

CMG Board Of Directors Meeting

Nov. 23, 2014

Camp Stevens, Julian, CA

Board Members Present:

Mohabee, Ernie, Tony, Alan, Jamie S., Steve I., Matthew, Frank Hermann, Uncle Drew, Dave,

Visitors Present:

Frank R., John Herriot, Trevor

Meeting brought to order: 8:00 AM.

Old Business and Reports

2015 AMM In Palm Springs (Jamie Simmons)

Registration is in progress, Email was sent to promote the event. Vince will use Open Source communication, for visioning sessions. The pool will be heated. There will be bedrooms for shared overnight accommodations, and a large kitchen will be the site of a caterer, for the meals. There's a large room, adequate for meetings and meals.

Communication Director's Report (Drew Blanchar)

Statewide projector: Drew is storing it, for safekeeping. PCs and LECs which need a projector can call Drew, in advance of the intended date, allowing time for delivery and return.

LGBT page and history of CMG on Wikipedia. Frank Hermann says “notability” is in question, since Wikipedia is a “scholarly” site. Frank will help Drew set up the CMG History site. Drew suggests using the History pages from the CMG Website, which were written by Mohabee Serrano.

Committee resources to be posted on a shared web with PC and LEC members. Drew plans to share this soon.

Chiron News Now 3rd edition to be posted, perhaps prior to the 2015 AMM, in Palm Springs.

81st CMG, Fall, 2014 Report (Ernie)

92 attendees are present. Ernie says the 81st PC is on track financially, too. Ernie reported that advertising for the 81st Gathering, will be a question on post-Gathering survey. The PC is interested in determining the effectiveness of its promotions, which included ads in local San Diego gay newspapers and other publications.

Facebook Administration (Tony Clark)

CMG Community Page has 6 banned members; one member of this (Mr. Shoenfeld) has made relentless requests to place Cal Com Men's Gatherings through the CMG FB page. Tabled to AMM 2015

Voting Members for the 2015 AMM (Jamie Simmons)

Tasks of VP include determining eligible voting members, for the CMG Annual Member's Meeting. Voting privileges apply to individuals who have served 25 hours over two years. Jamie read the preamble to the voting member policy. Alan questions about how we'll admit newcomers. Jamie will invite eligible new Voting Members. Anyone can attend the sessions and meetings. Drew reminded the Board that anyone who has served the CMG for 10 or more consecutive years, no longer must serve 25 hours, but must pay membership dues, to maintain his voting membership status.

Jim: Fact vs Perception of attendance of AMM needs to be clarified. We need to be careful about how we are communicating with others who have not experienced CMG. Jim will work with Drew, to send out messages that clarify our Membership policies and eligibility practices.

LEC-Sacramento (Norman Skonovd)

Norm says Sacramento has seen new LEC members, two of whom promise to allow entertainment and other resources to the Sacramento men. Sacramento Men's Choir concert will be offered in December. Game nights are also to be offered. Norm's open house is mentioned. Rafting event in the summer is a statewide LEC-Sac event. LEC-Sacramento will host a booth at Sacramento Pride, in 2015.

82nd CMG, Spring, 2015 (Frank Hermann)

Frank says that the budget, which isn't ready for approval at this meeting, is a bare-bones budget, with no space for error. Frank says the Board of Directors will be responsible for any shortfall, if the attendance at the Gathering is less than the camp minimum, or if costs are higher than expected.

CMG Statewide Financial Reports (Dave Clark, CMG Board Treasurer)

Dave handed out both the budget for 2015, and the current financial report. Both of these matters will be provided for Membership approval, at the 2015 AMM. "Statewide Budget" is adopted for the title of this and forthcoming financial documents, to informal unanimity. This replaces the term "Board Budget," which Dave pointed out, doesn't adequately describe the budget which covers operational expenses for the organization.

Other budget considerations:

Jamie indicated that the CMG insurance bill for 2015 may increase.

Reimbursements: up to \$125 for Board Members travel, to attend Board Meetings. No

fee reimbursements, for Gatherings, are offered, in 2015.

On the Status of Cash Accounts, Ernie reported that he thought that the Paypal payments weren't yet ready. Dave estimated the amount, and it's on the report.

LEC-LA has \$9K in its bank. Suggestions for this LEC would be to contribute to FA for statewide use. Dave cautioned the LECs to designate money for FA and other uses, since we're not in a position of "accumulating" money in the accounts and holding the funds there for a long time.

Camp Shalom contract was signed by the Treasurer. The new contract is for an increase in rental of the camp, mostly due to the drought, and water scarcity at the camp. Water will be pumped into the tanks via truck next year, unless sufficient rain fills the wells between now and the date of the 82nd CMG.

Alan asked about Contributions and Planned Giving. He's been out of the loop since the Spring. Matthew brought Alan and the Board up to date with the efforts of Development Director Joe Wagenhofer. An annual donation drive will occur in December. There are other possible donation tools, such as the non-profit donations via Amazon, and the CMG car donation programs.

Matthew suggests that the Board re-approve the documents from the Treasurer.
Vote taken: 12:Y, N:0 A:0. The Statewide budget for 2015 will be submitted as written, to the Members at the 2015 AMM.

Confidentiality Agreement Waivers (Matthew Sunderland)

Matthew passed out Confidentiality Agreement for signatures. All Board Members and those with access to CMG DB must sign a waiver. This is a pre-emptive document that helps protect CMG property and sensitive information. It brings the CMG Board's responsibility to the community, to light, according to Matthew.

Photos for Statewide PR (Norman Skonovd)

Norm is concerned about photos that were used in the past (guys in drag), which could misrepresent the community of men who attend CMG Gatherings and Local Events. We might consider not using as many drag photos. Norman requests conversation about this matter, and it might become an agenda item for the AMM to consider.

Next Meeting: Jan. 17, 2014. This will occur during the 2015 AMM, in Palm Springs.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by President Matthew Sunderland, at 8:45 AM.