



ames pride

Board of Directors Meeting

August 24, 2017 - Ames Public Library - 6pm

Next Meeting: September TBD

1. Attendance

- a. Joel Hochstein, Chair - he/him
- b. Tyler McKnight, Secretary - he/him
- c. Brian Vanderheyden, At-Large - he/him
- d. Brittany Rasmussen, Vice Chair - she/her
- e. Tanvi Rastogi, At-Large - she/her
- f. Mara Spooner, Treasurer - she/her
- g. Nicci Port, At-Large - she/her
- h. Excused: Brad Freihofer - they/them

2. Introductions

- a. Name, role
- b. Do we want to do a brief overview of each person's role and how we'll all function together within the organization?
 - i. Work on ensuring those not on the Pridefest Planning Committee are informed and actively engaged
 - ii. Expectations for the Board
 - iii. Preferred method of communication?
 1. Google Drive
 2. Email
 3. GroupMe

3. New Board of Director Application

- a. A. Norman has submitted an application to be on the Board of Directors
- b. Moved to accept the application: Nicci Port
 - i. Seconded by: Mara Spooner
 - ii. In Favor: 6
 - iii. Opposed: 0

- iv. Abstained: 0
- v. Result: Carried

4. Board of Director Application Edits

- a. Ensure consistency of LGBTQA+ language throughout
- b. Add the application to the website
- c. Do we want to be more strategic in ensuring broader representation on the board?
 - i. Asking people about their profession
 - ii. Creating a designated board position for different stakeholders (youth, ISU student, etc)
 - iii. Expressing the organization's desire for a diverse board and let the applicant self-identify
- d. Including sub-committees on the application
- e. Having an interview with the applicant or require the applicant to attend a board meeting to speak/answer questions

5. Organizational Updates

- a. IRS Status Update
 - i. The IRS has received the application and deposited the check (3-4 weeks ago)
 - ii. Application is under review and should notify us within 90 days
- b. Foundation Account Update
 - i. Sponsors can donate to Ames Pride through the foundation to ensure it is tax deductible
 - ii. Application is under review
 - iii. The Foundation would manage the funds and charge a fee

4. Pridefest Progress Updates

- a. Sponsorship
 - i. A couple verbal commitments but no formal applications yet
 - 1. Ames PFLAG sponsor/vendor
 - 2. ISU College of Business and Dean of Students Office
 - 3. London Underground
 - 4. Barilla
 - 5. Story County Democrats

b. Entertainment

- i. Working with Gay Men's Chorus, Maximum Ames, Leslie Hall and Ames Public Library
- ii. Booking various drag kings and queens from the area
- iii. Working with local audio professionals to put show together
 1. Bandshell has equipment we can use - should save us money
- iv. Booking an interpreter for the event?
- v.

c. Vendors

- i. United Church of Christ
- ii. Carlos Quesadillas
- iii. Ames Family Chiropractic

d. Community Resources/Education

- i. Reach out to medical community
 1. The Project/Primary Health Care (Brian)
 2. McFarland Clinic/Mary Greeley (first aid tent) (Brian)
 3. Ames Counseling (Joel) + CIPS (Brittany)
 4. ACCESS (Brian)

e. Marketing

- i. Radio show opportunities
 1. KHOI
- ii. Press releases
- iii. One Iowa list serve
- iv. Photographers and videographers, especially with a drone

f. Other Pridefest Items

- i. In talks with Kate Varnum for outside event - she was tickled
- ii. Planned Parenthood event before Pridefest
- iii. Renegade Arts is planning a post-Pridefest event

5. Possible Coming Out Week Community Potluck

- A. A. has been in contact with Lorrie Hanson from Ames PFLAG about a potential Coming Out Picnic event on Wednesday, October 11 at Brookside Park.

6. Bylaw changes

- A. Brad recommended changing the minimum number of meetings from 12 to 4 per calendar year.

- B. Motion to amend Bylaws to decrease required minimum number of meetings from 12 to 4 in section 4.06.
 - a. Moved by: Nicci Port
 - b. Seconded by: Brittany Rasmussen
 - c. Friendly amendment to change 4 to 6 in original motion.
 - d. In Favor: 6
 - e. Opposed: 0
 - f. Abstained: 0
 - g. Result: Carried

7. Queers and Beers

- A. Successes, Changes, etc.
- B. If we continue...
 - a. How often do we do it?
 - i. Once a month - Second Sundays
 - ii. September 10 - 4-7pm
 - b. Do we change locations or stay at one?
 - i. Rotating has pros and cons
 - ii. Ensure that establishments are truly supportive of the community
 - iii. Keep accessibility in mind (stairs, bus routes, restrooms, etc)
 - iv. Good to literally spread the wealth around

8. Other Items

- A. Fill out Conflict of Interest Forms to keep on file.
- B. What other kinds of events do we want to do?
- C. Schedule next Board Meeting for September: Third Thursdays 6-8p
 - a. September 21st, 2017 - 6pm
 - b. Location TBD - Joel will make reservation at APL

9. Adjournment

- 1) 8:02 pm

