

Pride Northwest, Inc.

Board Meeting February 12, 2016

Q Center

Minutes recorded by Maximilian West

In attendance**:

Chad Harder
Andrew Loriego*
Rick Barker, Parade
Angela Ongren, Admin
Aaron Reed
Sharma Sullivan
Kenty Truong*
Sarah Vivian*
James Waldner*
Maximilian West

Cameron Barry* participated via Skype

Visitors:

Andrew Jankowski
Jenn Chesney, Pride Glow Run
Trevor Robsen (Roxy Star Taylor)
Michael Huggins
Keegan Porter
Gabriel Huffman

*denotes Pride Northwest board member

** From Pride NW Board Meeting Sign-in Sheet

Call to Order

The meeting was brought to order by James Waldner. The Mission Statement was read by Aaron Reed. James Waldner spoke on the Welcoming Pronoun policy, and asked for introductions (with preferred pronouns).

Agenda

James Waldner presented the agenda. A motion to approve the agenda, without changes, was offered by Andrew Loriego, seconded by Kenty Truong.

Approval of December and January Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was requested by James Waldner to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2016 board meeting. Andrew Loriego motioned to approve, seconded by Kenty Truong. The motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was requested by James Waldner to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2015 board meeting. Andrew Loriego motioned to approve, which was seconded by Kenty Truong. The motion was carried unanimously.

Board Work Meeting Update

These topics were discussed at the Board Work Meeting February 19, 2016.

Adoption of 2016 Parade Theme: Pride Begins with You

Retire Spirit of Pride Award, adopting annual Debra Porta Award for 2016 festival

Guests and New Business

Andrew Jankowski, PSU student: presented resume, asked for consideration to participate in organizational projects, unpaid and paid.

Roxy Heart's Pancakes for Pride Feb. 13, 2016, 9 AM, 12th & Stark

Sweethearts: Step down Mar. 6, 2016. Requesting PNW support in program.

NOTE: My notes don't reflect that we decided yes or no to do this.

Chad Harder, Launch Pad Design: spoke about DropBox account for PNW logo storage. Responsibility assigned to Kenty Truong.

Kenty Truong: This year marks the 40th Rosebud and Thorn Pageant.

James Waldner: Portland State University's Queer Resource Center has asked for a sponsorship for their upcoming Queer Students of Color Conference, April 16-17, 2016. James Waldner proposed the Board support the request to provide sponsorship (\$1,500) for the conference's keynote speaker. A motion was made Andrew Lorigo and seconded by Kenty Truong. More information can be found at <https://www.pdx.edu/queer/queer-students-of-color-conference>.

Pride Glow Run

Jenn Chesney, Pride Glow Run: Discussion to add prideglow.com to pridenw.org website, as well as Smart logo. Jenn offered integration with their marketing plan(s), and Pride Glow Run announcements will be scheduled in PNW social media release schedule.

VIP Committee

Sharma Sullivan: discussion of logistics to support VIP Committee activities. Sharma is stepping down as VIP Committee Chairperson, and Chris DeLap replaces her in that position. James Waldner mentioned the 'soft' launch of VIP, with \$300 sales on the website. Andrew Lorigo discussed the search for a new VIP sponsor. Andrew solicited feedback about customer needs/desires in VIP. James Waldner reminded us that this is a year where we're rebuilding our VIP reputation.

Nominations

Discussion centered on possible nominations for the Gretchen Kafoury Ally Award and the Debra Porta Community Spotlight Award. James Waldner advised that the board would continue the discussion at the Working Board Meeting, attempting a decision by March 1, 2016.

Website Reporting and Logistics

Cameron Barry: The website pridenw.org went live February 5, 2016. To-date sales are \$18,000. Cam discussed technical limitations and need to develop better report and data access mechanisms. Users were

asked to continue to submit feedback and requests for changes. Procedures will be developed to accommodate special situations (pay-by-check, complex registration issues, unknown needs). Pending decisions are monthly maintenance agreement with Besson Design, management of incoming change requests, user training, and exceptions.

Focus Updates

Sarah Vivian, Communications: PNW's Facebook page has been posting articles for Black History Month (February). Sarah discussed goals for blog submissions to PQ Monthly and PNW's Twitter account. More discussion centered on creation of PNW Instagram and Pinterest account(s), initial material could consist of photos from past Prides.

Parade Committee Report: Cam will provide website credentials to Rick Barker, permitting him to administer parade function.

Hotel Rooms: Andrew Loriego can access some comped (complimentary) hotel rooms during Pride.

Youth Outreach

Kenty Truong provided details of the pizza party held jointly with SMYRC's (Sexual and Gender Minority Youth Resource Center), Monday, February 22, 2016, 6:00 PM. Weekly dinners are held Monday nights at SMYRC.

Kenty also informed us of the Community Round Table held at the Q Center the first Thursday of each month. The topic at the March meeting is "Youth-centered."

Kenty announced the Rosebud and Thorn pageant will be held the March 26, 2016. A PNW board member will speak at the pageant.

Treasury Report

By Cameron Barry, Treasurer

Checking:	\$41,611.15
Savings:	<u>30,010.61</u>
Total:	71,621.76

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.