

**Womonspace
December Board Meeting
Sunday, December 2, 2007
Edmonton Pride Centre, 10:30 am**

Present: Cindy, Trish, Donna, Diane, Cougar, Colleen, Tara, Laurelie

Regrets: Jenn, Kate, Joclyan

Call to Order

- Cindy called the meeting to order at 10:36 am

Adoption of Agenda

- Two amendments were added to the agenda [6(b)] by Tara: potential newsletter designer and newsletter editor's (Tara's) role
- Lori moved that the agenda be adopted as amended, seconded by Tara, carried.

Review and Adoption of Minutes of November 4, 2007 Board Meeting

- Lori moved that the November 4 minutes be accepted as presented, seconded by Tara, carried.

Unfinished Business

- Colleen moved that Laurelie be appointed as interim secretary, seconded by Lori, carried.
- Tara moved that Joclyan be appointed as interim vice president, seconded by Lori, carried.
- The November games night was deemed a success; request was made to repeat this event.
- 146 tickets for the Christmas dance have been sold (hot items; sales transactions caused much local interest). Setup and decorating for the event will begin at 5:25 pm. Colleen is the pmr (person most responsible).
 - A discussion re vendor tables resulted in a limit restricting these to four vendors; Joclyan will be the pmr for booking and collecting fees
 - Colleen moved that the fee for vendor tables be set at \$25, seconded by Cindy, carried.
 - Lori moved that no vendors will be allowed at the silent auction event (May 10, 2008), seconded by Tara, carried.
 - A discussion re drink ticket prices resulted in the following increases: Corona/Coolers \$5 (from \$4); Beer/Wine \$5 (from \$3); Shooters \$3; Pop/Water \$2 (no change); Some shooters will be phased out.
 - Neil's ice will be returned or replaced.
- DJ services: Michelle's fee is \$400 to \$450; temporarily not available for contact

- CR Entertainment will neither answer the phone nor respond to messages; taken off Christmas list
- ERBA charges a \$25 membership fee; our link with the Association has been initiated
- Kat Danser event will be addressed by a committee comprised of Lori, Cindy, and Jenn, since plans need to be in place earlier than after the January board meeting.
 - There was some discussion of possibly hosting an “Alberta Beef” or Drag King event at some point in the future.
- Diane discussed private versus public domain addresses. A private domain address affords much easier access and perhaps would encourage more usage.
 - There was discussion about possibly using Facebook. Concerns raised included security issues and availability of someone to monitor the page. The item is moved to the January meeting.
- Board Position Descriptions carried forward to the January meeting.
- The issue of Membership Subsidy has been addressed in the bylaws.
- Womyn volunteering at the Christmas dance who have purchased dinner tix are eligible for a \$5 rebate after their volunteer commitment is fulfilled
 - Jenn is aware of this incentive. Colleen will be the pmr for distribution. [bar hours: 6:30 – 7:30 open; 7:31 – 8:30 closed; 8:31 – 1:00 open]
 - Door prizes are available for volunteers who have worked their shift.
- An additional event was added to the schedule: March 22, 2008 – Pride Centre Dance at Alberta Avenue Hall
- The Womospace Unity Dance (June 14, 2008) will possibly require a larger venue.
 - The event needs to be promoted as a mixed dance.
- All dates on the proposed schedule have been checked with Bellevue Hall for availability and can be booked.
- Hall rent increases for 2008: Bellevue \$400; Hellenic \$1500
- There was discussion re the Pride Centre running a food concession at our events; this was not readily accepted.
 - We will purchase less food and possibly increase ticket prices.
 - \$100 budgeted for food per dance.
 - Trish will be the pmr for the late night meal.
- The liability insurance provider requires specific dates before coverage can be purchased.
- Colleen moved that dance admission prices for 2008 be \$10 for members, and \$15 for non-members, seconded by Lori, carried.

New Business

- Pine Trails Getaway offers dances every long weekend. This will be considered for a possible event in August.
- Pride Office hours item is deferred to January board meeting.
- Trish talked about the Fine Option Program as a possible source of volunteers for both the Pride Office and dances.
 - If implemented, Trish will oversee these volunteers. Trish will write to the Minister of Justice to initiate the process.

- Item will be readdressed at the January board meeting.

Monthly Reports

- Lori moved that a simpler format for monthly reports be implemented (i.e. stop using the templates), seconded by Cindy, carried.
- Financial: The adjusted bank balance is \$10,807.26
- Newsletter: We continue to look for a newsletter designer. There was discussion re posting the opportunity at MacEwan and NAIT. Marcie will be approached and asked to consider resuming the newsletter task with an offer of more financial incentive.
 - There is a strong possibility of an editor change.
- Membership: Reported earlier.
- Volunteer: There are only a few spots left to fill for the December dance.
- Activity: All the liquor is in place for the December event.
- Marketing: Lori reported that Lynn of Kelrock Sportswear will be donating a sweatshirt for the Christmas dance. If possible, Lynn will use the Womospace logo for embroidery. This then can be used for future clothing items.
 - Nametags or some kind of identifier for board members at events will improve communication with members and potential members.
- President: The idea of a float for the Capital Ex parade was discussed. This could be a joint venture with the Pride Centre. It is possible to make a float for the Pride Parade and use the same one for Capital Ex.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held on Sunday, January 6, 2008 at 10:30 am at the Pride Centre

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.