

# Thunder Pride 2017-2018 Executive, Board & Committee

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(Wed April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @6:30pm, Children's Centre, 283 Lisgar Avenue)

**Call to Order - Roll Call of Officers** – Ken calls meeting to order: 6:35pm

**In attendance:** Ken, Donna, Meghan, Jessica – call in, Kathy, Colleen, Allan, Kodi, Jimmy,  
guest: Antonio

**Regrets:** Susan, Jessica, Robin, John, Jayal

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## **AGENDA**

- 1) Approve minutes – **Motion:** Kathy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Donna
- 2) Adoption of agenda / items added – **Motion:** Kodi, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kathy
- 3) Ken: with the resignation of secretary Aiden, Donna has agreed to take over secretary. That leaves treasurer position vacant. Discussion re Meghan replacing Donna.

**Motion:** Donna nominates Meghan to be treasurer for the remainder of this fiscal year. All in favor – no opposed.

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## 4) Director updates

➤ **Chair** – Ken Miller

- a) Meeting with GSA for input on yearly events – with Robin, Jayal.
- b) In contact with lawyers.

➤ **Vice Chair** – John Caccamo – no report

➤ **Past Chair** – Jess Ross – call in – working on Pride Guide layout.

- a) Ken has posted the new rates on the website: \$400 full page, \$250 half page, \$150 quarter.

➤ **Secretary** – Donna Nagy – working on getting agendas & minutes out on time.

- a) Year labels for plaques
- b) Parade Marshall sash
- c) Magnets & stickers with Thunder Pride Assoc. on them.

**ACTION: Donna to contact TD re changing signing authorities & VISA application.**

➤ **Treasurer** – Meghan McGuire – 1<sup>st</sup> day.

- a) Balance \$2388 – including \$1200 for accounting fee – still no response.
- b) Sending out etsf to all registered participants in the park.
- c) Track all paid / unpaid Artisans, Partners/Allies & Food registrants.

➤ **Sponsorship** – Colleen Peters

- a) Listed out all the sponsors she has sent emails to for donations. Follow up on Apr 25
  - b) Applied to West Jet for round trip for 2 as a raffle prize for Drag Show.
  - c) Sponsorship letter is now 2 pages with new sheet for potential sponsors will be sent to our email.
  - d) There are several new sponsors added to the list.
  - e) Beginning of May will contact sponsors for raffle donations i.e. gift cert for Shag style raffle at Drag Show.
  - f) Will contact City of Thunder Bay.
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- **Media** – Alan Forbes
  - a) Surveys will be uploaded shortly to web. Facebook has surveys already.
  - b) Working on web with Stephanie.
  - c) Media release sent out Apr 10.
  - d) Free advertising with city.
  - e) Invitation sent out to PM.
  - f) Will start profiling Allies – 1 Onur Black Pirates Pub.
  - g) Community Ally write ups will start the first week of May.

**ACTION: EVENT LEADS: please send Alan a blurb about your event for Media, FB, Web & Pride Guide**

- **Volunteer** – Kodi Fortier
  - a) Request for volunteers on website & FB
  - b) Need Award

**ACTION: Colleen to create award certificate for volunteers**

- c) Elevate booked for Volunteer & Sponsor Appreciation

**ACTION: Kodi to change date to Jun 20**

- d) Recognition of volunteers & sponsors needs to be posted on the website.
- e) Keep using the plaques for sponsors.

- **Merchandise** – Kat Ripa
  - a) Cheque issued for merchandise
  - b) Wants to know who is going to help with tents

## 5) EVENTS

- a) **April 7, Black Pirates Pub, Pub Night – Jimmy**
  - Less people attended than expected, however still profit.
  - Deposit \$635.
- b) **April 13, Sleeping Giant Brewery, Beer Tasting – Ken**
  - Too late to proceed with idea.
- c) **May 12, Roller Derby – Ken**
  - Jimmy sent out email to drag queens requesting they contact Zamboni if interested in performing.

