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Commission minutes May 12, 2009.

Meeting called to order 6:05 pm.

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1. Attendance and Quorum Check

- a. Commissioners present: Regina Dyton, Natasha Rose Lombardo, Anita Caldwell, Joanne Diplacido, BJ Taylor, Jay Holcomb, Diane Malenfant- quorum established.
- b. Virginia Adams' absence excused.

2. Acknowledgement of guests

- a. Deon Harris, Jennifer Torres, intern Erika Romero, Weaver High School student Victor Gonzalez and Weaver High School teacher Michelle Wiggins.
 - i. Weaver High School representatives presented information regarding the schools LGBT "VIP" group and upcoming LGBT activity.
 1. Field Day 6/9/09 from 2-5pm Weaver HS back field.
 - a. Grilled food, games, LGBT youth to interact with teachers, build rapport.
 2. VIP room every Thursday at 11:45 am at Weaver HS.
 - a. Encourage students to "come out" in a confidential setting with other students.
 3. Weaver HS trying to re-start GSA
 - a. Has had True Colors consultation at school, still looking for infrastructure to work off of in school.

- i. Jay Holcomb provided support and pointers in working towards GSA.
 - ii. Erika Romero, intern suggested Weaver visit GLSEN-CT website where can download "How to" GSA guide, school curriculum, teaching materials, posters, grant/funding opportunities for schools establishing GSA's.
 4. Regina Dyton reports has recently heard from Winston Johnson, Head of Social Work services for Hartford Public Schools as well as staff from Quirk Middle school and Martin Luther King school SW Margaret Oliver for support related to LGBT students and bullying.
 5. Weaver HS representatives report that they are trying to send approximately 18 students to HGLHC's Queer Prom on 6/6/09 but will need to raise \$180.00.
 - a. Regina Dyton suggests Commission assist Weaver with fund raising.
 - b. Jay Holcomb suggests a 50/50 raffle at the Polo Club with proceeds raised going to Weaver for Queer Prom costs.
 - i. Deon, Erika and Jenny to staff raffle.
3. **Approval of minutes** April 2009 tabled until next full Commission meeting.
4. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. Natasha Rose reports donation of \$25 made to Commission in October 2008 at H.I.S event by Imperial Sovereign Court of CT has not been cashed per their records.
 - b. Treasurer Anita Caldwell reports all donations from H.I.S. event were given to City liaison Eloy Toppin.
 - i. Eloy reports will look into matter and report at next full Commission meeting.
 - c. Anita Caldwell summarizes Treasurer's Report
 - i. Total budget \$270.42
 1. \$168.30- City budget
 2. \$102.12- Raised funds
 - ii. Eloy Toppin reports will double check Commission's budget in City's records and report at next full Commission meeting.
 - d. Motion made by Tasha Rose to accept Treasurer's report as read, seconded by Joanne, passed unanimously.
5. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Research sub-Committee**
 - i. Joanne Diplacido reports sub-committee met on 4/28/09 for a brainstorming meeting- HGLHC's Urban Lesbian Health Project #1 priority for group.
 1. Joanne reports need potential training dates from Virginia Adams who reportedly volunteered to train new facilitators.

- a. Joanne reports will contact Virginia before next Com. meeting.
 - 2. Group decided to change concept of “focus groups” to a more relaxed “house party” format.
 - a. “H.I.S. for *HERS*” as part 2 of previous “H.I.S.” event to attract with name recognition.
 - 3. Tasha Rose to use previous H.I.S. flyer to draft new “H.I.S. for *HERS*” flyer.
 - a. Tasha Rose to have draft ready by next sub-committee meeting 5/26/09
 - b. Erika to email previous “H.I.S.” flyer to Tasha Rose.
- b. **Marketing sub-Committee**
 - i. Jay stepping down as chairperson due to increased work responsibilities, states will still provide assistance and as needed when available.
 - 1. CT Pride
 - a. Jay reports he has not heard back from Billy Urich, CT PRIDE chair.
 - b. Regina reports ran into Billy Urick.
 - c. Regina also asked for additional people interested in serving on the PRIDE Committee, Jenny volunteered to be on PRIDE Committee.
- c. **Nominating sub-Committee**
 - i. Motion made by Tasha rose to Re-nominate Board positions as-is with the exception of secretary’s position which will remain open until another Commission meeting, seconded by Anita Caldwell; unanimously passed.
 - ii. Regina reports expecting new Commissioners in near future.
 - 1. Joanne proposes Tonia La Conte, Tasha Rose agrees.
 - 2. Regina proposes waiting until September 2009 for potential new Commissioners to be appointed.

