cost for print material.

*Nev suggested timing the website & media packet launch party with the occurrence of Savannah Pride. Ernie encouraged all members to proceed with generating their Friends of Stand Out Youth, Inc. lists.

*In moving forward with the website expansion effort, Ernie recommended further involvement of the current web administrator in the process. Ernie agreed to schedule a meeting with the administrator.

- DJ suggested also researching alternate website administrators

- Sarah agreed to research the history of the contract/relationship with the current website administrator.

*Jason identified needed information for Federico to move forward with his work on the website.

- Biographies of board members

- News and Event information: Larry agreed to provide this

- Frequently asked questions: DJ agreed to provide this

- Stories & testimonies: DJ agreed to receive submissions to forward

- General web links: Ernie agreed to provide a compilation

- Forum development: by Federico, pending website test. The test will involve shutting down the current site for a week.

- Getting Involved Link: volunteers & donations. Marianne pointed out the importance of sending out acknowledgements of contributions. Nev & Marianne agreed to work on developing a format and wording.

Item 4 – Facilities Committee

*Leo reported on efforts to research possible office space. It was noted that the new location would have to offer after hours access.

*Ernie & Jamie agreed to contact some realtors as well.

*Current budget amount is \$300 including utilities.

Item 5 – Development & Fundraising: Committee has not met.

*Ernie reported on an invitation for two representatives of Stand Out to attend a grant writing workshop in Atlanta. Marianne & DJ agreed to attend provided that schedules permit.

Item 6 – Old Business

*Grants: Southern Partners Grant – The disbursement has been deposited (\$3250.00)

-Gamma Mu Grant – Ernie presented the disbursement for deposit (\$2500.00).

*Responses to an e-mail message sent to those who were on the past advisory committee, informing them of Stand Out's recent updates and needs have been positive. Ernie reported that his friends have also responded positively to the message.

*Jamie asked about the age question related to the age of youth served. Nev pointed out that he did not include numbers in the proposed media packet. The board agreed to continue serving ages 16-23, but not to list specific numbers in literature at this time.

The goal is to serve varying age groups with specific facilitators/advisors and programs in the future.

Item 7 – New Business

*Nev identified access to free public radio announcements on SCAD's radio system.

*Ernie identified the arrangement of a contract with a company to perform background checks that reviews criminal history in all states. The cost is \$19.00 per check.

The check will be incorporated in the new facilitator protocol process.

*Ernie identified a potential facilitator who currently works at SCAD with the Lambda group there.

*Discussion of Stand Out's involvement with Savannah Pride needs to start. Pride will be in September 2006. Holland was assigned to initiate the planning. DJ agreed to assist.

-Sarah & Martha Womack agreed to donate a tent to Stand Out for permanent use.

-There is a desire to include literature from the new media packet.

-DJ would like to incorporate technology into the booth with video.

*DJ will look into potential funding sources through his employer.

*Nev identified that he will relocate in July 2006 and would have to resign from the board. He expressed interest in continuing to receive communication from the organization and assisting as much as possible via long distance.

-The board expressed appreciation for the service that Nev had provided to the organization.

The next board meeting was set for July 18, 2006, 7:15 PM, at Ernie's office space.

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 8:40 PM.

Dated this the 27th day of June, 2006.

Leo J. Monroe
Secretary of the Corporation