**ACTION: Ken to let Roller Derby know that merchandise needs table.**
- d) **?May 24, Paint Night – Ken**
  - To be confirmed
  - DiVinci
  - Felicia has pictures to use
  - 70 people
  - ElevateNWO – help youth at risk – will purchase 10 tickets – 2each for the 5 high schools.
  - Need to get these out early so high schools have a chance to raffle them off
- e) **June 1, Sleeping Giant Brewery – Ken**
  - Still do tasting

f) **June 6, Opening Ceremonies – Cynthia**

**ACTION: Ken to contact Cynthia for update.**

g) **June 6, Trivia Night – Jimmy**

- At The Foundry 7pm – 9pm

**ACTIONS: If anyone has any Trivia questions you would like included in trivia night please to submit them to Jimmy by May 16th.**

h) **June 9, Drag Show – Jimmy**

- discussion re name of show – should be Thunder Pride Drag Show
- we need to register name / logo – to be completed (Colleen & Donna)
- contact Pace/ Elevate & Envy re Thunder Pride Assoc. sanctioned events.

**ACTION: \_\_\_\_\_ to contact Iron Range for shuttle service Jun 9 between Victoria Inn/ Waverly Park & County Park.**

- Deposit cheques made out to Alan Dickson photography, Helium Highs, Thunder & Light.

i) **June 10, Rodeo – AJ**

**ACTION: Donna contacting AJ to help – no response.**

- Will suggest barrel racing.
- Murillo grounds booked – to be confirmed.

j) **June 11, Awareness Breakfast – Ellen**

- Looking for speaker – discussion to have Patti Hajdu open greetings
- Have Allies as keynote speakers. Some suggestions are Lindsay from LUSU & Holly from Elevate, Renee from Defsup.
- From Jimmy: DefSup - [defsupsup@tbaytel.net](mailto:defsupsup@tbaytel.net) For honouring our allies...Renee & David at the Definitely Superior Art Gallery are a HUGE supporter of the arts in TBay. They run the Derelict fashion show, the Urban Infill art crawl and the Hunger Halloween events. They always include drag performers and queer artists in their shows. I saw my first queen in person (Paloma) at a Defsup show like 15+ years ago. They would be a great pair to honour.

k) **June 12, Literary Night – Susan/Jessica**

- We have booked BC-based writer Michael V Smith to be our headline reader; he's delightful.
- We are working on finalizing a venue: mariner's Hall down the Prince Arthur's Landing was our first choice, but we are slightly concerned about the sound system or lack thereof and lack of seating. We're exploring some other options and hope to have that finalized soon.
- We have received a grant from The Writers' Union of Canada for \$650 to cover part of Michaels' travel costs and fees. We've secured another \$600 in funding thus far and are still waiting to hear back from some leads. At this point, though, we are fairly confident that the event will be revenue neutral or close to it.
- Michael will conduct a writing workshop while he's here, and we're working out the details of that.
- Donna, we're still populating the budget spreadsheet, but we're on it. We need to know more about posters and publicity: in particular, the Writers Union requires that their logo

appear on any posters publicizing the event, so it's important that we honour that. Who's the contact person here?

- NOWW can set up a table at Literary Night as they sponsor. For other events there is a \$50 charge.

l) **June 14, Night of Tribute – Kodi**

- Waterfront has been emailed to book – waiting for reply

m) **June 16, Parade – Ken/ Anthony**

- Survey monkey posted on Website & FB.

n) **June 16, Pride in the Park – Ken, Robin, Jayal, Donna**

- Survey monkeys for Artisans, Partners/Allies & Food posted on web & FB.
- As they register Meghan/Donna will send out etsf for payment.
- **Beer Tent:** would need 10 x 10 tents. Fence given for free. Sell tickets separately, start small, limit hours. Aware we are the only pride of this size without beer tent.

