

Womonspace
Board Meeting
Sunday, November 1, 2009
Edmonton Pride Centre, 10:30 am
9540 111 Avenue, Edmonton, AB

Present: Colleen, Charlene, Laurel, Kim, Carol, Cindy (Tig), Laurelie
Guest: Trish

Call to Order

Colleen called the meeting to order at 10:40 am.

Adoption of Agenda

The Agenda was amended to include the tabled motion from the October Board Meeting regarding small gifts of appreciation, the division of labour for the vacant PR and Marketing board positions, and a Children's Christmas Party. Charlene moved that the agenda be adopted as amended. Seconded by Laurel. Carried.

Adoption of Minutes

Cindy (Tig) moved that the October Board Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented. Seconded by Kim. Carried.

Old Business

November 20 Games Night/Santa's Anonymous Donations

Prism is booked for the event. The pool tournament will consist of single game matches i.e. not best of three games. Lee Dreger, pool guru, will be assisting with any pool questions or problems. Participants are encouraged to bring a new unwrapped gift for Santa's Anonymous. Information regarding this toy drive will be added to website and the phone message. [Not sure who is doing the conveyance of this info to Diane and Karen.] **Kim asked for Board presence and support since this is the first Games Night that she has hosted.**

2010 Proposed Events Schedule

All planned dates will work out fine, although we are waiting for Neil to confirm our proposed dates at Bellevue. The Pride Dance date in June is still undecided since we are waiting for the Pride Committee to decide when their event will take place, or if there will be one. Both June 12 and June 19 are available to us at the Hellenic Hall. Kim proposed having Theme Dances in response to members' requests. This idea was readily accepted by the Board.

Festive Dinner/Dance

Bruce has been paid a deposit for his catering services. Tickets will be available through Prism, Earth's General Store, and the phone line. **Laurelie and Claire will take tickets from 6:30 pm.** Kim moved that \$100 be allocated for the Festive basket project. Seconded by Laurelie. Carried.

Colleen will print the tickets. Eileen has agreed to be bartender, but could use an assistant as a back-up for the latter part of the evening (from 9 pm on). **Kim will approach Dolly and book her if she is available.** Board members and bartenders are the only people allowed in the bar. Kim suggested that the cash registers be removed from the door when the last money is taken. The Board agreed that this is a very good idea.

Food bank donations will once again be accepted. A collecting area for food items will be arranged [by Kim?]

Kim will be in charge of security. The requirement is one security person per 50 people. **All Board Members are part of the security team.** If there are any questions, these should be directed to Kim. **Colleen will find “Security” pins, so that these individuals are easy to find.** If security problems arise (e.g. participants attempting to enter without tickets), patrons will be asked to pay, volunteer, or go home.

No DJ has been confirmed as of yet.

No snacks are required since Bruce is providing the later evening food from the leftovers from the Festive Dinner.

Review of Tabled Motion from October Board Meeting

The tabled motion reads: “Trish moved that the budget for Pride will include small gifts for the people that provided the loan of a trailer for the float and the generator for the float. Seconded by Laurelie.”

After discussion, Kim moved to amend the motion to specify the provision of a \$25 token of appreciation to individuals who supply items that would otherwise be a major expense to the Society. Seconded by Laurelie. The amended motion was carried.

New Business

Welcome and Board Contact List Update

Colleen welcomed Charlene, Laurel, and Carol to the Board. All Board Members checked the contact list for correct and current information.

October AGM and Dance Finances

This event was very well attended. Many new and renewed memberships were sold and the revenue from the dance was much higher than in other years.

Dance DJ

Kim reported that a backup DJ is required to make sure that someone will be able to do the job in the event that our booked DJ is unable to do so. Beginning with the membership, this work opportunity will be made available for tenders to be submitted.

Colleen will email this information to the distribution list for suggestions and/or offers. Colleen will also make this announcement to the Pride Society at their AGM.

Kim will contact ERBA, McEwan, NAIT, Gaywire, and the Court of the Wild Rose as other possible avenues for this position to be advertised.

Colleen will contact Lori regarding the DJ job for the December 12 event.

Kim has been paid for the new CD player. She also emphasized that the machine must be cleaned before and after every dance.

Division of Labour for Vacant PR and Marketing Positions

Colleen will reconcile the newsletter advertisers with the amount of money paid, and/or owed.

Kim will be responsible for the PR and Marketing for the activities that are within her realm.

Colleen will write the December Splinters article regarding the vacant positions.

Children's Christmas Party

Kim proposed this new initiative with the intention of having the event on a Sunday afternoon at Prism (this location has been tentatively approved). In order to use Prism as a venue for an activity involving minors, their liquor license must be suspended.

Alternative locations suggested were Bellevue (which could be available for a small fee) and the Turkish Society-run school/daycare (about 155 Street and 105 Avenue) which also has a kitchen.

In order to have this party happen, all facets of the community will be required to contribute resources, time, and personnel.

Kim will pursue this project with respect the venue, support from the community, and plans.

Kim moved that \$400 be allocated for this event. Seconded by Laurelie. Carried. **Financial support will be requested from other community organizations.**

Monthly Reports

Treasurer

Trish reported the income from the October dance was higher than in previous years. She also presented the current bank reconciliation. Womonspace is well situated for the future.

Trish has sent an email to Country 9 in Bashaw regarding the booking of July 16, 17, and 18, 2010.

The Hellenic Hall contact is Gus (this could be temporary).

Trish suggested posting the Board Meeting Agenda to the website so that members can come to the meeting and contribute if they wish to do so. **This info will be relayed to Diane by Colleen.**

Thanks to Trish for many years of great service!!

All other portfolio reports were covered during the course of the meeting.

Next Board Meetings

December 6, 2009, 10:30 am, Edmonton Pride Centre (tentative; meeting will occur if required)
January 3, 2010, 10:30 am, Edmonton Pride Centre

Adjournment

Cindy (Tig) moved adjournment at 12:25 pm.