

Ohio State Steering Committee
Minutes from February 23, 1997

Open with the Serenity Prayer at 11:00 a.m.
Vaughn B. Chair-person welcomed all.

Secretary report: minutes read from the August 10, 1996 meeting at the Akron Round-Up.

Treasurer report: none

Old Business:

-Akron Round-Up Co-chairs, Pete L. and Renee M. reported on the final budget and checks for 1) \$2000.00 for the seed money and 2) \$3,131.94 net income. Also included in their report was information concerning the number of Scholarships provided. On a final note they extended their support and positive energy to the Toledo Round-Up delegation and also thanked them for their notices of fundraisers and registration mailings.

Vaughn B. thanked Akron for the hospitality and a wonderful recovery weekend.

-Scholarship proposal tabled from the August meeting. After much discussion on why there should or shouldn't be an additional fund set aside for a State Steering Scholarship fund, of which some of the following were stated: Takes away from the fundraising efforts of the Host Round-Up committee; the possible abuse of Scholarship funds available; if set up would we need to establish guide lines for scholarship approval; Who are we to say if someone needs a scholarship; Round-Up Host budgets for this item by fundraising; there are several cities that have set up scholarships for people from there area to attend the Round-Up; the Host city can always call upon the State Steering Committee if monies are needed; suggested that each host city set up their scholarship guidelines when preparing their bid, i.e. have person requesting submit a letter from their sponsor along with request or provide some sort of help at the round-up - service work; tradition has shown that no one is turned away because of financial inability. Call to vote: 0 in favor of proposal, 6 against - proposal failed.

New business:

-Toledo Round-Up status report: Steve S. co-chair asked those present about the funding for interpreters - what other cities have done? Response was that the money was budgeted, and that there may be other sources available from Central Office or city agencies. There was some question as to whether or not there was a letter that verified the Tax Exempt Status with the number, the Round-Up committee has been asked by some businesses when purchasing items for proof of the I.D. number. No one present knew of a letter or had encountered businesses requesting such a letter. The State Steering Secretary volunteered the pursue this matter with the I.R.S. The Round-Up planning is on schedule.

Had plenty of people volunteering to do work shops. The registrations have been mailed. The spring dance was rescheduled due to a conflict with the church and fliers were mailed to provide all areas with the new date.

A question from the floor regarding non-smoking at workshops. The chairs replied that the Dana Conference Center at the Hilton where the work shops will be held is a non-smoking building.

The chairs asked those present how to figure the quantity of T-shirts to purchase? The response was that they usually referred to the last couple of Round-Up final budgets and planned accordingly.

The Round-Up chairs had tickets for the weekend package for the Round-Up for sale and asked if anyone would be interested in taking some back to their respective cities and selling some, and then return the stubs and money to the Round-Up committee before the last dance on May 17, 1997.

Steve S. Round-Up co-chair asked if there was any history information on the Round-Ups available? He was directed to contact Larry T. the Archivist.

Vaugh B. again reminded the Round-Up committee that if the State Steering Committee could be of any help do not hesitate to ask.

-Michael P. announced that Cleveland had formed a Round-Up Bid committee with Karen K. and Michael F. as co-chairs.

-Vaugh B. brought up the fact that our primary purpose is not only to insure that there is a Round-Up, but to extend the hand to the Alcoholic who still suffers. He proposed that we put together a listing of Ohio Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Recovery meetings to make available to all in the State of Ohio.

There was some response that the IAC already provides this information. It was brought to the body that this information is only AA meetings and that it is only updated every two years. Question so would we include Alanon and NA meetings? Who would be the contacts? The State Steering Committee Delegates for those cities. Possibly providing this information to hospitals, doctors, Central Offices, etc.

All present were in favor of seeing something put together. Jim H. Toledo Delegate volunteered to head a committee.

-Vaugh B. asked if there was any pertinent news from around the state, Akron reps reminded of every one that Founders Day is the second weekend in June, June 8, 1997.

With no more business to attend to a motion to close was made and seconded, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted

Frank Wojcinski
Secretary