

UVic Pride Annual Meeting Minutes - October 22, 2014

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

- 1.) Board Update
 - Ask Cal for updates
 - 2.) Workstudy Hiring
 - We have hired a new resource coordinator and are in the process of setting up training
 - 3.) Book Club
 - Book club is meeting this week on Thursday who hoo!
 - 4.) MOGI Group
 - MOGAI Group is also meeting who hoo! Contact coordinators for more info.
 - 5.) Queer Youth Collaboration in Victoria
 - We have been invited to collaborate on a queer/trans youth programming and a drop in space for folks in the region. Members from various organizations are getting together to talk about this. The coordinators have been attending meetings - if you're interested in getting involved, plz contact them!
 - 6.) AGM - We had our AGM last week! Welcome new coordinators :)
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5. Blanket Fort Party with Advocacy Groups

- WC is planning a blanket for party for the other advocacy groups to have fun with each other! The intent is to also gather blankets etc. for donation to PEERS. Are we interested in supporting this?

DISCUSSION

- Interested!
- Interested in attending, but not organizing.
- What exactly are they asking for? Us to bring blankets and stuff?
- Do we want to donate to this event specifically or ask PEERS whether they would rather have a cash donaton? Maybe a cash donation would help them out better than us buying blankets we don't know are good or not.
- How about up to \$250?

ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus - donate up to \$250 for the event. Will contact PEERS first to see what would be more useful for them, either cash or blankets :)

5. Grace Islet Donation Refusal

- Our \$1000 donation we had committed to has been refused by UVSS execs and management. What do we want to do? What steps to take?

DISCUSSION

- There are many options, including taking this to a UVSS board meeting and having Cal put in a motion - that would be more public.
- How about we take incremental steps? Let's ask to set up meetings and communicate in person or by email why this is important to us, and why we see this as a donation that would benefit queer and trans folks. Then reevaluate and decide what actions to take from there?

ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus - coordinators to contact management and ask for a meeting and have discussions

6. Funding Request for Clothing Swap Extravaganza Event

- We are planning a clothing swap! There will be clothes, food, free haircutting, clothes alterations, live music and a bunch of games and crafting activities. Requesting \$700 budget from Pride to cover expenses (including haircutting supplies and board games)

DISCUSSION

- This sounds so cool!
- We should also make gifts for the people volunteering their time to cut hair etc.

ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus. Approve \$700 funding for event.

7. Funding Request for Games Night

- We wanna host a games night! Where folks can get together and play board games, cards, video games etc! We don't have a lot of board games in Pride, so asking \$200 to cover costs of purchasing some.

DISCUSSION

- Into it!

- So into it!

ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus on approving \$200 funding for games
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8. Queer/Trans Salsa Dancing Funding Request

- We wanna do salsa dancing! At UVic, we already have an instructor in mind. Need money for expenses and maybe an honorarium.

DISCUSSION

- Into it!
- What about that other queer tango group in town? They're inactive right now.
- Let's do it! We can book rooms in the SUB, it'll be awesome.

ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus - approve \$200 for queer/trans salsa dancing workshop/event thing.
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9. Divest Uvic Letter

- We've been asked by the UVSS external affairs director if we might be interested in doing a joint advocacy groups letter to endorse UVic divesting it's investments from tar sands. Do we wanna do this? What do we want letter to say?

DISCUSSION

- Yes, let's do it. But no capacity to help writing it. We should ask them to write it making sure they include things we want and then check it over before we sign on.
- Brainstorm of things to include in letter (ask coordinators for specifics)

ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- We will let Greg know what we want on the letter and that we will sign on if we can check it over once it's written.

10. Resources for Professors

- Some collective members have had terrible experiences with professors, do we want to do something around providing resources for them so that they're less shitty?

DISCUSSION

- Yes, we could maybe make a zine?
- That'd be cool! We could make a digital version that deans etc could send o ut.

- We were contacted by uvic student affairs a few years ago about making a video, maybe they would be intersted in helping us do this with funding or at least sending it out to faculty.
- Let's make a zine! Is anybody interested in facilitating a working group that will do this?
- Erica and Tom and Orillia?

ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- We will start making a zine for this! Erica, Tom and Orillia to co-facilitate and make sure it gets done.

Meeting Adjourned