

Meeting Aug 16, 2006. Abe, Dina, Susan, Mat, Deirdre, Julie, Lori, Rhea,, Lila, Jess, Maria, Jamie (New Grad Assistant w/ LGBTC). James could not make the meeting.

Vendors & Announcements: We have received many vendor forms in the PO Box. Unfortunately they have mostly been return/wrong addresses. We may have to get on the phone to contact vendors or research correct addresses. September 4th is the early registration date, so it will be good to remind people that they have just over two weeks until early registration. Deirdre brings news of "a cute queerish person in St. Peter" who is starting up a GSA, granted free access to booth/parade. Julie B. will coordinate with the other Vendor people to make sure setup is prepared.

Parade: Approval for the forms are going forward and appear to be in one of the final stages of final approval. All things look good. Rhea is about ready to contact people to participate in the parade and is getting a list of people from Deirdre. Abe is contacting someone to get a hold of a wagon that we might use to craft our own SCMN Pride float. If that contact fails, we can likely contact McGowan again to see if we could borrow one of his. All we'd need to do is get together on a single day to throw something together. Party Parade Day? Other things... Contacting Shane for the Cheer Dorothy Cheer Parade happiness and Brian seems excited to participate with the Queer Dodgeball Team. Abe is continuing to track down Parade Volunteers. (Rhea promises she'll have SAGE ready to volunteer for the festival.)

Food: No updates on the food vendors yet, but the forms just went out. So we are optimistic so far, but are preparing to need to call people just in case in the near future.

T-Shirts: Jess ordered the shirts and they will be done September 1st. We will still be doing the Tie-Dye fun, and all shirts need to be soaked beforehand. Anyone interested in helping will need to help prepare to soak the shirts the Friday before the festival. Deirdre names this the "Gay Prep Day."

Poster: Jess put together a great looking purple-hued 11x17" poster with the information for Pridefest. She will have more prepared for printing, but she asks that everyone looks at the posters and e-mails her ideas/thoughts before the next meeting. Suggestion: Put the website on the page and also include a contact/accommodation name/number. Deirdre & Jess will continue talking about the disability/accommodation needs.

LGBTC Donations: Due to policy complications, the LGBTC cannot donate the \$500 for the DJ, but can supply donations towards other merchandise and the like. The Center will be supplying finances for

Fundraising & Raffles: Phil has contacted Maria and confirms that the Fundraising Party is on. It will need to be arranged sometime in early September. He is due back on the 20th and we can connect with him then to affirm more details, but he does confirm (with enthusiasm) that the Fundraising Party is still on. Maria also agreed to be the point person as far as the organization for Raffle Prizes.

The Wednesday before the Festival (Sept. 13th), we will be meeting in the LGBTTC for poster making and other Gay Prep Day things.

Remember: NEXT Wednesday, August 23 rd, we are meeting at Sibley Park for the meeting, not the Hag