

LGBT History Project of the LGBT Center of Central PA

**Located at Dickinson College
Archives & Special Collections**

<http://archives.dickinson.edu/>

Documents Online

Title: *PA Rural Gay Caucus, Meeting Minutes*

Date: August 19, 1978

Location: LGBT-001 Joseph W. Burns Collection

Contact:

LGBT History Project
Archives & Special Collections
Waidner-Spahr Library
Dickinson College
P.O. Box 1773
Carlisle, PA 17013

717-245-1399

archives@dickinson.edu

PENNSYLVANIA GAY SUPPORT NETWORK

August 19, 1978

MINUTES

Robert Woods, Chair, called the meeting to order. Discussion was opened with deciding what to do about the Rural Gay Caucus. Gary Norton announced that he was resigning as Chairperson.

MOTION: To dissolve the Caucus as a formal organization. PASSED.

Treasury: The balance of the monies of the Caucus is 24.06. This does not include the money outstanding which is owed to the Caucus from the Pride '78 Conference.

MOTION: That the cash on hand go to the Network. PASSED.
It was reported that 100.00 in bills is owed from the Philadelphians for Gay Rights.

MOTION: That the minutes from the last meeting be accepted as written. PASSED.
MOTION: That all members that are present be also voters. PASSED.

Agenda:

- 1) To form a temporary structure.
- 2) To implement purposes.
- 3) Discussion of upcoming events.
- 4) To set a time for the next meeting.

1) Officers:

MOTION: That we shall have the following interim officers for four or five months until the by-laws are made. Those officers should be: Chair, Treasurer, and Recorder. PASSED.

The duties of the Chair are as follows; to convene meetings, to collect the agenda, and to maintain momentum.

The duties of the Treasurer are: to set up a bookkeeping system, and to open up a bank account.

The duties of the Recorder are to record the minutes, and to provide copies to the members.

Robert Woods was nominated as Chairperson. Al Kester Jr. volunteered as Treasurer. No one volunteered as Recorder.

MOTION: That the position of Recorder be temporarily filled at each meeting. PASSED.

2) Implementation of Purposes:

The goals that were established during the last meeting were read. Plans were made during the last meeting to form an executive ad hoc committee. They function autonomously and are to report to the Network in September.

Suggestions made that the Network lend its support to demonstrations in
Allentown - September 23
Bloomsburg - September 24

Suggestion made that members should carry signs that say GAY SUPPORT NETWORK at those demonstrations.

MOTION: That the Network should implement the goal of having a list of contact persons in all gay organizations across the state. PASSED.

MOTION: That the Network have a list of potential resources. PASSED.

MOTION: That one person in each area assemble regional material concerning contact persons in gay organizations, and a list of potential resources.

The following persons are responsible for collating that material:

GEORGE BODAMER - Southeast
BRUCE HAILS - Western
STEVE LESCHER - Lower Central
DENNIS - Upper Central
ROBERT WOODS - Northeast

The volunteers are asked that they bring the resources lists to the next meeting.

An offer of assistance was made from Roger Beatty, along with Steve Lescher. They are from the Harrisburg Switchboard.

A bibliography will be worked on by Bruce Hails and John Einsmeister.

Dissemination of Information :

It was suggested that a printed page be written that would inform people as to what they can do as individuals. This would include: responding to news, the media, suggestions to write to Congress people.

State -wide Communications Network:

It was suggested that the responsibility be shifted toward the switchboards. We could invite them to a workshop and let them work out the details.

It was suggested that the list of people who comprise the telephone tree be kept up to date.

Robert Woods volunteered to take the responsibility for coordinating the coordinators.

3) Upcoming Events:

Gay Rights Symposium at the Philadelphia Gay Community Center
Papers may be submitted. Speakers are needed. Some topics are:
Religion, Politics, Lesbian Culture, and the status of the movement.
They are asking for a mailing list in order to get info. out.
Write to: Gay Rights Symposium, Box 2381 Phila., 19103

Gay Cultural Festival is scheduled for March. It was requested that all members of the Network write to Hiram Hersey commending him for his refusal to reconsider the festivals' funding. Address: Council of Arts 2001 N. Front Street, Harrisburg, 17102

ANITA BRYANT will be speaking at the Bloomsburg Fair on Sept. 24
Gays who wish to attend can parade on the sidewalk with signs down. There will be a rally in the park with speakers. Meet at 1:00 in Town Park.

In Allentown on Sept. 23 there will be a march at 10th and Hamilton Streets. It will be comprised of umbrella organization that are concerned with human rights. There will be a showing of "Word is Out" at: 8:30 A.M. 3:30 P.M., and 6:30 P.M. at the Union Terrace Park at the grass amphitheatre. The march is in protest to the treatment given to the Human Rights Ordinance by the City Council. By emphasizing human rights and not gay rights, they hope to get better acceptance.

4) Housekeeping

The next meeting of the Network will be on Sept. 16, 1978 at the Friends Meeting House.

There will be one final mailing of the Rural Gay Caucus to let people know of its dissolution.

The Network today collected \$5.00.

It was suggested that the people who are planning a Pride '79 Conference let the people of the Network know about the time and place of its meetings and also the outcome of those meetings.

Joe Burns discussed some of the advantages and disadvantages of becoming a state affiliate of the National Gay Task Force. It would cost a lot of money to become a member, but most of it would go back to the state. It would offer us: prestige, strength in numbers, tremendous resources, and funding appeals.

Respectfully submitted by,

Pam Erdely