



Lambda Center Grapevine

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Lambda's first "Wii Olympics" Set for June 14th

The Gold Diggers are planning our first "Wii Olympics" for Saturday, June 12th, following Birthday Night.

For those unfamiliar with "Wii": A "Wii" is a Nintendo game set that allows one or more players to play electronic versions of games, such as Tennis, as if they were actually on a tennis court. The Wiis will be set up using video projects to display the games on a large screen.

Games to be played at the Olympics will be "Cow Racing," "Ping Pong," "Duck Hunting," and "Tennis."

Prizes for the event, which is a Lambda Center Fundraiser, are a complete Wii gaming system, a \$40 gift card to Backstreet Cafe, and a \$30 gift card for Best Buy.

A \$5 Donation is will be requested for the event, which will follow Saturday Night Live on June 14th. For more information about the event, contact any member of the Gold Diggers or the Lambda Board.

Ms./Mr. Lambda Resounding Success

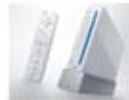
The Ms/Mr. Lambda Contest held in May was one of the best fundraising events held at Lambda this year, and was considered by many to be best Ms./Mr. Lambda contest ever held.

Five contestants entered the contest, with the big room being filled to capacity that evening. Over \$2,100 was raised at the event, which was a fundraiser for Lambda Center. Winners were Arlene F. and Ricardo.

Lambda Pariticipates in June Pride Parade

Lambda Center will have an entry in this year's Pride Parade, June 28th. Two vehicles will be in the parade, along with a walking contingent of Lambda Center Members. If

Lambda Center Wii Olympics



Cow Racing
Ping Pong
Duck Hunt
Tennis

Saturday, June 14 at 9:30 p.m.
following Saturday Night Live



Grand Prize: Wii Gaming System!

Other Prizes:

Second Prize: \$40 Gift Card to Backstreet Cafe
Third Prize: \$30 Gift Card to Best Buy

Experience the **Wii** of the program.

\$5 Entry Fee - Ask a Lambda Gold Digger for complete details.

you are interested in participating in the parade as a Lambda Member or Friend, please speak to Eric C. at 832-212-2156.

April Board Minutes

April 27, 2008

Board Members present: Mark J, Myke S, Dave U, Stuart R, Eric C, Pat B, Dorian E

Corporate Officers present: None

Members present: Patrick S.

Mark J opened the meeting @ 5:07.

Motion: Pat B. made a motion to accept the March minutes as amended. Dave U. seconded with none opposed.

Treasurer's Report: General discussion took place about the Lambda's Washington Mutual CD. It is believed that WaMu has a better interest rate than Sterling Bank.

Motion: Dave U. made a motion to keep the WaMu CD. Eric C. seconded with none opposed.

Mark J. asked Pat B. and Stuart R. to come up with a prudent reserve plan for the

next board meeting.

Membership Report: Dave U. indicated as of March we had 191 total members. 118 of those are current with respect to their dues with 73 being in arrears by one to three months. Dave U. also said there is currently no easy way to determine how many new/first time member we get each month.

Fundraising: Eric C. made a general report on the success of the 30th anniversary.

Mark J. asked Eric C. to get a total of the expenses for the 30th anniversary and present them at the next board meeting.

Eric C. spoke about the Mr. and Mrs. Lambda contest. He asked each board member to announce the event at meetings and to pass out flyers.

Old Business: Marc J. said the new door for the back exit is at the center and will be installed within the next few weeks.

Nothing has been done about the cracks in the wall.

The employee job descriptions have not been done yet.

The center now has director's insurance.

The purchase of LED key chains is being tabled until the next board meeting due to Tracy R. absence.

The Sam's card info has not been filled out yet. Dorian E. will get the application and fee to Tracy R. by the next board meeting.

Mark J. is still in the process of reviewing potential Lawyers to represent Lambda Center.

Barb S. has agreed to be the Corporate President for the center should the board choose to appoint her.

Motion: Stuart R. made a motion to appoint Barb S. as the Corporate President. Dave U. seconded with none opposed.

It was agreed that the next board meeting would be moved to 5:30 and the special election would be at 6:30 on May 11th.

Patrick S. from the roundup committee was in attendance at the board meeting as a liaison to the Lambda Center board.

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Mark J. mentioned the rental agreement between Roundup and Lambda Center was raised from \$2500 to \$3000 beginning in 2008.

Eric C. will get with Amy to review the fundraising schedules for both organizations.

It was also reiterated that the Golddiggers will conduct split the pot raffles at all birthday night meetings accept in November which is given to the Roundup.

The Golddiggers would like to be in the Gay Pride parade as they have done for the last two years in a row. Eric C. indicated it would cost the center \$150 to enter the parade and \$100 for the privilege of throwing beads. There will be additional cost for beads and decorations. An attempt will be made to underwrite all expenses incurred by Lambda Center.

