

**Minutes for Nebraska Democrats LGBT Caucus
Sept. 22 2006**

Attendance – Barb Baier, Lin Quenzer, Denys Steele, Jordy Schliesser, Molly Albin, Melissa Rigney. Victoria Lavin, Win Pikelis, Peter Nisley, Sabrina Benney Bull, April Christiansen, Michele Bang, Tom Dorsch, Micheal Gordon, Dustin Ross, Larry Wikoff, Caleb Applebaum, Corby Krick.

Officers Recognized

Introductions

July and August 2006 meeting minutes approved

Reports

Chair's Report – Lin Quenzer

- Review of the Democratic Party Conference held in Grand Island, NE
- Review of Meeting with Sen. Ben Nelson that included members of the Caucus. The meeting was reported as “positive” and Sen Nelson indicated he is supportive in terms of securing LGBT rights for Civil Unions.

Discussed the need to identify qualified LGBT Candidates for Office in Nebraska.

Vice Chairs Report – Tom Dorsch.

No Report this month

First District Chair Report – Victoria Lavin.

- Victoria reports that the Newsletter is back up and going strong.

Second District Report – Michael Gordon

- Voter's Guide for CFEP will be available
- Bullying Awareness Week is being developed.
- ADHOC Safe at School being developed. Churches and political groups have been contacted for support and so far there is a good response.
- Seriously Funny Fundraiser for CFEP is October 21st.

Third District – No report

Treasurer's Report – Larry Wikoff.

- Dues are Due!! Suggested amount is \$20.00

Committee Reports

Fundraising – Peter Nisley

-There are 4 upcoming fundraisers. The Q in Lincoln – date to be announced and DCS in Omaha – date to be announced.

The Panic in Lincoln is set for Nov. 5th 2006
and the Max in Omaha is set for Nov. 21st 2006

Website and PR – Barb Baier

- The website will be updated and expanded.
- Barbs TV show episodes will be added to the website

Forums – Michelle Bang and April Christianson

Family Panel Forum is set for Oct. 17th in Omaha at UNO – Family issues panel.
-A possible Lincoln panel is being planned – 2007 date.

Database and Dues – Larry Wikoff and Melissa Rigney
Database being developed for member lists and fundraising.

Film Festival – Melissa Rigney
No Report

Old Business – None to report

New Business

- Meet and greet the candidates suggested – a series of at home coffees to meet local candidates in the Nov. elections.
- Identify candidates for who we can volunteer – very important to support candidates that support LGBT issues.
- David Hahn – needs volunteers.
- Contact local Omaha and Lincoln gay bars to set up meet and greets.

Next Meeting – Friday. Oct. 20th Lincoln, NE CWA building 25th and N st. 7-9pm

Announcements – None
Adjourn Meeting

Meeting Minutes submitted by Melissa Rigney.