

GLBTI Committee Meeting
September 11th, 2015
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Denver conference room, 1800 Grant St, Denver

Meeting Minutes

Attending: Troyann Gentile, Jaime Henthorn, Kenton Owsley, Rita Lee, Lindsay O’Connell, David Bondelevitch, Grace Wagner

On the Phone: Jan Gascoigne, Dionisia DeLaCerde

Introductions

Everyone attending introduced themselves. Troyann Gentile and Lindsay O’Connell formally welcomed Jan Gascoigne as a new member of the committee.

Student Grants

Last year two grants of \$500 each were given to two student groups to fund independent projects. The group from Boulder reported back on their project. However, PRISM, the group from the Anschutz campus, were unable to complete their proposed project. It was decided that the group would be given the option of either returning the money to the GLBTI Committee or proposing a new project. If they choose the latter, they would need to have a proposal turned into the committee by October 9th, so that the Committee may review it at that meeting. Lindsay will contact PRISM and inform them of their choices.

Symposium Speakers

Lindsay announced that all three speakers (Brenda Allen, Dara Hoffman Fox, and Dina Samuels) are confirmed for the symposium. They have been informed of the \$250 honorarium and seemed to respond positively.

Case Against 8

Kate Amend will not be able to attend the screening of the documentary and the Q&A session, and asked if one of the directors could come instead. Jaimie Henthorn suggested that she may be able to join via skype for the Q&A. Kenton Owsley suggested offering a \$250 honorarium if Kate Amend is able to join by skype. Troyann will contact Kate Amend to see if she would be willing to do that. She will inform the committee when she receives a reply. Troyann suggested that the screening of Case Against 8 be advertised separately from

the symposium to encourage a larger audience. Kenton will include a question on the registration form about whether or not people plan to attend the screening. The screening and Q&A will be free to attend. David Bondelevitch will contact Kate Amend for promotional materials. David brought up the question of whether or not they will need to pay a projectionist for the screening. Isabella was asked to look into that.

“Conversations that Matter” Symposium

Save-the-Date and Registration

The save-the-dates will be sent out on September 17th. It was suggested that a link to the registration site be included and asked Isabella to do that. Kenton confirmed that the registration site can be ready by that date. He also volunteered to create an outlook calendar event that he could add people to as they registered. It was decided that there will not be any short answer questions as part of the registration process. Instead, those questions will be included in an email sent after a participant registers. Kenton will remove the questions from the registration and compose the email with the questions to be sent later.

Parking

Parking will be waived.

Special Accommodations

Ed Cannon is working with Jesse to assess what would be involved in hiring an ASL interpreter for the symposium. The Disability Office can provide an interpreter, but the committee will be responsible for the cost. Troyann will send the basic information regarding times and locations for an interpreter to Ed so he can find out what the cost would be. Registration will be closed two weeks before the event, but that may not be enough time to for the Disability Office to find an interpreter. In that case, it was suggested that an interpreter could be found externally if there was a need. The question attached to registration and any wording regarding special accommodations should be vetted by the Disability Office.

Jaimie suggested putting a question on the registration form that would be required to register regarding any need for special accommodations.

Food



Cammie Kennedy is looking into food, but there is no update as of yet. Jaimie volunteered to look into the situation as well to assess the quantity and quality of what is available for the committee's budget of \$2500. She should be able to do this on Tuesday. There will be a continental breakfast (no hot plates), a box lunch, and refreshments for the Case Against 8 screening. David brought up the question of whether food is allowed in the screening room. Isabella was asked to look into that. The option of purchasing refreshments from Costco was also brought up and it was requested that Isabella look into whether or not that is an option.

Swag

Sunglasses have been purchased for the symposium. Isabella was asked to see if CU could provide notepads with the CU logo and pens.

Volunteers

Ed has contacted CU Denver's student group, SPECTRUM, who are interested in finding out more about the symposium. They may be interested in volunteering.

Twitter

Kenton advocated using Twitter again to encourage audience participation, but he will be unable to manage it himself since he will not be attending the symposium. It was agreed that Twitter should be used, including the option for anonymous questions from the audience. David volunteered to handle the set up and use of Twitter.

Fliers and Posters

Last year, the committee paid someone to create promotional materials for the symposium. The RAW files from that are still available and should only require minor editing for this year. Kenton volunteered to make those changes. Lindsay and Kenton agreed to speak after the meeting to arrange for Kenton to get the files and InDesign.

Budget Considerations

Lindsay calculated a tentative cost for the entire symposium (including speaker costs, printing, an ASL interpreter, swag, Case Against 8, food, hotel rooms, etc), estimating that the absolute maximum cost would be \$10,000, but the most likely cost will be \$6,000-7,000.

Art Exhibition

Jaimie informed the committee about the Day of Action on October 13th. There is an artist who is building an LGBTQI military archive and has an accompanying art exhibit composed of a featured video, 32 framed 2D works, two quilts, and short videos. The school is waiting on grant approval from MSU to cover the cost of bringing the artist in. Jaimie suggested that the GLBTI committee could act as a guarantor for the money. It seems likely that the grant will go through, but the money is needed beforehand. After much discussion, it was decided that if the artist is willing to allow a portion of the exhibit to remain and go on display at each of the campuses sequentially, the committee would be willing to act as a guarantor for the \$1800 required. A vote was taken in favor of the proposal and there were no objections. If the grant from MSU does not go through, it was suggested that the committee could write their own grant proposal. Jaimie volunteered to contact the artist to see if she would be willing to have a portion of the exhibit visit each campus. If the artist accepts, Jaimie also volunteered to physically transport the art from campus to campus. (Her millage will be reimbursed.) The question of sponsoring the artist was also brought up, but it was decided that they should wait to see if the grant goes through before committing any more funds. David suggested that Isabella should go ahead and check to see what that sort of line-item sponsorship would require. Jaimie will contact Kee Warner to see about displaying the art at UCCS.

Block Party

There is a block party next week. Kenton and Cammie will be attending. Lindsay will send Kenton the Save-the-Date graphic so he can print it off to give away at the block party.

Misc

Isabella will confirm that David Bondelevitch is on the mailing list for the committee.

Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:26 pm. The next meeting date will be October 9th, 2015 in the Denver Conference Room.