

Keweenaw Pride Minutes – November 15, 2006

♠ Introductions:

♠ Announcements:

- BGC registration online, www.alphabetsoup2007.org
 - Now limited to first 1400 people registered
 - Money doesn't have to be in within 30 days of registration, just a few weeks before the event
- Support Group
 - Talk to Shawna, Nich or Counseling Services if you're interested in more information
- 'Today in Pride News'
 - Only one gay-marriage amendment didn't pass
 - Record number of GLBT people were elected
 - Don't think there'll be a gay-marriage debate in the Senate anytime soon due to majority shift
 - Catholic Church deciding how to deal with GLBT issues
 - It's not a sin to be attracted, just so long ad you don't do anything about it

♠ Event Updates/Committees

- Activism/Education Committee:
 - Marc has nothing
- Gay? Fine By Me Committee:
 - David has talked to IRHC – going to first meeting after break to see about helping with funding shirts
 - If they help, they want to hand them out in the dorms too, which would mean ordering a larger number of them
 - Want a group meeting for in-person brainstorming, please stay after meeting to plan a time
 - We're going to meet in the evening on the Tuesday after Break, Mel will send out an e-mail with time and place
- Pride Week Committee:
 - Comedian voting – Ranked voting: Elvira Kurt (11), Suzanne Westenhoefer (4), Page Hurwitz (3)
 - Might not have enough money for speaker and comedian if things don't work out, if we could only do one, John Corvino or comedian?
 - Question about if the goal is the event that most people would go to versus educational
 - If we invited the people we know (Allies, etc.) to the educational events there would be better turn-out every year
 - Overwhelming majority think a speaker is more important

♠ E-Board

- Pres:

- Please initial sign-in sheet for the office when you are in there for your office hours
 - Gail sent an e-mail to the E-board about having a retreat-type deal
 - Discussion about how past e-boards have met prior to Wednesday meetings to “get all their eggs in one basket”, Mel highly encourages this idea to be resurrected this year
 - Jan 20th is the date considered at the moment for an E-board retreat
 - More details will come as it gets closer
 - Anyone in the group that is interested in E-board is encouraged to come
- VP:
 - No report
- Treasurer:
 - Yay money from USG! Will be buying button materials and ordering The Advocate soon.
- Secretary:
 - Computers suck right now.
- PR:
 - I think I actually missed PR’s report (or there wasn’t one).
- Social Whatever:
 - Lila’s back from Alberta!
 - Social after the meeting was Talking Stick.

♠ **Advisors**

- Phopp:
 - KP Holiday Dinner – Dec 9th, 6pm, Pat’s house
 - RSVP so that he can plan on a number of people to cook for
- Nancy:
 - Dianne – People are invited for Thanksgiving Dinner if they’re going to be in town. Please let them know fairly soon so they know how much food to buy. E-mail Nancy at nspr@mtu.edu if you’re even thinking of going.
- Marg:
 - No report

♠ **Old Business**

- Winter Carnival Queen nominations
 - No nominations from the group (apparently in a group full of GLBT people, no one is Queen enough!)

♠ **New Business**

- Snow Statue Discussion
 - Currently have the 16th spot on the statues list

- Passed around a possible list of statue ideas
 - David offered to be the safety person (scary thought)
 - November 29th Applications Due (need theme, spot, plan)
 - December 12th Safety Session – 7pm EERC 103
- PFLAG idea
 - Pat got a call from PFLAG, looking for ideas for funding
 - They want to buy a “bookcase” at the new Library downtown with KP and PFLAG’s names on it
 - Want to get the \$1000 one
 - Contact Dave Watkins (dwatkins@mtu.edu) or Alice Soldan (afsold@mtu.edu) if you have ideas for funding
- Safe Place
 - Jen O would like KP people to show up to a couple meetings
 - Wednesday Dec 6 – 3:30-5pm – MUB Red Metal Room
 - Thursday Dec 7 – 10:30am-12pm – MUB Ballroom B
 - Alex – this is huge, don’t think Safe Place people have ever met each other, invite anyone you know that’s involved so that people in departments can see others that are involved
 - Asked if we would make more buttons for them
- Jason - Old library on Montezuma is turning into a cultural and diversity center. Betty Chavis is on the board. If people are interested in something for KP being included, we should get ideas together.
- Pat – Lori Witting and Shalini Suryanarayana want to attend a meeting – interested in helping the group out
 - Probably come to the first meeting after break
- Parent’s Fund decision
 - As per the e-mail Mel sent out, decision needs to be made on which request to send in first
 - Group agreed to send the BGC request first, with John Corvino’s costs as a back-up request
 - Discussion on how to get the BGC request approved – Offer to come back and do a presentation on campus, to Safe Place people, etc.
 - Jason – Also offer to present at break-out sessions at BGC about Safe Place, giving other communities ideas from MTU
- Lila – Her final presentation for her semester of classes in Alberta is on Friday at 1:30pm in the Forestry Building lecture hall – open to anyone who wants to go
 - The presentation is on 40 acre cruise of a forest (enter lots of Forestry mumbo-jumbo here that I didn’t understand)

♠ **Activities** ~ Talking stick

- Rules for talking stick:
 - Only the person with the stick should be talking.
 - You don't have to talk, feel free to pass the stick.
 - What is said stays in the room, it does not get repeated.
 - Guests of the group and non-members are politely asked to leave.
 - Everything gets cleared off the table to eliminate distractions.