**ACTION: Ken meeting with Paul Apr 18 with Donna – re beer tent.**

**GSA:** There is a citywide GSA conference that I just heard about on May 31, btw. I don't think I can make it there but maybe some of you have heard about it?

- I tried reaching out to Erin Marie Konsmo of Native Youth Sexual Health network last week but no word yet. I'll try to get in touch with her again.
- \*no response yet, can try Alexa (current medical student and collective member who is in Thunder Bay, I believe)

**LEARNING TENT**

EQUALITY Rocks mini singing workshop

GSA would like 1/2hr set aside for meeting.

- Native Youth Sexual Health Network
- Definitely the Drag Storytime is a great idea. And if local drag performers wanted to read-- there's a great kid's book called The ABC of Pride by Catherine Hernandez (Toronto)
- History of drag performance in Thunder Bay and beyond;
- \*I understand there might have been some conflict between the drag house's, so whatever the Pride or maybe a photo display.
- Two-Spirit storytelling circle perhaps? for example, Ma-Nee, Colin, Mona
- \*I've just asked Ma-Nee if she was in town
- Meet and Greet and short panel with collaborators of the movie: Fire Song e.g. Michelle DeRosiers, Harley Legarde, Ma-Nee
- Gay Straight Alliance Meet Up & mini-panel; I'm not entirely sure but it'd be inspiring to hear directly what GSAs are up to and create the space and time for youth to meet each other.
- \*She and I have been in email contact-Katie Matthews
- maybe I can ask Tracy and we had co-hosted a series of talks called Let's Talk About Good Sex. This could be around respecting boundaries, how to talk with family, questions about sex, sexuality. We explored variety of different topics.
- maybe on one side of the tent we could set up a camera and tripod, some fun props and have a volunteer help take photos?

Two other ideas for teaching tent-- a mini-collective poetry/slam workshop (e.g. if available, local Northern Feminisms Stephanie Simko, Taina Maki Chahal)

Just some different ideas.

Also, let me know what you all think for getting input with the GSAs. I think we can do some great outreach at the same time. So maybe it's a matter of booking time and just connecting super quick with youth. We're there questions you had in mind, Ken?

Is it to find out what would draw them in to come and to feel included with thunder Pride? I wonder if we could offer a discounted rate or something with their coordinator with their school- that seems like on way to make the event accessible and support youth leadership for example. I could help communicate pride events with the GSAs closer-to for example.

I have spoken before with Westgate, St Ignatius, St Patrick Highschool over the years.

- Jayal

**ACTION: Donna to book bouncy castle.**

**o) June 17, Church Service - Ken**

- Report to follow.

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6) Information Sharing:

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7) **NOTES:**

a) **Photo Voice Challenge** – photos with interpretation, we can print to use as collection of art at events. Print small.

b) **POSTERS:** build up hype. At the bottom of posters indicate other events and stroke out those that are not sanctioned by Thunder Pride Assoc. Should advertise all events as Thunder Pride Association presents .....

**c) CHECK LIST FOR EVENT LEADS:**

**1. Send Paragraph/Blurb outlining your event and any Pictures to:**

**(a) Alan – Website / Media Release**

8074768646/aforbes@tbaytel.net

**(b) Jimmy – Facebook – Poster**

8077089875/wiggins@tbshows.com

**(c) Jess/Ken – Pride Guide**

Jess Ross, 8077090571/ross\_jess@hotmail.com

Ken Miller, [8076217195/millerken30@gmail.com](mailto:8076217195/millerken30@gmail.com)

**2. Do you need Volunteers? – send request to:**

Kodi Fortier, [8076304055/sharonselfies@hotmail.com](mailto:8076304055/sharonselfies@hotmail.com)

8) Meeting adjourned: 8:07 – **Motion: Colleen**

9) **Next Meeting: April 25, 2017 6:30pm**

**@ John Howard Society 315 Syndicate Avenue South.**