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MEMORANDUM

TO: Participants, October 9, 1986
LAMBDA A.L.E.R.T. Meeting

FROM: Lee Walker, Acting Secretary

SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting of October 9, 1986

DATE: October 15, 1986

AGENDA ITEMS 10/9/86

(1) "64" Play Opens. Jennifer Bauman.
A play about Proposition 64 opens tonight. Proceeds to benefit "No" campaign. Playing at the Court Theater, 722 N. La Cienega, West Hollywood, (213) 855-8953.

(2) Memorial to Steve Kelber. Tom Coleman.
Tom expressed our thanks to Steve for his vision in starting up LAMBDA. Told our group how he left a message on Steve's machine, shortly before Steve's death, expressing our gratitude for his contribution to the founding of our group.

(3) Proposition 64 - Post Election Challenge. Tom Coleman.
Anonymous private foundation money has been found to fund full time paid professional effort to prepare legal challenge to Proposition 64 if it passes. Effort had been part-time, non-paying, on the part of Jay Kohorn and Larry Sperber. Now, more sensibly and fairly, legal work will be full-time and paying work for these attorneys, and part-time and paying for Tom Coleman. Burt Pines has been designated lead counsel. Plaintiffs and defendants to be selected next week.

(4) NGRA - San Diego Case "Flap". Jay Kohorn.
NGRA had not decided to take rapist/mandatory testing case from San Diego, as stated in minutes for September 18, 1986 meeting.

(5) Foundation for California Firefighters Association AIDS Presentation. Jay Kohorn.
Excellent reviews by Association for AIDS discrimination presentation by Peter F. Laura.

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(6) Gay Film Festival. Jay Kohorn.
"Genet Controversy" ends. Zev et al. rejected City Attorney's belief that Genet film clip if shown could engender the prosecution by Los Angeles City Attorneys Office for obscenity. (Sorry, Reggie!) Funds voted for Festival.

(7) Sacramento "64" Hearings. Jay Kohorn - "No-shows" by William E. Dannemeyer and Kushrow Ghandi. Only the "No" side heard.

(8) Century Theater Case. Jay Kohorn.
Jay believes appellate argument went well. Unprecedented one and one-half hour presentation, and compliments to Jay by the judges for quality of presentation.

(9) L.I.F.E. Board of Directors Seat. Jay Kohorn
For One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) Lambda can obtain seat, and one vote, on the L.I.F.E. Board. L.I.F.E. sponsors full-time AIDS Lobbyist in Sacramento. Discussion ensued, no final decision.

(10) Atascadero School Case Mickey Wheatley.
Resolution of conflict attempts by ACLU to resolve controversy have failed. Court complaint to be filed on October 14th, preliminary injunction application to follow immediately. Discussion of legal issues and strategies. Peter Laura and Lee Walker will provide some help to Mickey and ACLU on, inter alia, Government Code Section 111358 issues, and possible employment lawsuit by boy's father, who was terminated from his job after he spoke out on his son's behalf.

GLSC POSITION. Susan Sholley.
Susan announced that she will be leaving her spot at the Center. Said Center was looking for a replacement for four/fifths time position.

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TO: LAMBDA Participants
FROM: Thomas F. Coleman, Acting Secretary
RE: Minutes of February Meeting
Notice of March Meeting

NOTICE: The next meeting will be held:
Date: THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1987
Time: 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Place: Home of JOHN BENEDEK
8535 West Knoll Drive
Unit #319 (buzz #82)
West Hollywood, CA
Directions: first block west of La Cienega
just north of Santa Monica Blvd.
(West Knoll Condo's)
Secretary will be John O'Loughlin
Chair will be Thomas F. Coleman

MINUTES: Meeting on February 12, 1987
Host: Mary Newcombe
Chair: Jay Kohorn
Secretary: Thomas F. Coleman

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Proposed Long Beach Ordinance: (McCabe)**
Rob Crammey was present from the Long Beach Lambda Democratic Club. He and Jim McCabe discussed a proposed Long Beach ordinance. McGrievy and Coleman debated the pro's and con's. Afterwards, there seemed to be agreement that scope of proposed ordinance should be limited to private employment and city contractors.
2. **Chadbourne Case: (Walker)**
Leroy Walker announced a victory in the Chadbourne case -- a case handled by Peter Laura (of Lee's office) for for NGRA. Our state FEHC ruled that AIDS is a disability for purposes of state employment discrimination law. Lots of good dicta on other issues. Publicity problems were also discussed. Copies of the decision were handed out.
3. **Processing of Gay Cases by DLSE: (?)**
One participant reported that the Division of Labor Enforcement Standards is refusing to process some cases involving sexual orientation discrimination in employment.

4. **647(a) Plea Bargaining Policy of City Attorney: (?)**
One participant reported that the city attorney's office is routinely reducing such cases in Van Nuys, but refusing to reduce downtown cases.

5. **Century Theater Cases: (Kohorn)**
Jay Kohorn reported that, in a case he is handling, the appellate department ruled that the police may arrest and a person may be convicted of lewd conduct in a place such as the Century Theater, despite warning notices being signed by all persons entering the premises. Should the case be appealed? No firm decision seemed to be reached at this time.

