

Womonspace
Board Meeting
Sunday, January 4, 2009
Edmonton Pride Centre, 10:30 am

Present: Colleen, Trish, Kim, Lori, Diane, Ann, meLaurelie
Regrets: Linda, Joclyan
Guests: Anne, Claudette

Call to Order

Colleen called the meeting to order at 10:45 am.

Adoption of Agenda

Added to the New Business section: Play Nightclub – Lori
Kim moved that the agenda be adopted as amended. Seconded by Diane. Carried.

Adoption of Minutes

Corrections to December 2008 Board Meeting minutes: **Chimp** site being investigated (pg 3);
Kim will contact Bob and Bobbie regarding our donation of their sculpture to Camp fYrefly
silent auction, to make sure that they agree to the idea (pg 3)
Laurelie moved to delay adoption of the December 2008 Board Meeting minutes until they can
be corrected and changed to .doc format. At that time, the board can vote via email regarding
adoption of the minutes. Seconded by Kim. Carried.

Old Business

Member of Pride Centre Update

Our status with respect to Pride Centre Membership is still not known. This will be carried
forward to the February Board Meeting. **Joclyan will check into our membership with the
Pride Centre.**

Pride Centre Fundraiser Update

Kim made several attempts to find out more information regarding this project. Her queries
were not answered. **Kim will continue to pursue further details regarding the Pride Centre
Fundraiser.**

Banking Signing Authority

Ann discovered that all three new signing authority holders need to be present at the same time
in order to transfer from the old to the new. **Ann will make an appointment with the bank
for Saturday, January 10** so that all three (**Trish, Colleen, and Ann**) can make this transfer.

Booking of Bellevue Hall for 2009 Events

All of our 2009 events are booked with the Bellevue Community Hall (including the March 14
dance). **Kim will send Lori all of the event dates. Trish will contact Neil regarding
increasing the capacity of Bellevue Hall and having a written record of this increase.**

Golf Tournament Booking -- Bashaw

This is still pending. **Trish will contact the Country Nine Golf Course in Bashaw**, either
through their website, email (Jenn D may have this address), or telephone.

Open Stage

Kim is developing a survey letter for the membership to have input into the feasibility of the Open Stage event (people interested in attending and/or performing). Participants will be required to supply all of their own equipment (other than that available at Prism). Open stage might work best in a cold month (e.g. November) rather than in the spring. This will be discussed further at a future board meeting.

Volunteer Appreciation Details

Kim will check with Prism regarding availability for a May 8, 2009 volunteer appreciation gathering. An alternate venue was suggested (Diane's condo common area) and the possibility was put forward to have a pizza party there (as opposed to hors d'oeuvres at Prism).

Camp fYrefly Donation

The "Linda's Basket" project did very well, generating \$270.75. Colleen moved that we put half of this money (\$135) towards our donation to Camp fYrefly after our February Valentine's Dance. Seconded by Ann. Carried.

Laurelie volunteered to sell tickets on February 14 from 6:30 – 7:30 and 8:30 – 11. **Lori will approach Camp fYrefly representatives** to be on hand during ticket sales to help generate business and answer any questions that arise. Colleen moved that we authorize the purchase of a \$50 gift certificate for a restaurant to be included in the February basket. Seconded by Diane. Carried.

Ann, Linda, and Colleen will communicate with Alberta gaming regarding our licensing status for our February event. Trish will approach Kirk (EVM) about the possibility of amalgamating for the purposes of licensing at the Valentine's Day dance and concert.

Team Edmonton Membership Update

Colleen reported that a membership for Team Edmonton is available to Womospace for \$20. This membership will be purchased at the Team Edmonton Mixer on February 21 (7 pm to 11 pm). Our membership will give us the opportunity to have an information table at the mixer. There is a high end silent auction at the Mixer. Because of financial limitations, Womospace will forego making a donation to this auction.

Laurelie will investigate the possible addition of golf to Team Edmonton's roster of sports.

Kim will bring a small banner to the February Board Meeting. This banner will be used at the Team Edmonton Mixer to promote Womospace.

New Business

Newsletter "Resource" Page

Diane suggested that a full page of resources be included twice per year in our newsletter, potentially in the January and June issues. It was noted that HIV Edmonton should be added to our current list. **Claudette will confirm contact information for the resources that we currently have. Diane will develop a page to be included in the January newsletter mail out. Lori will contact Steeps to answer any questions regarding advertising and discuss future involvement of that business in Womospace functions.**

Advertisers' Memberships

After a discussion regarding the feasibility of this proposal, Lori moved that we grant full year, prepaid advertisers complimentary memberships (either full or associate). Seconded by Colleen. **The motion is tabled pending Colleen's investigation of the bylaws with respect to changing fees for advertisers.**

On a related topic, **Colleen will contact Deanna regarding Tina's guests.**

February EVM Concert and Dance Arrangements

The EVM is selling advance tickets for \$18 (\$12 for children under 12). The funds collected through ticket sales as well as the expenses will be divided 50/50. Womonspace will retain 100% of the liquor sales. After some research, it was determined that it is permissible to sell from the bar before the event (6:30 – 7:30) and that minors may attend in spite of this as long as they do not drink at all. We expect very few children at our dance (after 9 pm).

The door for the concert will open at 7 pm and the concert will start at 7:30 and run for one hour. The issue of having our bar supplies at the hall in advance was discussed. There are some issues regarding security, but this also would greatly diminish Saturday's job demands. It was noted that the supply of wine needs to be substantially increased for the February event.

Trish will check into the availability of coffee urns. Linda will send the volunteer schedule to Kirk; EVM will fill in their share of the spots and the schedule will be returned for Womonspace to fill the remaining jobs. **Trish and Colleen will recruit volunteers to take care of removing wristbands from people leaving the hall and not returning.** This will accommodate people who arrive late without going over the capacity of the Hellenic Hall. **Trish will assist Anne with the food purchase.** Two food set ups are required: an early one for the choir attendees and participants, and a later one for the people at the dance.

GayCalgary Magazine Articles

GayCalgary magazine has approached Womonspace for articles related to our association. These articles will be short and deal primarily with upcoming events. **Colleen will write the article for this month's magazine.**

Equipment and Storage Update

The new room is built and secure so all is good!! Thanks heaps to Kim and crew for doing such an excellent job! Neil will paint the area.

Play Night Club

Through meetings at ERBA, Play Night Club is interested in coming to talk to our board for the purpose of brainstorming ways to increase the number of womyn at the Club. **Lori will suggest to Rob or Cory that we have a separate meeting (apart from our Board Meetings) at Play,** asking them for two Monday dates that would fit best with their schedule. Some ideas regarding this that were discussed: Have a womyn's night? Let womyn into the club? Develop a designated driver program?

Monthly Reports

Activities

Kim checked with Bob and Bobbie regarding our donation of their donated sculpture to the Camp fYrefly silent auction in March and they have approved this. Bob and Bobbie also asked about having a table at the Unity Dance. The fee for this is ordinarily \$20. The possibility of getting a Womospace team together for the Tits with Mitts Slo Pitch Tournament was discussed. This involves competing against Drag Queens who also enjoy playing softball.

The booth during Pride at the Square needs to be decorated and tended in order for us to have a booth there. The PR is certainly well worth our while. Volunteers for this will be recruited from the membership.

Trish will talk to Neil at the Bellevue Hall about getting some functioning fridges (if they are not already in place).

Marketing and PR

Items were covered during the meeting.

Membership

Ann will compile an updated list early the week of January 4, 2009.

Newsletter

Diane moved that we make our open door policy more well publicized to the community. Seconded by Lori. Carried. **Diane will add information to the newsletter regarding the open status of our dances.**

Linda will write the February Splinters article. Trish will write the March Splinters article.

President

Colleen arranged for the repair of one of our cash registers (short circuit).

Secretary

Nada.

Treasurer

Trish reported that our Festive Dinner and Dance was very successful and our operating fund is also in the black. **People working at the door for dances need to be trained regarding proper use of the cash register. [Who will do this??]**

Vice President

No report.

Volunteer

Anne volunteered to canvass Breakfast Club and Titans Bowling League for volunteers.

Linda was very proud of her basket – as were we all!! Thanks heaps, Linda!!

Next Board Meeting

February 1, 2009, 10:30 am, Pride Centre

Adjournment

Laurelie moved adjournment at 1:12 pm.