

Thunder Pride 2017-2018 Executive, Board & Committee

(Thursday, Feb 15th, 2018 @6:00pm, John Howard Society Board Room)

1. **Call to Order - Roll Call of Officers** – 6:03pm

In attendance: Donna Nagy via phone, Kathy Ripa, Colleen Peters, Allan Forbes, Aiden Kivisto, Ken Miller, John Caccamo

Regrets: Jessica Ross, Kodi Fortier

2. **Approval of Agenda** - Item added to Information (4.1) Black History Month Dinner and Gala

2.1 No declarations of conflict made by members present.

3. **Items for Discussion/Decision**

3.1 Previous Minutes - Minutes were accepted as prepared. Moved by John, seconded by Colleen.

3.2 Sponsorship: Colleen is looking to get more sponsors in March and a plan for making requests for next year sponsors will be presented to the board once completed. Colleen explained to the board about creating sponsorship levels and creating names for levels that resonate with pride that are fun and creative. John asked about approaching other people we know, personally, about sponsoring Thunder Pride. Colleen will be working on sponsorship packages and increasing the number of levels available for sponsorship. Money given from big sponsors that is not used on a dedicated event, will be used to promote those sponsors through other events that are organized. Colleen is also working on more promotional opportunities for Thunder Pride to keep the organization top of mind in the community. Another tactic to fundraise is to leverage fiscal year ends of non-profit organizations and provide a service in exchange for a donation.

Merchandise: Kathy delivered a box of merchandise for Ken and Aiden to sell at the Pride Central Queer Prom on Saturday February 17th, 2018. An inventory list was provided and will be kept as a record. Donna will provide Ken and Aiden with float money for the event.

Treasurer: To Be Attached Later

3.3 Event Updates: Ken has been organizing event days. He has approached the Day of Caring committee to ask for volunteers to help with Thunder Pride parade. He is also looking into doing a pub night on April 7th as a fundraiser for Pride. We have been approached by Roller Derby league to do a pride derby event in may also as a fundraiser. A drag show is being

planned on the 9th of June as part of the effort to make Pride events throughout the month.

Other notes:

- Start of pride week is the flag raising.
- Jimmy is putting in a proposal for the drag show event, looking at booking at the Italian hall or Victoria Inn (June 9th) \$1400+hst, \$18/hr bar fee, they provide chairs and tables. Colleen will partner with Jimmy to organize drag show. Colleen will help negotiate the costs to get a better price for Thunder Pride
- Elevate NWO will partner with Thunder Pride on bringing a gay rodeo, held at Murillo grounds, the date will be negotiated, possibly June and July.
- John and Ken will coordinate the event for awareness breakfast and Donna will provide information.
- Literary Night has no major updates. Jessica and Susan have reached out to an author and awaiting response, venue is to be determined (Waverly Library, Art Gallery, Rival in Lakehead University Law School).
- Film night: The board discussed doing multiple film nights at Sleeping Giant Brewery, using sponsors to cover some costs. Ken has booked days in advance to show movies, shows or other events.
- Pride in the Park: Ken will be meeting with volunteers tomorrow for planning. More updates to come.
- St Pauls Service: Ken is looking into the event.
- Jessica Ross suggested making safe spaces for queer people of colour
- Volunteer from Toronto might be a good contact to help put on events.
- Night of Tribute: Ken will be submitting paperwork to the City for the amphitheatre for this event.
- Theme for the year: survey monkey to go out to membership with theme ideas to vote on.

4 Information - Black History Month Dinner and Gala - Information to be shared with membership and on social media.

5 Next Steps -5.1 Survey monkey is used for food vendors and artists to sign up for pride in the park. Contracts need to be given out and signed before date. The board would like to get a volunteer to help with contracts.

5.2 Events ideas were discussed, looking to do fundraising events each month to bring in money for Pride week.

6 Items Carried Forward - Filling event leads

7 Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm. Moved by Allan

ACTIONS:

- Ken to follow up on Northern Ontario Pride Network Information, Sleeping Giant meeting, connect again with new community member.

Current Marquee Event Leads

Pub Night/Drag Show: Jimmy, Colleen

Sponsor/Volunteer Appreciation Night: OPEN

Film night: OPEN

Parade: OPEN

Awareness Breakfast: John C.

Flag raising: Cynthia Olsen

Literary Night: Susan Goldberg and Jessica Carfagnini

Night of Healing: Kodi

Pride In The Park: Robin Cooper, Jayal Chung