

SCMN Pride Meeting, Pub 500
Minutes Jan. 30, 2007

Present: Jessica F., Abe A, Stacy, Brad F, Paul F., Buffy, Deirdre, Susan, Dina, Maria, Jamie, Christal, Lori A., Rhea, Jen M., Laurie W.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 13th, 6:30 p.m. Pub 500

1. Welcome new members, introductions, Christal takes over as secretary
website update: Lori and Jess have worked on getting control of the website.
Bandshell: \$250 (Thanks Deirdre!)

2. Pride dance update
 - scheduling and logistics
 - publicity committee update

Posters:

Local schools, churches, and work from Abe's list as well as handouts at various locations. Outfront, HRC, Lavender, Pride list, Myspace, general press release. Jessica has volunteered to create the poster.

Next meeting: Regular meeting, disperse posters (get them up by the 17th of Feb.) Those who wish can post as a group.

Jessica, Maria, and Deirdre: Will write Dance press release and make contact with local churches.

Dance will be 8-Midnight

Paul will contact Mirage (Abe and Mirage are the reigning SCMN Pride King and Queen. Hopefully they will be willing to perform.)

Staffing the dance: SAGE participants, perhaps?
Check with the bar about checking ID's.

Prizes? Trivia Questions? Dance contest?

Maria: Breaks should be short. Keep up the dance momentum.

Rhea: List of songs? What do we want to hear? Shifting music?

Dina: DJ is willing to meet with us/accept a playlist for the dance.

Come with 3-5 songs to suggest at the next meeting.

3. Film festival—any update?

Deirdre & Lori: Would like to show "Fabulous," a documentary, a series of shorts, and a feature film.

Susan: Has not yet heard back from Nate.

Lori: Projector info. (\$200) In the process of screening movies

4. Grant opportunities: Susan, Christal, Deirdre, Jessica, Rhea, Jamie, Dina, Maria, Stacy
Susan: Arcus Fund (two funds) Gay and Lesbian Fund, local and national projects, not community outside of Michigan.

Christal: Colin Higgins foundation; may have youth focus 13-24; letter of inquiry required (online possible); rural organizations encouraged to apply; historically underprivileged populations; link lgbt youth; accepting letters Mon, Apr 2, 2007 thru June 29; proposals due October; 5-25,000

Deirdre: Elliot Matthews

Jessica: Ford Foundation, grant recipients: lgbt, few that seemed to go to lgbt organizations. None that went to community prides. International grants. Odds are slim. Seem to be too big for us.

Rhea: Funding Exchange—16 funding orgs ranging from arts to international youth; OutFund focuses on lgbt communities; must be organized & led by rural; avg grant around 10,000; supports radical projects to achieve social justice; due March 1 or so (don't have 2007 details yet)

Jamie: J & Rose Phillips, high amount grants,

Dina: Pfund, Sept. 15th due date, guidelines, nondiscrimination.

Maria: Overbrook Foundation, LOI- by request grant forms; could be too big for us

Stacy: will let us know next time

Lori will send more grant opportunities to Jamie, Rhea, Jen, Stacy, Jessica, Dina, Maria

5. Fundraising—Phil?

6. Other business—suggestions, ideas, fun

Festival: Jessica is coordinating stage; 3 different agents have contacted her with artists on the “pride circuit”; really cool that bands are contacting us; we need to start planning the stage; Gosh Alice Jones is retired and is only making agreeing to performances

Community Action Training by Outfront Minnesota, Feb 6 at MSU CSU 201 6-8 pm; purpose: training on how to be an effective educator & communicator on lgbt issues in the community

Rhea is volunteering to coordinate parade this year; Abe will help

Laurie W: Chapter of Minnesota Council of Nonprofits forming in town; Maria will attend information meeting Thursday morning