

September 19, 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, Marianne Brouillette, Jason Parrish, Sarah Holmes,
Holland Morgan, Patricia Coberly, DJ Cordero

Absent: Suzanne Aiken, Larry Brown, Jamie Maury, F. Richter

Guests: Tim Butler (facilitator)

Minutes: There was a motion to accept the August 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 – Grants & Financial report:

*Marianne presented a printed summary of account transactions.

- Ending balance as of 8/31/06 - \$5610.45.

*Marianne identified that the second disbursement of the 2005 awarded Southern Partners Fund Grant had been received.

*Leo presented a donation to the board & identified that his employer offers matching donations.

Item 2 – Program Coordinator report by Larry via e-mail:

*The number of youth participants in the past 4 weeks continues to be low.

- *Phone activity: Ten calls received in the past 4 weeks.
- *E-mail inquiries: One youth has remained in contact via e-mail, but has transportation difficulty and has not been able to attend meetings.
- *The scheduling of meetings continues. Topics have not been identified because of low or no youth attendance.
- *Larry has been in contact with the president of the Georgia Southern University lambda group and representatives from a group of youth in Richmond Hill, GA that are trying to start a youth group at their school
- *Larry, Sarah, & Holland are working to schedule a facilitators training in October.

Old Business

Item 3 – Savannah Pride

- *Stand Out Youth was represented with a booth. Adults & Youth listed their names on sign-up sheets for information. Leo & Larry will communicate with those expressing interest in Stand Out Youth.
- *Leo made a brief presentation to the audience on behalf of Stand Out Youth.
- *Leo reported that City Alderman Van Johnson & Edna Johnson stopped at the booth.
- *It was noted that the new banner, tee shirts, brochures & website appeared good.
- *Leo asked about investigating the purchase of business cards. Trish presented an option to be followed-up (vistaprint.com)

Item 4 – Public relations

- *Ernie expressed an interest in contacting the superintendent of Savannah-Chatham County Schools. DJ and Sarah agreed to accompany him to a meeting.

*Ernie attended the PATH conference at the Lucas Theater in Savannah, GA. The conference addressed issues related to youth and sexuality.

*Trish asked about the status of submitting a proposal for presenting at the school district's middle grades annual teachers' conference in October.

-Marianne agreed to research the proposal application. Sarah agreed to research presentation material.

*Trish introduced the idea of getting Stand Out Youth listed in the local United Way's informational directory. She will research the process for getting the organization listed, and look into the presence of a gay/straight alliance or other related student group at Armstrong Atlantic State University.

*DJ identified that he continues to talk to colleagues within his work environs.

*Holland reported that he has spoken to a local Trinity church as to the availability of meeting space that could be used by Stand Out Youth. The group would not have a dedicated space for holding or storing materials. Holland will follow-up with the church.

Item 5 - Technology/web expansion committee report:

*Website expansion – The proposed website as created by Federico remains on a temporary host site. Jason asked that the board visits the temporary site and provides to him feedback. He then will inform Fede of the board's feedback on the site.

*It was identified that Advantage Marketing Services, Inc. donated an hour of design time in the preparation of the brochures. It was agreed to send a thank you note to the business. Leo will send the note.

-Leo asked about using a letterhead or greeting card. A greeting card will be used.

*DJ will work with Fede in preparing a media packet to include letterhead.

Item 6 – Timeline for launch of website/fundraiser: Topic was tabled

New Business

Item 7 – Recruitment & training of facilitators: Sarah, Holland, & Larry are working to develop an interest/introduction meeting for interested persons.

Item 8 – By-laws as related to board membership: Topic tabled

The next board meeting was set for October 17, 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 8:15 PM.

Dated this the 19th day of September, 2006.

Leo J. Monroe
Secretary of the Corporation