6. Open House Report

- a. Date Changing due to Commissions participation in T.R.Y.B.E. Anti-Bullying Forum on 5/28/09 from 5-9 pm.
- b. Regina reports emailed Kejuan Dillard (Mayor’s Office) requesting new dates for Open House.
- c. Regina passed out examples of Open House documents from last year to guide program, flyer etc. for this year’s event.
 - i. Erika to forwards “Little Black Book for Event Planning” guide to Comm.
 - ii. Before next meeting date tasks for Comm. to work on:
 - 1. Menu
 - 2. Program
 - 3. Food
 - 4. Co-sponsors
 - 5. Send letters to vendors
 - iii. Tasha Rose to send task list for Open House via email by Friday 5/15/09, send hard copy to Anita “Rage” and B.J.

1. Deon to follow up w/phone calls to Anita "Rage" and B.J. about task list.
- iv. Diane to prepare task list for CT PRIDE.
- v. Regina and Tasha Rose to have working Executive meeting on Friday, 5/29/09 at 10 am- open to all.
- d. Now that date changed, can recruit for Open House at T.R.Y.B.E event and CT PRIDE.

7. Old Business

- a. Commission binders handed out to all Commissioners.
 - i. Eloy went over contents of binders in detail
 1. Binders missing:
 - a. Current City Council Members list
 - b. Updates Department Heads
 - c. Commissioner Directory needs to be updated; corrections made on master copy passed around; Eloy to update and email to all as well as bring paper copies for all at next Comm. meeting.
 - b. Regina reports emailed David Panagore, City Director of Development services Dept. about space for Comm.
 - c. Regina reports emailed Pedro Segarra about Comm. obtaining basic funding for space, staff, intern 2009-2010, supplies etc.
 - d. Regina reports City Council's Education Committee meets on 5/27/09 at 6pm in Council Chambers, urged all who are available to attend.
 - i. B.J. to ask Weaver contacts to attend and speak about LGBT needs.
 - ii. Jay to speak to Majority Leader R Jo Winch about Comm. getting on agenda.
 1. Regina to compile 1 p. summary of Comm. recommendations for Hartford Public Schools.
 - a. B.J. provided (proposed) Administrative Regulations for Hartford Public Schools; Regina reports will be included in report to Education Committee as well.
 - i. All Commissioners to read proposed regulations before Ed. Committee meeting.

8. New Business

- a. Jay volunteered to be secretary given minutes are completed by new incoming intern with minutes to be rotated between all Commissioners until intern begins.
- b. B.J. proposes before a decision is made, secretary position as Jay outlined must be discussed with current secretary Virginia Adams.
 - i. Consensus unanimous- tabled until next Comm. meeting.

9. Announcements

- a. Anita "Rage" proposes fun outing for Commission on PRIDE Day at Six Flags- 9/20/09.

- i. Tasha Rose looks up information on-line cost is \$40 per person all you can eat.
 - 1. Tasha Rose to continue researching and report at next Comm. meeting.
- ii. B.J. proposes a local, no-cost alternative fun outing such as cookout/BBQ.
- iii. Regina proposes both a “free be” potluck cookout/BBQ in August 09’, and PRIDE Day at Six Flags for those interested and able to afford.
 - 1. Tabled until next Comm. meeting.

10. **Motion to Adjourn** made by Jay, seconded by Diane; meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.