



Chico ACLU
04.03.08 Minutes
P.O. Box 5089
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1. Welcome and Call to Order.

Bill Sheridan opens the Chico ACLU BOD meeting.

2. Roll call of board members present.

Roll call: all are present except for Sor Lo, Michael Coyle, & Emily Fisher.

3. Election of Officers.

General discussion on Board positions, definitions, duties, etc: *Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, San Francisco Representative, Media Representative, and Governmental Relations Representative.*

Bill Sheridan makes a motion to accept these officer positions as the Chico ACLU structure, seconded by Greg Burton, passed unanimously.

Process determining which board member will fill board positions. Board members indicate the Board positions they are interested in.

Peter Ratner makes motion to appoint all Board members running unopposed be voted in by acclamation: Bill Sheridan, Chair; Leslie Johnson, Co-Chair; Amy Zempel, Treasurer; Greg Burton, Secretary. Seconded by many, accepted unanimously.

Bill Sheridan makes motion that San Francisco Representative: Pat Donnelly, Alternate: Evanne O'Donnell amending previous resolution, splitting the San Francisco Representative into two positions. Seconded by many, and passed unanimously.

Bill Sheridan makes motion to change Media Representative to Media Coordinator; seconded by many and accepted unanimously.

Bill Sheridan makes motion to name Rocio Guido Media Coordinator, seconded by many, passed unanimously.

Bill Sheridan makes motion to name Richard Judkins Government Relations Representative, seconded by Evanne O'Donnell and passed unanimously.

4. Determination of Regular Board Meetings.

Bill Sheridan states that the board needs to meet, at least in the short term, every other week; making the regular meeting times Thursday 6:30 p.m.

5. Treasurer's Report.

Chico ACLU Kick-Off event was wildly successful with approximately 95 new members joining. Approximately 179+ persons in attendance, 2 City Council members, Jeff Morris candidate for congress, and Jane Dolan BOS in attendance. With Bob Trausch stating the motorcycle sold for \$300.00 the total take was ~\$7389.00. Amy Zempel and Bill Sheridan speak about problems: ticket inventory problems, cash box reconciliation problems, silent auction item reconciliation problems, etc...to be filed under the heading "lessons learned".

Richard Judkins makes motion to accept Treasurer's report, seconded by several, and passed unanimously.

6. Discussion regarding exigent external matters (i.e. Disorderly Events ordinance) and policy development surrounding how to address them.



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Evanne O'Donnell addressed the problems surrounding the Chico ACLU response to Chico City Council revised Disorderly Events Ordinance: that the Chico ACLU needs a policy for dealing with exigent situations that demand an immediate and timely Chico ACLU response. Member's input included: needing a complete email list and phone numbers, naming a Chico ACLU Staff Attorney who can respond, with the board's approval, to legal issues that need to be addressed immediately, that the bylaws need to be adapted for such an exigent policy.

Bill Sheridan, with amendments from Peter Ratner and Leslie Johnson, made the following motion: to have Evanne O'Donnell draft a protocol or policy for exigent matters that could be made interim policy until adopted formally by the board at the annual meeting of the Chico ACLU. Seconded by many, and adopted unanimously.

7. Chico ACLU Secretary's Report for April 3rd, 2008

Greg Burton goes over the Kick-Off event organizational issues: how everything went off so well, despite some of the issues (illnesses, unknowns, volunteer availability, etc...).

Bill Sheridan makes motion to accept minutes from the April 3rd, 2008, seconded by several, and passed unanimously.

8. Discussion on identification of near term and long-term strategic chapter goals including improving public access to records.

Bill Sheridan wants to table this issue until a later date, but states that an issue that needs to be addressed is some type of "Open Government" ordinance.

9. Review of committees and committee membership.

Members indicate that Emily Fisher might want to be the Chair of the LGBT Committee; and Michael Coyle wants to form a Prisons and Criminal Justice Committee. Leslie suggests the Chico ACLU have "monthly topics" selected for round-table discussions and education. Topic intersects with long-term strategic chapter goals and brings up major theme issues such as a PATRIOT Act resolution, Read ID, and a Police Civilian Review Board, as well as an Open Government referendum tabled for future discussion.

10. New Business.

Evanne O'Donnell suggests writing a letters and emails to the Enterprise Record thanking Scott Gruendl and Mary Flynn for voting against the Disorderly Events Ordinance.

Bill Sheridan makes motion that Leslie Johnson write letter of thanks and support for Scott Gruendl and Mary Flynn. Motion is seconded and passed unanimously.

11. Announcements and Community Events.

Rocio Guido suggests having an ACLU membership table at the May 10th Multi-cultural march and rally in support of Fair Trade and Immigration rights.

Members jointly make motion to have an ACLU table at the May 10th Multi-Cultural March & Rally. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

12. Adjourn – Informal Discussion

Due to conflicts with May Day, May 1st celebrations and events, the next ACLU meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 29th at 6:30 p.m. 813 Nord Avenue.