

## MEETING MINUTES FEB. 5, 2019

- **Call to order was made by Reggie Greer at 6:40pm**
- **Roll Call was taken**
  - Board Members Present:**
    - Reggie Greer
    - Desiree Lucky
    - Sheila Alexander-Reid
    - Monika Nemeth
    - Jim Slattery
    - David Perez
    - Saymendi Lloyd
    - Consuella Lopez
    - Nii-Quarterlai Quartey
    - Venton Jones
    - Michelle Patterson
    - Dwayne Benson
    - Bradley Lewis
    - Letitia Gomez
    - Andrea Sharron
    - Jade Foster
- **Introduction of New Members (Monika Nemeth, Nii Quarterlai Quartey) & 2019 Goals**
  - Thomas Yabroff, new Community Outreach Specialist was introduced.
- **Review Minutes from Previous Meeting**
  - Minutes approved
- **Reports**
  - *Sheila Alexander-Reid, Director, Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs*
    - A video was shown showcasing the work done by LGBTQ homeless youth service providers with grant funding from the Department of Human Services. It highlights the stories of clients served by the the Wanda Alston Foundation, Total Family Care Coalition and Young Playwrights Theater.
    - Sheila explained her recent work with the Department of Corrections on the Transgender Housing Classification Committee and how it allows transgender inmates to advocate for where they want to be housed, albeit according to their gender identity or gender at birth.
    - Sheila discussed upcoming events (Black Excellence, Performance Oversight Hearings, and 40 Under 40)
- **Public Comment**
  - *Timothy Foster, Stonewall Kickball League*
    - They represent over 1000 players in the DMV who are committed to hundreds of hours of charity work and have donated over \$50,000 to local non-profits each year.
    - They are looking to improve their image and become more inclusive and representative of the District LGBTQ Community.

- They would like to volunteer their members to work as volunteers for the High Heel Race this October.
- Sheila and other board members suggested
  - playing in different parts of the District, not just West End and DuPont Circle.
  - Showcasing players of color in their outreach and advertisements.

*Mark Randolph, DC Center*

- Concerned that the LGBTQ Data Health Working group is not meeting as often as they should and that their meetings are closed to the public.
- Thomas spoke about the LGBTQ Data Health Working Group last meeting. Their rough timeline is to have a report out at the start of next year. He would meet with Mark later to go over in greater detail.

David Mariner, DC Center

- Concerned that VPART was not meeting regularly. Director Reid confirmed it would now meet the third Thursday of every month going forward.
- **Old business**
  - Holiday Mixer was successful, continued happy hours for community members and government employees are being planned.
- **New business**
  - Black Excellence Event
    - All board members are invited to a performance of Black LGBTQ Excellence featuring short skits about the experience of the MSM and HIV+ community.
    - Event is at the Eaton Hotel, 6pm, February 28th and is free and open to the public.

**Community Members Present**

David Mariner

Mark Randolph

Nicolas Grant

Timothy Foster and Bennett Kriete from Stonewall Kickball