Motion: Eric C. made a motion to enter the parade with a budget of \$500. Dave U. seconded with none opposed.

Motion: Eric C. made a motion to use the words "Lambda Center Houston" on the side of the float with no mention of AA, Al-Anon or CMA on the float or in the description. Myke S. seconded with none opposed.

A board sub-committee of Mark J, Stuart R, and Dorian E. presented their recommendations for a change to Section B, Article 9 of the Lambda Center by-laws which addresses donations to the Center. The recommendation was to raise the limit any one individual can donate to the Center in a calendar year from \$2000 to \$3000. It was also suggested that the bequest donation limit be raised from \$2000 to \$10,000. It was further suggested that there be no limit to funds raised during special events or donations from the Houston Roundup to Lambda Center.

Motion: Dorian E. made a motion to raise the limit any one individual can donate to the Center in a calendar year from \$2000 to \$3000 as well as raise the bequest donations limit from \$2000 to \$10,000 and that there be no limit on funds realized from special events or monies donated to the Center by the Roundup. Dave U. seconded with none opposed.

Mark J. has indicated that IAC has requested to use the Lambda Center for a meeting on May 4th.

Dave U. made a motion to charge IAC \$50 for the use of Lambda Center on May 4th. Dorian seconded with none opposed.

Stuart R. made a motion to adjourn.

Dave U. seconded with none opposed.

The next meeting will be on May 11th @ 5:30.

May Board Minutes

May 11, 2008

Board Members present: Mark J, Myke S, Dave U, Stuart R, Eric C, Pat B, Dorian E

Corporate Officers present: None

Members present: 2

Mark J opened the meeting @ 5:35 with a moment of silence and the serenity prayer.

Motion: Pat B. made a motion to accept the April minutes as amended. Dave U. seconded with none opposed.

Treasurer's Report: Pat B. reported that we have a prudent reserve fund of \$9892.83. The checking account has a balance of \$24,367.44.

Stuart R. said he and Pat B. are still working on the prudent reserve plan.

Membership Report: Dave U. indicated as of April we had 107 members with a credit balance, 59 with a zero balance, and 25 in arrears.

Fundraising: Eric C. reported we raised \$2100 during the Mr. and Mrs. Lambda contest. Arlene and Ricardo were the big winners. They will be in the pride parade representing Lambda Center. The Gold Diggers will coordinate the parade activities but all contestants and all members of the fellowship are welcome to contribute and walk in the parade.

Our next fundraising event will be the WII tournament on June 14th.

On average the Gold Diggers meetings are being well attended. The next meeting will be on 5/18 @ 6:00.

Old Business: Mark J. indicated there is nothing new to report on the back door, lawyer or employee job descriptions.

Motion: Stuart R. made a motion to cancel the order for the LED key chains. Pat B. seconded, Myke S. abstained with all others in favor.

New Business: District 20 would like to rent a room on Saturday June, 21st from 1:00pm to 4:00pm for a district inventory meeting.

Motion: Myke S. made a motion to

charge the district \$50 for the use of the room. Dorian E. seconded with none opposed.

Motion: Myke S. made a motion to add a CMA men's meeting on Monday's @ 6:45pm in room 4. Dave seconded with none opposed.

Eric C. indicated the stage needs to be covered with wood so that people do not trip when performing in events.

Mark J. asked Eric C. to head a subcommittee consisting of Eric C, Dorian E. and Myke S. to come up with a plan for the stage. Options should include recovering the existing stage or purchasing a new one.

Mark J. asked Eric C. to provide a joint Lambda/Roundup event calendar that can be put on the website.

Motion: Myke S. made a motion to purchase a chafing dish to cook hot dogs with a budget of \$100. Dave U. seconded with none opposed.

Mark J. wants a fax machine. Eric C. will check on a scanner/fax machine.

Motion: Stuart R. made a motion to adjourn. Dave U. seconded with none opposed.

The next meeting will be on June 8th @ 5:00pm.

Special Election Minutes

May 11, 2008

Board Members present: Mark J, Myke S, Dave U, Stuart R, Eric C, Pat B, Dorian E

Corporate Officers present: None

Mark J. opened the meeting @ 6:30. He then went over the qualifications to be on the board.

Members present: A quorum was established with 10% of the membership in attendance.

Open Positions: Secretary Elect, Membership Elect and Fundraising Elect.

Elections: Duncan E. was nominated for the Secretary Elect position. Sean G. was nominated for Membership Elect.

Motion: Myke S. made a motion to close nominations. Dave U. seconded with none opposed.

Motion: Dave U. made a motion to accept the nominations by acclamation. Dorian E. seconded with none opposed.

Motion: Myke S. made a motion to adjourn. Stuart R. seconded with none opposed.