6. **AIDS Rebuttal for Health Journal: (Kohorn)**
Jay Kohorn reported that Surgeon General Koop has called Neil Schram and asked him to write a rebuttal to an article written in a major health journal which attacked Koop's policies.

7. **AAA Gets Protest: (Link)**
David Link announced that AAA is holding its annual members meeting on March 9, 1987, at 2:00 p.m. at the Los Angeles Hilton Hotel. Same-sex couples will protest the AAA policy of extending spouse-associate benefits to most unmarried heterosexuals but not to most unmarried gay and lesbian couples. A proposed amendment to AAA by-laws will be suggested, expanding associate memberships to "household" associates.

8. **Education Projects: (Coleman)**
Thomas F. Coleman reported on numerous educational projects involving lesbian and gay issues (genocide, suicide, family life education, Project 10, Hands Across the Campus, etc) were discussed. A fact sheet was handed out, showing how these programs can be improved.

9. **Task Force on Family Diversity: (Coleman)**
Coleman announced that the Task Force will hold a public hearing on February 19, 1987, at the Hollywood First Presbyterian Church. All are invited to attend.

10. **AB 63: (Coleman)**
Coleman reported on a new assembly bill which would expand penalties for violence against minorities, including violence against lesbians and gays. It's a great civil rights bill. It needs to be supported.

11. **Governor Cuomo: (Coleman)**
Coleman announced that New York Governor Cuomo recently convened a Task Force on Bias-Related Violence. It will study and make recommendations on minority violence, including violence against lesbians and gay men.

LAMBA LAWYERS ROUND TABLE

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The next meeting of Lambda Lawyers Roundtable
will be on April 9, 1987 at 7:30 p.m.

at the home of Lee Walker at

1325 1/2 Haworth

West Hollywood.

Chair and Secretary to be announced.

Lambda Lawyers Roundtable

Minutes of Meeting of March 12, 1987

Present: Jim Mc Cabe
Bill Weinberger
Thomas F. Coleman
Thomas J. Coleman
Roger Cogan
John Benedek
John O'Loughlin
Jay Kohorn

1.) Jim Mc Cabe requested suggestions regarding whom to refer an Orange County Probationary Teacher who was terminated, despite having earned good evaluations, apparently because of his sexual orientation. Lee Walker was suggested.

2.) Bill Weinberger discussed developments in the Long Beach Lesbian & Gay Pride Parade case: During promising negotiations with the City regarding its amending the Parade Permit ordinance, one of the leaders of the client group could not resist discussing the matter with the press. Bill was concerned that this might adversely effect negotiations.

3.) Bill Weinberger advised the group that a reporter from the Los Angeles times was doing an article on Persons with Aids' preparing wills. The reporter wanted to be referred to lawyers active in this field. Several names were mentioned.

4.) Bill Weinberger reported on Lawyers for Human Rights activities

in moving the California State Bar Conference of Delegates to resolve to lobby for various pieces of legislation, including

- a) Placing on AIDS Antigen tests restrictions similar to those placed on the AIDS Antibody test;
- b) including the condition of being AIDS antibody positive in the definition of handicap under the California Fair Employment and Housing Act;
- c) AB1;
- d) Enhanced sentencing for persons committing violent acts motivated by sexual orientation prejudice (AB 63.)

5.) Tom F. Coleman discussed the possibility of securing the Governors' signature on AB 1 by providing coverage to sexual orientation discrimination implicitly rather than explicitly, by using the "by way of example, and not limitation" language from cases construing the Unruh Civil Rights Act. Although some noted that community political activists might be disappointed with this low profile approach, many thought this to be a stroke of legal/political brilliance.

6.) John D. O'Loughlin reported on the upcoming Lawyers for Human Rights Meetings:

March 26: Susan McGrievy and Mickey Wheatley on Arline and Chadbourne

April 23: Rand Martin of Lobby for Individual Freedom & Equality
Both meetings to be held at the Hyatt on Sunset, 6:30 cocktails,
7:30 Dinner.

It was suggested that Mrs. Honig, the wife of the State Superintendent of Education Bill Honig, might be interested in speaking to LHR.

7.) Tom F. Coleman reported on an upcoming (March 23) hearing on Assembly Bill No. 63 in San Francisco;

8.) Thomas F. Coleman reported on the upcoming (March 16) hearing to be held by the L.A. City Family Diversity Taskforce regarding equal employee benefit program access.

9.) Thomas F. Coleman discussed City Councilperson Joy Picus' proposed ordinance regarding discrimination by "private" clubs.

10.) Thomas F. Coleman discussed the L.A. City Ordinances relating to nondiscrimination by business contracting with the city.

11.) Roger Cogan discussed the response of political candidates in MECLA's screening process to the domestic Partnership issue.

12.) Tom F. Coleman discussed his attendance at the Southern California Automobile Associations Membership meeting at which he spear-headed a movement to have the Club change the by-laws to permit family discounts for nontraditional family members.

13.) Jay Kohorn discussed the pros & cons of seeking writ relief from the L.A. Superior Court Appellate Department's Unpublished Opinion in People vs. Brice involving the application of the Pryor definition of lewd conduct to activities occurring in a private club.