

GLBT In Recovery Executive Committee Meeting

April 16, 2008, 8:00 PM

Attendees:

Nicky Simon from Pride
Brentt F
Tim B
Zeke D
Layne
Chuck J
Chris M
Michael B
Emily N
Brad C
Erik A
Tony M
Matthew E

Meeting Minutes:

Old Business:

Website Billing Update, Erik A

Erik A reported that website hosting is now done through debit card and no paper billing hassles, etc. He added that after Minnesober, we'll be paying for 2 years in advance, providing a better cost value.

GLBT In Recovery Historical Update, Tony M

Tony M came to the meeting and brought a crate of GLBT in Recovery historical documents. He also made himself available for questions. Tony made mention that there's many more historical information that should be put onto the website. He applauded the high attendance number at the meeting – noting it was awesome that we have this much involvement. Brad C took the crate and is going to laminate some of the contents.

Gopher State Update, Brad C

Brad C came to the meeting to talk about Gopher State. Last year he chaired the event. Brad brought a proposed budget to present for this year. He talked about the importance of just having a presence at Gopher State to be a place to be to welcome newcomers. Brad has volunteered to chair the event again but he needs help to chair subcommittees to handle food, beverages, greeters, etc. This year decorations are a big issue – using symbolism identifying a group, etc upset many people last year as a violation of traditions.

Brad C will be the rep who checks into the hotel.

Brad C will use his credit card for the security authorization from the hotel.

Erik A, treasurer, has already sent a check to hotel for \$586. Budget is a total of \$1225. Erik says that we cannot go over budget in order to leave enough money for Minnesober. This will leave us with \$1,700 before any fundraising that occurs between now and Minnesober.

Nicky Simon asks how Pride was involved last year? She thought that there was involvement. Brad says that a donation would be okay. Brad said that we could not advertise for Pride. Nicky asks if there was a sign that simply said that "such and such was provided by Pride Institute." Brad is going to investigate possible ways how Pride Institute would be able to contribute and still be recognized for it.

Motion to have Brad and Nicky take the topic offline. Motion passed.

Minnesober Update, Emily N

Tim B is the new co-chair.

At a recent meeting they elected all remaining committee chair positions. Emily will email the executive committee a list of the chairs so that we can post it on the site for people to contact, etc.

They are in the process of electing a new fundraising chair – this is a new position. They are going to have a garage sale this year, as last years made \$500. Other fundraising ideas thus far include a car wash, 5k drag race, silent auction, etc.

Tim B put together a preliminary budget to forecast the actual needs and asked about revenue stream sources – i.e. How much money came in through registrations vs. the silent auction, etc. Emily N said she would check with Nancy about last year's. Tony will follow-up with Tim after the meeting if he finds old budgets, as he served as the GLBT In Recovery treasurer for many years.

The venue is going to be Park House this year, but aiming to find a new place for next year.

Spring Fling Event Update, Brentt F

Brentt F brought flyers to hand out for distribution at meetings, etc.

Brentt asked about the budget and its ability to accommodate outdoor seating. Erik A says we don't have the money to lease or buy outdoor seating. Brad C suggests asking MCC to borrow chairs and tables from them. Michael B will follow-up with MCC.

Pride Institute is supplying all food. All we need to do is get beverages and ice.

Brentt says we also need an audio system. Erik suggests pride's system in the gym. Brentt will follow-up with Nicky Simon.

We have speakers, food, and they're working on entertainment.

They need volunteers.

Halloween Event Update, Michael B

Michael B had a question about when he needs to have the budget into the committee for approval. Consensus is as soon as possible. The sooner it comes in, the easier planning will be for Michael B.

Michael B asks about a ballpark figure – is \$1,000 okay? Consensus is yes, at a max.

Erik notes that previous years budgets are on the website for viewing.

Lavender Article Update, Layne

Layne is still planning on writing the article, but she's suffering from a brain tumor. She'd still like to do it, but depending on her prognosis, she may not be able to. Currently operating under the assumption that she will be writing the article.

She's spoken to Lavender about publishing it, but they won't approve it because it's so far out.

New Business:

Website Emails Inquiries

Dan asks about general emails inquiries on the website because Kevin B, webmaster, had forwarded an email to the committee requesting directions.

Erik suggests referring them to a crisis line.

Dan talks about an assigned person that used to handle it.

Brentt suggests that we have a genErik email address that can be handed off.

Motion to create an email account for 3 month commitments. Motion passes.

Motion to add Pride's number and Intergroup's number to website. Motion passes.

Brentt volunteers to man the email account. Dan will create email account and send to Brentt and Kevin for website use.

Motion to require 1 year of sobriety to answer email. Motion passes.

Donations

Steve Dwyer requests a letter requesting a donation for various donors. Zeke has agreed to write the letter and deliver it to Steve.

Meeting consensus is to have everyone try to seek out an accountant in the program to see about attaining non-profit status in order to enable donations to come in.

Pride Weekend

Nicky Simon has a question about Pride weekend. Pride Institute is working on the Lavender tobacco organization to put on an event over the weekend. Bowling

involved. 30 minutes of programming. Tobacco Free Living. Her question to the group is, "Do you want to be involved?" Group says absolutely and thank you. Nicky will email Zeke to follow-up.

Motion to adjourn. Motion passed.