

**Womonspace
September Board Meeting
Sunday, September 7, 2008
Edmonton Pride Centre, 10:30 am**

Present: Trish, Jenn, Kim, Colleen, Ann, Lori, me (Laurelie)
Not Present: Cindy, Diane, Joclyan

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 10:48 am by Colleen.

Adoption of Agenda

Laurelie moved that the Agenda be adopted as amended [Add 5(d) Unity Dance 2009; 5(e) The Box/Storage; 5(f) Pride 2008; 5(g) Liquor Prices; 5(h) Womynspace Calgary]. Seconded by Lori. Carried.

Adoption of Minutes

Laurelie moved that the minutes from the April meeting be adopted as amended [remove editorial comment from September 13th]. Seconded by Colleen. Carried.

Old Business

Golf Tournament

Generally, the Carol Cattell Classic was a great success. As a result of the sale of mulligans, \$190 was collected. Half of this was designated as a donation to the Cross Cancer Institute in memory of Carol Cattell. **Trish will send a cheque for \$95 to the Cross Cancer Institute.**

Ideas to Consider for future golf tournaments:

- * The Bashaw Country 9 golf course will be approached for some significant support regarding donation of prizes, pricing of food, and cleaning and maintenance of outdoor toilets in the campground.
- * Lunch tickets will be distributed to limit food intake so that the division of food is more equitable.
- * Have readily available first aid in case of accidents/injuries.
- * Add some prizes that are appropriate for children.

Jenn will look into other possible venues.

Laurelie will provide names of the missing sponsors to Diane for inclusion in the next newsletter.

The golf committee will meet during the week of September 15 to discuss location and future plans.

Games Night – August 15th

Much of the discussion revolved around the pool tournament. There were concerns regarding slow play which caused the tournament to be excessively long. Other than the pool tournament, only a few other games were played.

September 13th Dance

Liquor has been acquired and is ready for the event. **Kim, Lori, and Colleen will coordinate the transport of supplies from 12:30 to 2:30 on Saturday afternoon.** Wristbands will be used to make sure we are within the limits of the hall capacity. These have been prepared by Colleen [Thanks!]

Set up for the dance will be from 7:00 to 8:00 Saturday evening. Belly dancing demonstration and instruction will be offered from 8:00 to 9:00.

Lorie will DJ the dance. The speaker stands will be ready by September 13th.

Two bartenders will be working at the bar, Eileen and Bernice. Lori moved that they be paid \$10 per hour (cash) plus tips. Seconded by Colleen. Carried.

Most volunteer slots have been filled. However, Rovers are still needed for the 11:30 to 12:30 shift; additional people for the Tear Down crew are required, as well as Food Clean Up.

Colleen will create a poster regarding outside liquor: No outside liquor in – No inside liquor out. People who cannot abide by this policy will have their drinks confiscated and be asked to leave. **Lori will be the diligent checker.**

Jenn will generate a list of people that have volunteered to make sure that the volunteer registry is complete.

Anne H. has offered to be the grocery procurement volunteer and set-up coordinator for food at the dances. **Trish will go with Anne to purchase the food for the September dance.** As was the case for the June dance, \$200 has been budgeted for food. **Colleen and Trish will coordinate the acquisition of plates, bowls, and platters.**

The decorating theme is multicoloured psychedelic. Candice, Rosa, and Sarah will assist with the setup and decorating at 7:00 pm. **Kim will hang our Womospace banner in the hall.**

The serial numbers of the DJ Equipment will be recorded for reclamation purposes. **Lori will check with Jenn regarding insurance coverage.**

October 25th AGM and Halloween Dance

The AGM will begin at 7:00 pm and continue until 8:30.

Norma (past president) was approached regarding being the Guest Chairperson for the AGM but is not available. **Kim will ask Deborah and/or Ann to fill this role.**

At the September 13 dance, Lori will announce the AGM and the vacant volunteer coordinator position (about 10 pm).

