

National Youth Rights Association
Board Meeting Minutes, 1/21/2006

Roll Call:

Present

Robert Reynolds	President
Pamela Tatz	Vice President
Alex Koroknay-Palicz	Executive Director
Katrina Moncure	Treasurer
Scott Davidson	Secretary
Jess Caralize	Director
Chris Howell	Director
Jay Leff	Director
Keith Mandell	Director

Officer Reports:

The President had nothing to report. The Executive Director said he would send his full report to the board the next day, and summarized a few main points at the meeting. He informed the board that a NYRA member, Chris Lydon of New Jersey, had secured a \$1,000 dollar grant from Time Warner on behalf of NYRA. He also noted that his intern quit, NYRA had been turned down for a grant, and that NYRA would have to find new office space in a few weeks. The Vice President did not submit a report. The Treasurer delivered her report to the board at the meeting. She reported that NYRA had well over \$2,000 in the bank, and nearly \$500 on pay pal. She also said that she would be sending forms to all who had donated \$50 or more during 2005, so they could write it off on their taxes. The Secretary delivered his report to the board via email, and there were no comments in regard to said report.

Agenda:

Keith's House Party

Keith Mandell had a house party to raise funds for NYRA. Twelve people came, and he made an estimated \$120.

Google Grants

It had come to NYRA's attention that google was giving grants to nonprofit organizations, and that NYRA might qualify for said grants. Adam King was working on this at the time of the meeting.

Forums Standards and Moderation Discussion

Keith Mandell had expressed his concern over some of the speech on the forums, and suggested that they be governed by higher standards. Scott Davidson had echoed his points, and suggested an even greater degree of moderation. Mandell felt that censorship on the forums should be limited to hate speech, and that there should be a disclaimer, indicating that the views expressed on the forums do not represent the views of NYRA. Davidson noted that the forums were a privately owned space, and that no one has a right to say anything there that we don't want them to. The discussion lasted some time, and most of the board felt that NYRA's position on free speech would be contradicted by excessive moderation. The majority felt that there should be no additional censorship and that the moderators should consider "banning" people on a case by case basis, but that a disclaimer would be appropriate. Without a vote, the board approved the language for a disclaimer submitted by Adam King, which is copied below.

"All messages express the views of the author of the content. These views do not necessarily reflect the views of the National Youth Rights Association's Board of Directors, officers or staff, past or present. Links to other websites or organizations are not necessarily endorsed by NYRA. These organizations and its leadership will not be held responsible for the content of any material posted here."

Annual Meeting

It was noted that those planning to travel long distances to attend the annual meeting needed to know the date of said meeting as soon as possible. The board resolved that "The National Youth Rights Association hold its annual election from July 5th to August 5th, culminating with a general meeting on August 5th, which will be held in Berkeley"

Keith's Announcement

Before the meeting adjourned, Keith Mandell announced that he and his wife are going to have a baby. The rest of the board congratulates him, and wishes all the best to Keith and his growing family.

Resolutions:

05-06 Resolution 18:

The board of directors resolves, without objection, to put a disclaimer on NYRA's web forums

05-06 Resolution 19

The board hereby resolves that NYRA's general election shall begin on July 5th and end on August 5th. The election shall culminate at an annual meeting, which will be held in Berkeley on August 5th.

Votes for.

Robert Reynolds

President

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Votes Against

None.

(Note: Jay Leff was not present at the time of this vote.)