

**Womonspace Board Meeting
Sunday, October 4, 2009
Edmonton Pride Centre, 10:30 am
9540 111 Avenue, Edmonton, AB**

Present: Colleen, Trish, Kim, Diane, Ann, Laurelie
Regrets: Joclyan, Lori, Linda
Guest: Anne

Call to Order

Colleen called the meeting to order at 10:47 am.

Adoption of Agenda

Items added: November pool tournament, Santa's Anonymous, Edmonton Food Bank, Security, and Board update. Diane moved to adopt the agenda as revised. Seconded by Kim. Carried.

Adoption of Minutes

Laurelie moved to adopt the minutes as presented. Seconded by Ann. Carried. **[Website address will be added to letterhead.]**

Old Business

Items Carried Forward from September Board Meeting

Colleen will email Mychol re Tits & Mitts trophy storage.

Colleen will draft a letter to be sent to various organizations regarding the proposal of finding volunteers from other organizations for some of our functions in return for a percentage of the profit at dances.

September 12 Dance

A filming crew from CBC attended to obtain some footage for a documentary that will be aired in 2010. A memo regarding this was sent to the membership in advance so that people were aware this was happening.

The dance netted a small profit for Womonspace.

AGM and October Dance

DJ Lori has been booked. Eileen and Bernice will tend the bar.

If the proposed changes to the Bylaws are approved at the AGM, Colleen will contact the Government of Alberta Corporate Registry to obtain approval there.

Annual reports are due from all Board members by October 15 and need to be sent electronically to Diane. [Kim has already completed hers. Brava!]

Diane will email Lori regarding her annual report. Colleen will contact Joclyan regarding the Vice President's annual report.

Three people have expressed interest in joining the Board: Liza as Membership Director, Laurel as Vice President, and Charlene as Treasurer.

Nominations will be accepted for those and three other positions: Volunteer Coordinator, Public Relations, and Marketing.

Deirdre will chair the AGM. **Colleen will meet with Deirdre to review the Womonspace AGM Agenda and events of the evening.**

Laurelie will check to see if the AGM minutes need to include a record of changeover of signing authorities. [This is a good practice that simplifies things at the bank.]

Kim moved that the following policy be used for future signing authorities:

Policy: Any Board Member with bank signing authority will be required to have a criminal record check. (Womonspace will pay any fees incurred.)

Seconded by Trish. Carried.

Volunteers are required for the morning set up and decorating. [Laurelie volunteered Claire and her own self.]

Volunteers who work at the door/membership table at dances need to check the current membership list for verification of their entry price.

A second person volunteering for security duty will be maintained.

Trish will issue a cheque to Anne for food and supplies for both the AGM and the Dance.

2010 Proposed Events Schedule

January	Skating Party	date TBD
February	Valentines Dance	Feb 13
March	Pool Tournament/Games Night	March 19
April	Spring Fling	Apr 10
	<i>No silent auction; silent auction will be held every second year, providing that enough volunteers will share the work load.</i>	
May	Volunteer Appreciation Night	May 7
	<i>Venue will be determined, depending on availability.</i>	
June	Pride Dance	see below
July	Carol Cattell Classic Golf Tournament	July 16, 17, 18
August	Pool Tournament/Games Night	Aug 20
September	Fall Dance	Sept 25
October	AGM and Dance	Oct 23
November	Pool Tournament/Games Night	Nov 19
December	Festive Dinner and Dance	Dec 11

Trish will check for availability of the Country Nine Golf Course and Wagon Wheel camping facility.

Kim will check with Prism regarding availability for March 19, August 20, and November 19, 2010.

Colleen will confirm the availability of Bellevue Hall for February 13, April 10, September 25, October 23, and December 11, 2010.

Pride Dance

Trish moved that the budget for Pride will include small gifts for the people that provide the loan of a trailer for the float and the generator for the float. Seconded by Laurelie.

Discussion centred on the setting of precedence. A policy will be developed to require an itemized budget for every event to cover all situations, e.g. food, gas, rentals, supplies, water, small gifts in return for donations that save Womonspace money.

N.B. Itemized budgets are already in place for the golf tournament and dances. **This motion was tabled.**

Further discussion revolved around the merits of having the Womonspace Pride Dance during the second weekend of Pride to alleviate the madness of the first weekend when both the Pride Parade and Pride on the Square happen. In the past, the Womonspace Pride Dance has been the first Saturday of Pride and in years when there was one, the Pride Dance has been the second Saturday.

Colleen will approach Sandi regarding having the Womonspace Dance on June 19.

Trish will check with the Hellenic Hall regarding availability of both June 12 and June 19.

Festive Dinner and Dance

Advance tickets will be distributed to Prism, Earth's General Store, and Board Members. The prices will remain the same as 2008 (Bruce has indicated that his price will be unchanged): \$25 for Womonspace members, \$30 for non members, with \$5 being refunded to volunteers after their work is done. Bruce has also been asked to provide a turkey snack for the 10:30 buffet.

All attendees will be asked to bring a donation for the food bank.

New Business

Sound System

Kim informed the Board regarding the horrid condition of the CD dual tray player that is used with our sound system. She also stated that she could obtain a brand new one for a reduced price. Laurelie moved that \$250 be allocated for the purchase of a new CD dual tray player. Seconded by Colleen. Carried. **Kim will purchase this item before the October dance.**

November Pool Tournament

Kim asked for the support of the Board for this event, since it is the first one that she has organized her own self. She also asked that all attendees bring a new unwrapped gift for a kid for donation to Santa's Anonymous.

Board Update

Trish has decided to step down as treasurer of Womonspace after five years of great service. [Thank you, Trish! You will be missed.]

Monthly Reports

Treasurer

Colleen and Trish reported a strange billing system that TELUS is using for our account.

Colleen will check with TELUS regarding increasing the monthly automatic limit that was set for our telephone bill.

Diane will contact TELUS regarding either changing the phone book address or eliminating it altogether.

Womonspace is in good financial shape because of good management, good recordkeeping, and exceptional fiscal responsibility.

It was suggested that a change jar be placed at or near the ticket table at dances for the purpose of collecting funds for a donation to the Matthew Shepard Foundation. This met with approval.

All other Board updates were covered during the course of the meeting.

Next Board Meeting

November 1, 2009, 10:30 am, Edmonton Pride Centre

Adjournment

Laurelie moved that the meeting be adjourned at 12:37. Seconded by Ann. Carried.