

## History Collective Minutes – 06.02.16

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM at the Silver Lake Library's community room. Present were Cheryl Revkin, Marco Larsen, Mark Simon, Michael Masterson, Ron van Ammers, Tricia McGrath, Betsy Isroelit, Jenifer Palmer-Lacy, Erica Silverman, Aman Chaudhary, Andy R. Martino, Diane Gale, Linda Torn and Walter Senterfitt.

Introductions were made and it was announced that Betsy Isroelit will be the History Collective's new governing board liaison. The minutes from the May meeting were approved unanimously. Cheryl Revkin and Michael Masterson were both nominated to be co-chairs of the committee and approved unanimously.

Erica Silverman from the Silver Lake Library told the group about the series of events the library is doing in June to celebrate Pride Month including this evening's History Collective program. Other upcoming events include "Selfies" presented by Queerwise and Michael Kearns on June 11<sup>th</sup>, Pride Comedy Night on June 15<sup>th</sup>, the LGBT Book Club meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup> and "Inside the Hollywood Closet", a scholarly yet spicy discussion with Boze Hadleigh on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to an interview done by Mark Simon with Walter Senterfitt, a longtime gay activist who works for the LA county health department. He told the group about his upbringing in the South and his journey to find acceptance as a gay man and then work for social justice causes including several AIDS and HIV groups such as ActUP among others. Mr. Senterfitt was a riveting interviewee with an extraordinary life story of activism. The entire interview will be available on the History Collective's YouTube channel "historycollective" shortly.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50. The next scheduled committee meeting is on Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.