

## Minutes to 11 February 2012 Board Meeting

Dover, DE (Home of Steve Kotrch)

Attending: Mitch Crane, Peter Schott, Larry Hooker, Norm Spector, Shirley Semple and Steve Kotrch.

Guest: George Christensen

1. The draft minutes to the 14 January 2012 Meeting were adopted as written.
2. Larry H submitted a written Treasurer's Report showing that for the period January 1 through February 11 2012, BGDS had a net income of \$156.00. This compared to a net loss of \$260.00 for the same period in 2011. Expenditures since the January 2012 meeting included Bank service charges of \$2.00 and Post Office Box Rental \$62.00. According to the written report, as of February 11, 2012 the group had \$6,119.94 in its checking account and \$4,341.60 in its PAC Account. The Treasurer's report was approved.
3. Steve gave the Executive Vice President's Report. He is working on an article for the web site trying to get members to volunteer to march in parades should we be successful in obtaining that information.
4. Peter gave the Vice President for Political Action Report. Peter sent information to members about running for delegates to the National Convention. Peter and Norm will be running for at large seats. Peter stressed we needed a point system for the board to use for endorsements. He'll have it for the March meeting.
5. The Vice President for Membership was unable to attend. Mitch reported that Larry P has been meeting regularly with Legislators along with two Trans women.
6. Vice President for Public Relations was unable to attend. He continues his work at keeping our web site up to date.
7. Vice President for Development wants to set up regular meetings with all county chairs. Meet with County Coordinators to see about fund raisers. It was suggested that Norm attend the State Democratic Executive Meeting.
8. President's Report. The Republican State Committee is bringing up a resolution to censor those Republicans who voted for the civil union bill. One candidate for Insurance Commissioner has dropped out of the race. Mitch's race is going well and he is raising about 3 times as much money as his opponent. He spoke at the Building Trades Council which went well along with the Coalition of Black Trade Unions. He is hoping the Coalition will endorse him for Insurance Commissioner.

9. Norm gave the New Castle County Coordinator's Report. He has requested a table for the Community day on March 24<sup>th</sup> at Glasgow Park. He and George will be participating in a Chili Challenge at Aetna Firehall #10 sponsored by RD 27.

10. Kent County Coordinator Shirley Semple has had no success in getting a response from the Chamber of Commerce regarding information about participating in parades. It was suggested that she contact Representative Scott and Senator Bushweller for contact information. Also to check with the Kent Count Tourist Bureau.

11. Old Business. Larry P's trans task force was discussed. See information under VP for Membership.

A. Annual Fundraiser is set for July 28 at Mariachi's. We can accommodate 150 people. Price to be discussed at next meeting.

B. Endorsement questionnaire. It was discussed and agreed upon to change the return of questionnaire date from ten days to three weeks. Also discussed was changing some questions from yes/no question to ones asking for more detail. Also discussed was the need for the county coordinators to talk with candidates. A motion was made to accept the changes and passed.

C. PAC – to meet after Board meeting.

12. New Business. President Transition. Mitch will turn over his position to Steve at the March Meeting. The question was raised as to his status as a voting Board Member. The By-Laws were searched and he will retain his voting privilege as a Past President.

14. Meeting Date and Location. The next meeting will be March 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at Mitch's house.