

Minutes
Pride Committee Meeting
Held May 24, 2006
At 15 Holland

In attendance: Donna Lackie, co-chair
Karoline K.
Daniel C.
François Z.
François B.
Natasha C.
Bob Allen, Technical Adviser

Connected by conference call: Terry F.

Regrets: Ed Cashman, REVP NCR

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Only changes were to add Karoline K. to the minutes under Regrets Section.

Agenda:

It was decided that this meeting's agenda items would be:

1. Collective Bargaining
2. Guest Speakers for future Meetings
3. Pink Blood – French Translation
4. The Workers Out Conference in Montreal
5. The International War Against Homosexuality

1. Collective Bargaining

As we begin to gear up for another round of Treasury Board Negotiations with the four Tables, it is important to prepare members of all equity groups to ensure that they are adequately represented on the teams and that their issues are addressed at their respective tables. More information on this topic will be coming soon.

2. Guest Speakers

It was agreed that the Co-chair would look into getting one or both speakers to the fall meetings. One is Steward Chambers, author of the *Moral Minority*. She will read his book and then try to invite him to our meeting in September or October. Another is Sister Linda Preivitera and possibly her partner, Melissa Hausman ex of the USA but presently residing in Ottawa. Indeed, Linda was

invited by the Anglican Bishop to serve the Ottawa Congregation but has had to step down due to pressure from that very same Congregation as a result of her expressed opinion about same sex marriage and the like. Again, the Co-chair will look into the possibility of having them speak at one of our fall meetings.

3. Pink Blood – French Translation

The author, Doug Janoff, is attempting to get his book translated from English to French. A number of members of the committee are already committed to doing the translation pro bono. Doug would like to have a donation to cover printing costs as well as a number of copies of the English Version to assist the Translators. It was agreed to support his efforts by lending one of the four copies that the committee bought some years ago to François Z. and attempting to provide services in kind to cover printing costs. The committee will not be donating the \$500 as requested.

4. The Workers Out Conference in Montreal

The committee had budgeted \$1500 in this year's budget to fund a delegate to represent it at the Conference. Subsequently, The AEC decided to fully fund one person from each of the regions to attend. Our person ended up being François Z. who was chosen by the REVP after soliciting expressions of interest. At the last meeting, in April, the committee decided to inquire of those who expressed interest but were not chosen for the full subsidy if there were some who could use a partial subsidy. Three responded in the affirmative. One of these is eligible for a full subsidy from their Component. That left two to share the \$1500 which had been earmarked for the Conference.

After much discussion with the candidates present and in camera the Committee made the following decision:

m/s/c Karoline K., François Z.

THAT the NCR Pride Committee get a detailed costing for Daniel C. to attend. Dan will be the Committee's priority. Should monies be remaining once his financial needs are met, the balance would be offered to Terry F.

5. International War Against Homosexuality

Dan C. led a brief discussion on this topic based on a reading of an Article in Capital Xtra. It was agreed that we will try to prepare a topic of interest for discussion at all future meetings. François Z. offered to prepare a discussion on Gay Bashing for the next meeting.