

Lambda Legal Defense Fund
Minutes of Board of Directors' Meeting
September 4, 1974

The regular September meeting of the Board of Directors was held on September 4, 1974. The following directors were present:

Dr. Brown
Mr. Eubanks
Mr. Lavery
Mr. Raimi
Mr. Thom

constituting a quorum. Mr. Raimi acted as secretary in the absence of Mr. Russo.

The minutes of the meeting of July 10, 1974 were presented and adopted. No meeting was held in August, 1974.

Mr. Eubanks presented a Treasurer's report. The balance in our bank account as of today is \$51.24. \$150 had been received from the Glazier Foundation since our last meeting and used for necessary expenses. It was moved, seconded and carried to adopt the Treasurer's report.

Mr. Thom reported on the status of Dudal v. Codd where we represent the defendant in a challenge to the New York State loitering statute on the grounds of vagueness; we are currently seeking a declaratory judgment in New York County Supreme Court.

Mr. Thom suggested that we, Lambda, write a "master brief" on a challenge to sodomy laws and he took names of volunteers among the directors who would help with research, etc.

Mr. Thom reported that we have filed a brief as amicus curiae in the New Hampshire case re action taken against a gay university group; the court denied our motion to be allowed to make oral argument. The case is now before the U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit. (Gay Students Organization v. Bonner et al.)

At Mr. Thom's request, Mr. Raimi agreed to ^{do} a report on the Koch-Abzug gay civil rights (proposed) law for the Committee on Equal Protection of the Law which could then be submitted to the Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities of The American Bar Association at the ABA's mid-year meeting in February, 1975 and then to the next ABA annual meeting in August, 1975. Mr. Thom is chairman of the Equal Protection Committee and Mr. Raimi is a member.

Mr. Thom proposed that Lambda defend two young men in Pennsylvania who are charged with forcible sodomy and corruption of the morals of a minor. He gave us a rundown on the facts and the history of


the case and moved that Lambda represent the defendants. The directors voted three to two not to represent them.

Mr. Thom reported that Lambda had received tax deductible status from the Internal Revenue Service, and also from the N.Y. State and City authorities. He also gave a status report on our foundation funding applications.

The meeting discussed possible future fund raising events; the unofficial concensus was that Mr. Lavery would explore the possibility of a large, low charge event and Dr. Brown would try to arrange a small, high charge event, probably at the home of someone affluent.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 9, 1974 at 6 p.m. at the office of Mr. Boggan, 90 Park Avenue. It will be the annual "members meeting" as well as a regular board of directors meeting.

There being no further business before the meeting, on motion made, seconded and carried, it was adjourned.


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