

UVic Pride Collective Meeting Minutes - September 10th 2014

1. Acknowledgement of the Territories
 2. Safer Spaces
 3. Round of Names
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4. Updates

1. SSD Sexuality and Disability Event on September 17th
 2. We have so many events in September who hoo! Thursday Sex Toy Bingo, Friday Open House and Saturday Crafternoon!
 3. Workstudy postings are up, please apply!
 4. Volunteer Program is up, let us know if you're interested in volunteering for us!
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5. Approval for Vivek Shraya Book Launch Budget

- Pride has already committed to co-sponsoring the book launch event, and we're not just coming back to approve a budget for the event. The planning group is looking at booking the Amrosia Conference Centre to hold the event on September 23rd. Vivek Shraya is a well known queer artist of colour from Toronto, and his debut novel is called "She of the Mountains". The idea for the event is to ask Vivek hold a writing workshop earlier in the day for QT2IPOC folks. Then have food provided for the workshop participants. Then have the main book launch and QT2IPOC art showcase open to the public. Vivek will launch his book and do readings and a visual display, and then local performance artists will be invited to take the stage, and then an open mic portion. Finally, the room will be opened up to a visual art showcase where folks can roam and look at local artists work while refreshments and food is served. The planning group is seeking a \$3000 budget. \$1500 for the venue and food, \$1000 for the honorarium, and \$500 for travel reimbursements for out of town artists (vancouver). This is a rough budget, and expenses may fluctuate.

DISCUSSION

- Into it! Pride has already committed to co-sponsoring the event and we are the most well funded out of the other organizations, so we should be paying for the majority of the event. We have the means to!
 - Into it. I don't know much about Vivek, but it sounds like a really cool event.
 - This sounds really cool, I hope I can make it.
 - It's really important this work is shown and highlighted!
 - Im confused with the budget, why are you asking for a \$1500 for venue and food if the estimated costs provided from Ambrosia are more than that?
 - It's just an informal budget to round out numbers. The honorarium is \$1000 because

Vivek has asked for a \$500 honorarium, but because we are asking for a writing workshop as well, the budget is \$1000. Most likely Vivek will only ask for like, \$200, so there's leeway room in each of the budget lines in case we go over, and for taxes. Does that make sense?

- Not really, but I'm OK with it, just next time if you could have the budget more exact that'd be good.

ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus, collective approves \$3000 budget for Vivek Book launch and QT2IPOC showcase.

6. Sponsorship request for Lydia Brown

- A UVic student has asked us to co-sponsor an invitation for Lydia Brown, a queer woman of colour with a disability. She will be speaking in Bellevue and there has been a request to invite her up here to speak. Letter for sponsorship was handed out.

DISCUSSION

- I don't really know who this is. I support having really rad folks, but no idea what this person's work looks like.

- Looks like a lot of orgs have been contacted but no reply yet from who is also co-sponsoring.

- Maybe we should revisit in a week and give folks the ability to look at the Lydia's work and see if it's something that we want to do

ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Send out more information about Lydia so that folks can see her work before we make a decision at the next collective meeting

6. Support Letter for Yes 2SCS

- Since we've launched our harm reduction initiative, just wondering if folks would be into writing a letter of support to Yes2SCS?

DISCUSSION

- Yeah, totally into it!

- Totally into it!

- Whoo hoo!

ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Working group or start the letter online. Pride will write a letter of support!

Meeting Adjourned