

Edmonton Pride Week Society General Meeting Minutes January 16

Meeting called to order 19:12

Minutes read by Rob, Anthony moves to accept, seconded by Marla carried.

Erin has resigned as female co-chair effective January 15. Joey suggests we advertise the position. Bill moves that we decide tonight, seconded by Ross. Carried. Call for nominations. Marla nominates Pam, seconded by Dennis. No other nominations. Pam is the new female co-chair.

Unfinished Business:

1. Bylaws

Omissions from last bylaws to be rectified.

- A) Glen moves, seconded by Ross, that a "member can be expelled if a majority of 75% percent at a general meeting feel that said Member has failed to contribute to the goals and objectives of the Society". Carried.
- B) Bill moves, seconded by Dennis that 14 days notice be given for an AGM.
- C) Marla moves, seconded by Neil, that any Executive member shall have access to the society's seal.

Rob to make changes and have updated bylaws ready for signing by the end of this weekend.

2. Website

Rob to get Moonfyre to email Marsha Re. DNS transfer for website and get chop-chopping on putting the website together.

Subcommittee Updates:

1. Pride Dance

Booking the Citadel for the dance is becoming complicated because of contention between the City and the Citadel. Dennis suggests Shaw Center - just give them the liquor. Joey strongly urges anything other than a Busbarns-style venue. Kitten mentions she has a show running from June 18 - 20 at the Citadel and may be able to help the EPWS book it.

2. Pride Parade

Discussion again regarding the date, Saturday or Sunday. Contention over when, how, and why the decision was made. Making Waves Swim Club - in favor of Sunday. ERBA members - in favor of Sunday. Lengthy discussion followed, the end result being that the parade is still on Sunday. Joey registers strong opposition.

3. Post-Parade Event

Neil: needs half of Oliver Arena for the business fair (1/3 of which has power). Hoping to sell 50 tables. Needs the cost of the rental from the Exec. So they can set a table price for their members.

Kitten: has plans well underway. Entertainment contacts willing to donate their time and talent for the stage. Will bring more details to the next meeting.
The arena itself is booked from noon till 9, Sunday June 15.

4. Chairs still needed for Parade, Dance, Advertising, Archives, and Awards subcommittees. Dennis points out that the Awards committee is composed of the previous recipients plus one Exec. Member.

5. Update from Dennis Cambly regarding sponsorship. Molson's will be on board with \$3000 and he hopes to get \$2000 from Cruiseline. Ron Garth from Vue may be able to get Warners to advertise in the program.

New Business:

This year's theme. Pam presents the international Pride '03 theme as "Pride through Peace". Discussion followed. Marla moves, seconded by Kitten, that we adopt "The Flame Within", carried.

Rob moves that the EPWS offer a \$100 for a logo for this year's theme to be submitted for and chosen at the Feb. 27 meeting, camera-ready artwork in color and B&W, Exec. Committee members excluded. Seconded by Carol. Carried.

Kitten informs the Committee that her play, the Mangina Monologues, is running June 18, 19, 20 at the Citadel and she'd like it to be included as a Pride week event.

Joey mentions Parade marshals. Discussion followed about who to bring in.

Urgently needed: chairpersons for the parade and dance!!

Meeting adjourned 20:25