

Agenda

Pride Committee 2/13/07, Pub 500

1. Welcome new members, introductions

attendance: Jamie M., Jen M., Abe, Paul F., Deirdre R., Leah, Jessica F., Lori A., Rhea W., Brad F., Anna H., Steph, Phil V., Alex, Melana

Announcements: Angels in America at MSU opens next week, 2/22/07

Christal had to step down as secretary for SCMN Pride.

JEN M. WILL TAKE OVER AS SECRETARY! THANK YOU JEN!

2. Pride dance update

- distribute posters and flyers • who will post where?

St Peter locations—Rhea and Jennie K. (Leah will post at church)

MSU covered

S Central—Dina

Bethany—Paul

Bars—Paul Pub 500

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Coffee houses, including the Hub, intajuce, noodles staff room—Maria

Grocery stores—Jamie

Bowling alleys—Dina

Friendly churches—Abe

Tattoo parlors—Jamie

Barnes & Noble, wine store—Dina

Other dance items: Dina has DJ contract; ID issue: Pride will check IDs, bartenders will card; email song list ideas to <http://www.extremesoundandlight.com>; find a way to get data on dance attendance (email, contact info); Rhea taking sign up for table shifts (at least two staffers at all times)—she will distribute to all who signed up; decorations: balloons from SLDSL, will be sorted out at next meeting

3. Film festival—any update? Subcommittee meeting next week

4. Minnesota Council of Nonprofits: Maria reports on south central chapter kickoff event

Maria went to the South Central Chapter of MN council of non-profits. They talked about the council and what it provides...she learned a lot. Her focus today is if we want to become a member...sliding scale \$0---200,000.00 (lowest bracket) 50\$ year to be a member of the council. Keeps us informed with publications, they advocate for non-profits...Maybe we could contact them and ask for 1st year of membership free, or would

we like to spend 50\$...Phil says they are great. They give out great ideas for fundraising, etc. They offer a brownbag lunch series at Blue Earth historical society...once per month. The groups there were very large groups...we were the small fish in the pond...she learned about grant writing.

Maria would like to try getting a free year first...considering our small budget.

Keep in mind that if we vote we are interested enough to go to the meetings...they happen every other Friday.

Jessica and Deirdre could go thru the handouts to make sure that they are following the guidelines according to the law...

Vote on whether we would like to pay \$50 for yearly membership.

Phil Voight has someone that wants to give \$500 per year for 5 years, plus an extra 50 for the membership. So, we are pretty much covered.

*Maria thinks it would be beneficial...if it doesn't seem helpful, we won't renew

VOTE: Motion carries...one abstained.

Maria will submit for payment. She will see if she can get it for free.

Thank you Maria.

The Website is not live yet, but it should be live in the next week. Thank you Lori!!!

Lori singed up for MCN brownbag on July 13, websites and technology

5. Grant opportunities: Jamie, Rhea, Jen, Stacy, Jessica, Dina, Maria—tabled

6. Fundraising? Phil discussed fundraising ideas for a campaign; what kind of org are we—do we want members or money? Not necessarily connected. Grassroots or elite strategy? How to have it both ways: approach big money people to be charter members (say for \$500). We need a vision statement for why we need big dollars now (if we had \$x, we could do y, etc.).

7. Other business—suggestions, ideas, fun, next meeting: Feb 27, 6:30, Pub 500

Jessica said that we will need to kick festival planning into higher gear; big stuff is already done; need to start planning bands, music, tents, vendors, food (e.g., save the date reminders); OutFront told us that a queer group in Fairmont has started meeting—and they first met each other at OUR Pridefest!