

GSEA Business Meeting
11/22/2008
San Antonio

Present: M. Weinberg, B. Chase, J. Hayn, L. Hazlett, C. Ryan, L. Vickers, J. Pruitt, R. Skinner, J. Rodriguez, R. Pinder, J. Dial, C. Manalo, S. Griffith, L. Renzi-Keener, D. Grimshaw, J. Hermann-Wilmarth, J. Williams, C. Buskit, E. Brabham, P. Ressler

5:45 – M. Weinberg called the meeting to order

J. Pruitt moved to nominate L Renzi-Keener as secretary
B. Chase seconded
Unanimous vote – L. Renzi-Keener elected secretary

Announcements

8:00 GSEA Social – 3140 Rivercenter
March 2009 English Journal – dedicated exclusively to sexual identity
Thank- you to those of you who staffed the GSEA table
1 last GSEA session tomorrow morning (Sunday) at 8:30

Introductions – everyone around the table introduced themselves

B. Chase moved to combine membership chair and treasurer and for J. Pruitt to be assume this position
J. Hayn seconded
Approved – unanimous

Position of Assoc. Chair open – duties include

- Social at convention – organize etc.
- Coordinate and staff the GSEA table at convention
- Up keep of list serve

Discussion tabled

Discussion of where 2007 resolution is at – Michael and Paula have contacted the executive office – will be in touch when help is needed:

- Language document in 2009 EJ – beginning of the conversation
 - Task of making more specific guidelines to language document
 - Possible collaboration with WILLA
 - How to use inclusive language with high school classrooms
 - Possible different documents
 - Press
 - WILLA – update non-sexist language
 - Hanna and Rose will talk w/WILLA
- Suggestion of a book to help implement resolution (2007)
- Michael and Paula – hoping to work with Executive Committee to implement resolution
- Possibly forming a sub-committee

- Caitlyn sending thank-you letters for Tommie Depaola & Jacqueline Woodson
 - Sending thank you letters to sections that invited LGBT speakers
- Mailer Foundation – Joseph mentioned
 - If teachers are encouraging students to submit to this foundation, there needs to be guidance for teachers on working w / queer students to develop voice in writing
 - Speak with Hanna – possible session
 - Possibly submit a Letter to the Editor in EJ
- Becca suggested that NCTE support resolution by providing GSEA web space to post resources for teachers
- Connect GSEA to NCTE (on the web) and to WILLA
 - Linking to NCTE professional Development site
 - Contact Millie Davis about the website

Next Year's Convention Sessions

- Carl suggested a session on inclusive language
 - Teach teachers to use the language
 - Tips – books
 - Include certain authors
 - How to deal with certain situations in classroom – crisis
 - LGBT Inclusive 101 – first steps
 - Carl and Caitlyn are going to work on this and submit for next year
- Possible list of sessions
 - Language issues
 - Literature issues
 - Intervention 101
 - How to be an ALLY
 - Homophobic Colleagues & Administration – how to “deal with” – fear of reprisals
 - Trans and Bi issues/materials
 - Working in Socially Conservative environments
 - Starting GSA in schools
 - Laura will contact GLSEN about providing materials for table and possibly speaking during a session
 - Possible poster session –
 - Youth Voices – connecting with youths in Philadelphia so youth voices could be heard
 - Caitlyn suggested THE ATTIC – contact Mollie Blackburn for information
 - Gaining contact with Convention city
 - Help coordinate social
 - Staffing table
 - Get information about political climate of state
 - Specific issues that are arising in area
 - Gain contact with activist groups

- List of possible speakers – It was suggested that we come up with a list of possible speakers that we would like to see and give these to the convention committee (president-elect and sections) for possible speakers
 - Kevin Jennings
 - David Sedaris
 - Julie Anne Peters
 - Leslie Feinberg
 - Todd Parr
- Convention issues raised
 - LGBT and GBLT are not interchangeable in the NCTE searchable program
 - Michael – we need to contact Millie Davis about this for next year

A question was raised about the financial side of NCTE

- Caitlyn raised the question about hotel owners who are financially supporting proposition 8 in CA
- Paula raised the Sense of the House Motion that passed at the NCTE business meeting (was not unanimous)
 - Using NCTE's past with fair wage and labor to move forward with Prop 8
 - Can we as an Assembly be more militant
 - A question was raised as to whether we could tell NCTE what we are going to do at the convention, rather than asking for NCTE to do it
 - Possible silent opposition
 - Buttons
 - Organizing rallies in hotel
 - Transporting members to rallies?
 - Encouragement for organizing – assisting local organization that are opposing prop 8
- There is a need for involvement w/ NCTE and the Centennial Committee
 - GSEA history needs to be documented and present in the Centennial video
 - Christenbury organizing

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Need Proposals

Names – need contacts for future conventions

Social event in Phila needs organized

Possibly form a sub-committee on line

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm