

Womonspace
April Board Meeting
Sunday, April 6, 2008
Edmonton Pride Centre, 10:30 am

Present: Cindy, Trish, Diane, Jenn, Lori, Anne, Kim, Lorie, Colleen, me (Laurelie)
Regrets: Tara, Kate, Joclyan, Donna

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 10:50 am by Cindy.

Adoption of Agenda

Lori moved that the Agenda be adopted as amended. Seconded by Jenn. Carried.

Adoption of Minutes

Minutes from the March meeting were not available to review or adopt.

Old Business

Variety Show with Womonspace Pride Dance

Representatives from Alberta Beef were expected but not seen. General consensus was to have only a Pride Unity Dance on June 14 and not to hold a variety show on the same evening.

DJ Equipment and Operations

Lorie is our new sound equipment operator. Her fee is being negotiated (looking at \$200 to \$250 for a four hour commitment). **Lorie will consider possibility of training an apprentice** so that two people will be knowledgeable in the workings of the new sound system. **She will also research the approximate replacement value of the equipment** so that it can be insured for an appropriate dollar value. The lock is in place for the storage area at the Bellevue Hall. The CD collection will for the time being remain in Lorie's care, but **a more convenient arrangement will be investigated.** (not sure of the pmr for this).

Lori moved that \$100 be used to buy hardware for the equipment (wheels and handles to help in moving). Seconded by Jenn. Carried. **Kim will acquire the needed items and install.**

April 12 Dance

April 12 is the Spring Fling Dance. The sound set up and system check will commence at noon and continue until completed. **(Lorie and Kim – are others required?)** The hall set up begins at 7 pm. **(Jenn, Colleen et al – also volunteers?)** From 8 to 9, dance lessons will be presented by two dance instructors from Foot Notes Dance Studio. The \$50 honorarium will be covered by Womonspace funds. **Trish will have the cheque available at the dance. Lorie and Linda will tend the bar.** Another alternate would be desirable. Trish has training and experience in this area and can do this job at future dances. Rovers will assist in the bar area with schlepping and fetching. **(Jenn to add this expectation to volunteer rovers' job outline.) Cougar will bring the liquor.** Decorations will include blue and white table cloths, palm trees, and cacti. Sombreros

were also suggested, but perhaps would be vulnerable to disappearance. **Kim will bring the palm trees, Lori the cacti, Colleen the table cloths.**

Jenn moved that a \$95 honorarium per dance for bartending be approved. Seconded by Laurelie. Carried. **Trish will have the cheque available at the dance.**

Lorie has some shirts to donate for possible door and volunteer prizes for this event and for future events. **Lorie will bring the shirts to the dance.**

Trish will get the liquor license. She also has negotiated insurance for dances at a reduced rate (\$106/dance, whereas this was formerly \$174). Lori moved that the insurance be purchased for all remaining 2008 dances at a cost of \$635 for the total premium. Seconded by Jenn. Carried.

Edmonton Rainbow Business Association will attend the April 12 dance and give attendees the opportunity to get to know some of their members.

To date, White Brahma is the only vendor (in addition the ERBA guests). **Joclyan will be responsible for collecting the vendor fee.**

Volunteer Appreciation

The Volunteer Appreciation evening will be held April 25 at 7 pm. **Jenn will email invitations to volunteers and guests and ask for a RSVP from them.** Menu includes appetizer platters from Prism. Pride Centre pins and Womonspace pins will be given as tokens of appreciation to the volunteers. **Colleen will bring the Womonspace pins, Cindy will negotiate the cost of Pride Centre pins.**

Coffee House Update

The Coffee House is planned for the evening of May 25 at Prism. Posters will be ready for the April 12 dance. **(created by Jenn/Laurelie)**

Golf Tournament Update

The Carol Cattell Golf Tournament will be on Saturday, July 19. A planning meeting will be held at Prism at 7 on Thursday, April 10. **Jenn, Lori, Laurelie, Trish, et al will attend.**

Pride Week/Pride Dance Update

The Pride Unity Dance will take place on June 14 at the Bellevue Hall. Once again, the evening will begin at 8 pm with a social hour/dance lesson time. Decorations will be more significant for this large event. **All board members to consider suitable decorations to go with the theme Mardi Gras: Unmasked and OutRageous.**

Participation of Womonspace in the Pride Parade will be more extensive than in years past. **Kim will investigate possibilities and present at the next board meeting.**

A family-focused event in conjunction Pride Week could include games, a picnic, face painting and the like. **All board members to consider suitable suggestions for the May board meeting.**

New Business

ERBA Mixer

This event will take place on Tuesday, April 10 at 5:30 pm at Prism. **Several board members plan to attend.**

Heritage Festival Recruitment

If we provide 15 people for a five-hour shift, the Heritage Festival will donate \$500 to Womonspace. Our assignment would be selling food tickets. Sellers must be at least 16 years of age to do this work. Shifts available are:

Saturday, August 2: 11 – 4
12 – 5
3 – 8
4 – 9
Sunday, August 3: 9 – 2
1 – 6
Monday, August 4: 9 – 2
10 – 3
1 – 6
2 – 7

Food is provided to workers, as well as Heritage Festival shirts and hats.

Lori moved that **Trish is the person most responsible for coordinating this venture.** Seconded by Kim. Carried.

Cash Registers

The “new” cash registers are programmed and ready to use. Lori moved that we sell the “old” tills. Seconded by Trish. Carried. **Colleen will use (a) the Bargain Finder, then if necessary (b) kijiji, and finally (c) offer as a silent auction item (suggested minimum \$50 bid) if necessary.**

Monthly Reports

The issue of monthly reports was discussed. The general consensus was that most items reported are discussed at board meetings, making the monthly reports redundant. Therefore, **with the exception of the financial report**, monthly reports will be discontinued for a period of three months and then reassessed. [Thank you, Colleen and Trish, for faithfully submitting your reports.]

Business Carried Forward

- * relocation of Womonspace “office”/storage
- * shirts for board members [**Lori will research procurement, black with purple writing**]
- * board celebration BBQ at Colleen’s and Linda’s [**proposal by Colleen**]

Next Board Meeting

Sunday, May 4, 10:30 am, Pride Centre

Adjournment

Laurelie moved adjournment at 12:50 pm.