The By-Laws will be checked regarding transferring the responsibilities of the Activities Director to a volunteer (Kim). If a change in By-Laws is required, this will be addressed at the AGM. **Colleen will check the by-laws regarding this and if necessary, contact Laurelie regarding a notice of motion to be emailed to the membership before September 24.**

Trish will find two auditors to do the audit for the year-end financial statement.

The Halloween Dance will be a costumed affair, with prizes for the most outstanding costumes. **Colleen will prepare a poster regarding this event. Lori will again be the diligent checker.**

Board Positions

A complete slate for board positions will be presented at the AGM. The one exception is Volunteer Coordinator/Director. **Laurelie will approach Claire regarding this position.** [She has declined.]

New Business

Edmonton Vocal Minority Valentine's Event

This event will be held in February 2009 at the Hellenic Hall. **Colleen will contact Kirk to let him know that Womospace is interested in cosponsoring the function. She will also ask him if the hall has been booked and if there is a booking deposit required.**

Trish will review her records regarding the division of funds from our last joint venture and contact Kirk regarding EVM's financial expectations.

November 21st Games Night at Prism

Regarding the excessive length of the tournament, several possible solutions were offered.

- * The November 21 tournament will consist of only one game (reduced from three).
- * **Kim will approach Prism regarding adding a second bartender and a waitress to reduce lineups at the bar.**
- * **Lori will write an article for the November newsletter regarding the tournament.**

Lori proposed a singles Womospace pool tournament for some time in the future. An entry fee would provide the money for cash prizes. This will be discussed after November 21st.

December 13 Christmas Dinner and Dance

Kim will check with Lorie to confirm her availability to DJ the Christmas Dance.

Colleen will contact Bruce regarding catering the Dinner and obtain a price quote. In order to cover the increased costs of supplies and labour, a \$5 price increase will be levied on all tickets. **Lori will contact Linda if Bruce is not available** [now not necessary: Bruce is available and interested!]

Unity Dance 2009

At the Unity Dance during Pride 2008, many people were turned away because Bellevue Hall had reached full capacity. The board discussed the possibility of using a larger venue. Is the

larger space worth the extra money, work, and time? For example, the Hellenic Hall charges \$1500 rent (2007 price) plus renters are expected to clean up.

Trish will contact the Hellenic Hall to find out if there is a cleaning service associated with the hall that we can hire. Alternatively, she will ask whether it is an option for us to do the cleaning on Sunday. Trish will also do some research regarding hiring an independent cleaning service.

The 2009 Unity Dance will be held on Saturday, June 13.

Storage Solutions

Kim will speak to Neil regarding his expectations for Womospace's storage situation.

Pride 2008

The Womospace float won first prize and \$200 for the entry in the Pride Parade. Heaps of thanks to Kim (especially) and her crew for putting together such a great representation of our association.

The Unity Dance was once again a very successful function, attended by a large Prideful group.

Drink Prices

Drink prices were discussed. Given the expenses that are incurred for events like this by organizations of our size, it was the consensus of the board members present that the prices are entirely appropriate.

Womynspace

Laurelie will investigate the nature of this sister organization in Calgary.

Future Events

A proposal was made to have an outdoor games day with activities appropriate for families (softball, soccer, etc). Perhaps this could be combined with a joint function with Womynspace Calgary.

Monthly Reports

Financial Report

Colleen/Trish will check with Springboard printing regarding our newsletter costs. We are having fewer newsletters printed, but the price is not becoming smaller.

A \$75 advertisement was placed in the Fringe Program in conjunction with the show presented by Sherri D. Sutton. Womospace was also mentioned at Prism when Sherri gave an encore performance on September 5.

Other Reports

Other business from other directors was discussed in Old and New Business.

Next Board Meeting

Sunday, October 5, 10:30 am, Pride Centre

Adjournment

Ann moved adjournment at 1:14 pm.