



Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 7.31.2007

Attendance: Maria B., Rhea W., Lori A., Brad F., Courtney B., Jeff J., Kelly B., Dina Z., Abe A., Jessica F., Deirdre R., Paul F., Alex M., and Brandon

(no set agenda)

Paul has contact info to get our press release on Ch. 12 (the community channel). Jan Ellenson - fax: 625-5745; phone: 625-7905. She needs the info asap.

Friday Night Kickoff (Sept. 7) - Pub500 will have an earlier start time for the Friday Night Kick-off event. It will officially end at 10pm. The band/performer (TBA) will start around 8pm (approximately) and will go until 10:00pm. This is an all ages welcome event, but after 10pm, the bar has a previously scheduled band (not affiliated with the festival) that will perform starting at 10. All other details are still being worked out.

Drag Contest - Contestants are limited to fit the 40 minutes available in our schedule on Sat. Sept 8. We will honor last year's king and queen to be judges in this years contest.

Stage Line-up -

Gosh Alice Jones is confirmed as our Mistress of Ceremonies. (!)

Two Bit Jugglers are confirmed to help out in between acts

Acts include:

Minnesota Freedom Band,
Blue Velveata,
Sick of Sarah,
Ocho,
and Sister Gin

Fundraising - We need to seek out donations for our fundraiser/give-away tickets.

Volunteers - Needed for:

- Parade
- Help Jean Tretter set up history collection
- Festival set up.
- Watch over festival area during parade
- Dance
- Etc.

Sound Guy - Pat G. \$500

Bandshell - \$250 this year but will be \$500 next.

Jean Tretter - Kelly B. contacted him about being at our festival. He can make it. Needs string to tie up the poster boards and a volunteer to help.

- He still needs a ride down to Mankato on Saturday morning and a ride back to Minneapolis after the festival. Kelly will help coordinate this, with Brad F. Perhaps an exhibitor from Minneapolis could help.

Dance - 8:00pm-12:00pm at the VFW Morson-Ario

We discussed the possibility of having go-go dancers at the dance. Paul would coordinate. Overall, we decided it was too much of a liability for us.

So far, we have 11 vendors signed up.

Mayoral Proclamation -

This years festival is dedicated to the LGBT Center for its 30-year anniversary.

- Instead of having one person accept the dedication, Jessica suggested having multiple students from past and present go up and accept it, as well as project the video from the anniversary dinner into the bandshell, if possible.
- Also, have a television playing the video on repeat near the Tretter Collection.

Maps to the festival and of the parade route will be up on the website.

Jessica will create a press release, highlighting the stage line-up and the beer gardens.

SAGE has decided to focus on outreach/interaction with the crowd instead of selling iced-pops.

Next Meetings:

August 7th at Pub500, 6:30pm

August 14th

August 28th

September 4th

Finally, we discussed the date of the next dance for this fall. We decided to try for October 27th, in celebration of Halloween.

- Dina will call the VFW and talk to the DJ. Thanks Dina!