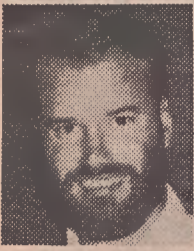


QCQ: Striving For Major Success

By **ROBERT SHEETS**
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So many people have asked QCQ people, bar people and others what QCQ is that the board of directors has decided it's time for a run-down.



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A little history, first. QCQ was formed in 1981 by gay activist Don King and lesbian activist Billie Stickell to help fund Charlotte's early activist organizations by holding events in bars and other

places.

Since then, the group has also sponsored — at one time or another — plays, a large Pride Week newspaper ad, Q-Notes, Pride Week activities and "Cabaret," a night especially for live performances by lesbians and gay men before their peers.

Current members of the QCQ board — except for myself — have been sitting only since March of this year. In these six months, the board has rewritten the bylaws from three pages to 26 articles, many of which are up to two pages long; incorporated; secured the regional preliminary for the national Mr. Drummer Contest; held an all-night dance related to the contest; reestablished, revamped and more widely distributed Q-Notes after an absence of 18 months; raised \$3,500 (with three bar fund-raisers and three skating parties) to present Carolina Drummer '86; staged extensive Pride Week activities; chose the first winner of the Carolinian Of The Year award; tested the waters twice for Sunday afternoon tea dances; held the Mr. Charlotte preliminary to the Mr. Hotlanta Contest; instituted a

QCQ FINANCIAL STATEMENT				
Prepared By QCQ Treasurer Jim Yarbrough				
Description	Income	Expenses	Profit/Loss	Assets'
Cash Balance 3/11/86	\$ 612.62	-	-	-
Carolina Drummer	3,703.75	3,556.27	147.48	107.54
Mr. Charlotte	636.00	584.77	51.23	-
Pride Week	1,168.25	845.88	322.37	73.42
Q-Notes	1,809.00	2,429.55	-620.55	250.00
'87 Women's Music Festival	-	263.62	-263.62	-
Other Future Events	-	347.00	-	347.00
Miscellaneous ²	2,465.25	1,458.97	1,006.28	203.95
Donations: Switchboard	-	373.15	-	-
AIDS Vigil	-	200.00	-	-
Gay Parents Coalition	-	50.00	-	-
Subtotals	10,394.87	10,109.21		
Cash Balance 8/24/86				285.66
TOTAL ASSETS In Cash And Property				\$1,267.57

NOTE 1. Assets include on-hand items such as a microphone, a banquet table, a telephone answering machine, Q-Notes paste-up sheets and picnic supplies. Under future events, assets include five deposits to locations such as Park Center, Spirit Square and the Unitarian Church for future events.

NOTE 2. Miscellaneous income from events such as skate parties, Wearin' O' The Green, spring auction at Brass Rail, Western Night at Tags, the Boom Boom Roast and tea dances. Miscellaneous expenses include expenditures for those events and items such as phone expenses, postage, T-shirts for event workers, office supplies and the QCQ Logo Contest.

FROM THE TREASURER

I am proud to say that after six months starting out with \$612.26, the current board of directors of QCQ has made donations of \$623.15 to gay organizations and has produced several cultural and social events. QCQ is also providing a free form of communication — Q-Notes — for the gay community. The board members are now in the planning stage for future events to raise the social conscience of our brothers and sisters. I would like to thank all of you who have supported QCQ in the past six months. I look forward to seeing you at future events.

Jim Yarbrough

funds allocation process; reestablished Q-Notes; held three community leadership meetings; and laid plans for the 1986-87 year.

Further plans include establishing

a bowling league in September; bringing a gay/lesbian chorus to Charlotte for a concert in October; encouraging the establishing of a Charlotte gay/lesbian chorus; and making plans for a regional women's music festival in 1987; and planning Carolina Drummer '87.

All this has been totally accomplished a volunteer board of directors who also have to work to make a living and find time for personal recreation. It has not been easy. But it would have been impossible without the magnificent cooperation of Dennis Carey and his entire staff at Brass Rail, Steve Freeman at Charades, Oleen Love at Oleen's, Danny Follis at Tags and Marion Tyson at Scorpio, and a host of volunteers who have worked often thankless hours at many of the events.

We've just finished an exhausting month going through budget requests from other organizations and QCQ's financial planning for the coming year. From this, the board of directors has offered to allocate on a monthly basis funds for the Gay/Lesbian Switchboard, the Metrolina AIDS Project hotline and risk reduction program, all contingent on funds available. We could not guarantee funds for all three without the "contingent" clause because, technically, QCQ as a corporation would cease to exist if funds were to be exhausted.

With the women's music festival and Carolina Drummer '87, there would be a period of a month or two in which funds available would be tight. It is the board's intention to insure that these payments would be made even if made late. Because of this clause, neither the Switchboard nor MAP have officially accepted the allocation.

Funds allocated and accepted:

- \$200 to the AIDS Vigil for Prayer conducted by New Life MCC to help inform the Charlotte community of the problem of AIDS and the services available locally through MAP. The Vigil will also help to raise funds for MAP.
- \$150 for rental of a site for the Gay Parents Coalition to hold a regional conference for gay and les-

bian parents in the spring of 1987.

For QCQ events, deposits have been put down on Park Center for Carolina Drummer '87, for Entertainment Place at Spirit Square for the Cabaret in November. Earmarked and in the bank for a deposit on a place for the women's music festival is \$550. We've also allocated \$100 to secure Roll-A-Round Skate Center for the September skate party, and that will be left on deposit with the skate center for each succeeding month.

Other immediate expenditures will be a deposit to the Unitarian Church for the concert with the Atlanta Choral in October and a concert by the Charlotte Lambda Chorus in December.

One of the major expenses for the year was the approximately \$552 for insurance required by the city for rental of Park Center. We finally got it just 10 days before Carolina Drummer after having worked 2½ frantic months just trying to line it up. It made us very aware of what people are talking about when they mention an insurance crisis.

We've established committees and committee chairs that will operate through the end of June, 1987:

- Women's festival committee with Billie Rose.
- Carolina Drummer '87 committee with Butch Stevenson.
- Athletic committee with Tim H. that includes bowling, skating parties and next spring a regional softball league. Interest has already been expressed by Asheville, Hickory and Greensboro in participating.
- Pride Month committee with Jim Y.
- Rule committee with Dean Gaskey.
- Q-Notes committee with Dean Gaskey.

QCQ has been considered to be the gay United Way, but we did not collect at the office. We rarely collect even at the bars. To do all the items the board would like to, while at the same time being able to fund Charlotte's gay organizations so that they can concentrate their efforts on doing their jobs, we need to have a continuing source of funds. I'd like to ask you who are reading this free paper provided by QCQ to contribute \$12 — a dollar a month — to help make our community a better place for us to live.

The board of the reorganized QCQ is a very prudent group and seeks only to spend funds wisely within our community. They are dynamic individuals who are not rubber stamps for anyone. They have a sincere and obvious interest in improving conditions for all of us.

You have an interest in what we are doing and have the right to vote in the election of the board for 1987 in the January meeting. You also have the right to attend any meeting held by QCQ. It is an open organization with no secret meetings at any time although we sometimes make decisions almost anytime if enough board members are present — simply to make sure projects work in a timely fashion. We welcome questions about everything we do at any subsequent regular board meeting. Please join us. And we thank you for your support.

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