

KP Meeting Minutes

2 March 2007

*Supplemental Meeting*



Question 1: Why did you first come to KP?

- Common answers included: activism, change on campus, educate others, create a friendly environment, socialize, network, to talk...

Question 2: What do you want to do?

- Common answers included: (use your imagination: see above question), end homo/bi/transphobia and heterosexism.

Question 3: What do we want President Mroz to say in his letter to faculty, students and staff about Pride Week?

- “Be on you best behavior,” etc.
  - Consensus – bad idea.
  - There's already a code of conduct, students should not have to be warned to behave.
  - KP does not want to be seen as a group that receives “special treatment”
  - This sounds condescending to campus—offensive that they need to be reminded.

Question 4: What about Public(Pubic) Safety presence on campus during Pride Week?

- Consensus – incognito, undercover presence (street clothes at events)
- If anything was to happen, the slimeballs to do it would probably act right after an event.

My Very Unorganized Collected Thoughts:

- Intermission for Drag Show—short blurb about historical and cultural importance, i.e. 2 min about Stonewall
  - Show images on the big screen behind the queen
    - Phopp, Dave, Elsa, and Jeff
  - Pass out collection bags for donation
    - Be careful not to collect too much money?
  - Staffed Tables
- Give out swag at the educational lectures and other events
  - Sell shirts too?
  - No condoms? Less emphasis on sex.

- AIDS awareness is essential—have boards giving sundry statistics—women of color are the most likely to have HIV/AIDS, goats in the UK are almost all gay (scratch that one).
  - Give out dental dams for Judy Gold performance!
- Hand out some shirts—some with KP insignia (and meeting time/location)
- Should the *Queerzine* be made more than just Pride Week?
  - Lack of articles/material/funding....
- Invite people to come to meetings!
- Committees are not committees without people
  - Committee chairs—delegate tasks to people
- Pass on knowledge—tell new-comers their importance and show them how things are run through and through. Think ahead. Pass on “ownership.”
  - Multi-task
  - Everyone makes mistakes—it's a'ight.
- Benefit dinner for next year's lower budget.
- KP is seen as a “special interest” group.
  - Hmm....um, hello!
  - Let's get this changed...
- Parade of Nations
  - Should we try and be a part of it next year?
  - Political and Religious groups are generally not allowed
    - KP is neither
  - The parade is about diversity
  - We already have a flag!
  - We need a country? - Lesbos?!
  - **Contact Betty Chavis**
- KP's standing on ASMTU
  - meh
- Resource Center Location
  - Consensus – MUB (again, reasons given against library, see previous meeting minutes, etc.)
  - Basement of Rozsa is a fall-back option, but we would need to fight for that as well
  - If adequate space, will trade office space for larger area for Resource center
  - Emphasize “temporary” and the long-term goal of a Multi-Cultural and Diversity Center in its own building, including a section for LGBTQ people, staffed by... an LGBT person.
- GLBT student intern – make permanent position

- There is only sufficient funding until the summer..maybe
- There are a plethora of resources we could use—government grants for such positions (Gail has connections that know who to contact), alumni, etc.
- Domestic Disputes (within KP):
  - Being gay and religious
    - It's bad enough outing yourself as gay, but it's harder to out yourself as a Christian.
    - Be tolerant and accepting of different peoples' beliefs—we of all people should not have to be reminded of this!
  - Gay and of color
    - Why is KP so white?
    - Reestablish connections to other diversity groups!
  - Bring Betty Chavis as a guest, have Nancy, Elsa, and Christian reflect on the BGC session experience.
  - Are meetings too serious?
    - Think of all the people that turned away from KP because they thought meetings were too boring or people never talked about what they wanted to.
    - To change (ideas):
      - Move E-board meetings to different/time and location or over the list!
        - Make all E-board members agree to check and respond to e-mail, once or three times a day.
      - Change name of current time/location of former E-board meeting to “Business Meeting” and have second part, 8pm-whenever named “General Meeting”
      - Why do people get so upset if meetings last long? Sometimes they have to! A couple years ago they went to midnight and no one cared!
      - Preoccupation of having split-members –few at business section, more at social. Keep meetings same day
      - Agree to keep business section short or have it dealt with E-board if at all possible for one or two meetings a month.
      - Themed Meetings—have supplemental discussion-based meetings (very informal, little structure—that's a major turn off!) outside of Wednesday meetings (Friday nights seemed to be the best possible time according to last week's time chart).
        - Make posters or at least send out e-mails over the list!
        - Invite people!
        - Max of about 6 themes per semester or so.

- E-board—discuss on E-board list in advance.
- Offer discussion lead to someone else...
- PLAN FOR WHOLE SEMESTER IN ADVANCE!!
- Office hours: use them to plan ahead—research topics for themed meetings, Pride News to talk in meeting, check e-mail for list, thank you cards, buttons, so much to do—should not do homework.
- Secretary needs to take roll at every meeting (especially for voting purposes), but first name + last initial if necessary (thus the purpose of introductions with names)
  - To vote, one must have attended 2 out of the past 4 meetings/events.
- Budget—we lost \$3,000
  - Are all small student organizations' budgets cut? Evenly?
  - Is USG's reasoning because the money went to Safe Place? If so, not true!
  - Bring clickers to events to have numbers to tell USG
  - Attend Budget Hearings

*[Other topics were discussed, and for nearly everything mentioned, there were objections/dissenting opinions—the above is just a list of topics I felt were at least semi-important and that I was able to record during the meeting.]*