

## LGBTQ+ Commission June 28, 2018 Minutes

Present: Aren Stone; Rachel Oppenheimer; Bob Parlin; Jessica Daniels; Maya Escobar; Kate Grams; John Gintell; Steven Lee; Greg MacDonough; Bill Barnert; Kimm Topping

Absent: Silas Winer; Abby Duker; Mal Malme; Susan Bernstein; Noe Kamelamela; Linda Daniels; Lesley Phillips; Anna Weick (on leave)

Guests: Amelia Joselow, LGBTQ+ Commission Research Associate

### **Cosponsoring Events Discussion**

- Question is: How to make decisions when we are asked between meetings?
- Proposal: Co-Chairs can make decisions in between meetings that are not controversial. Other events should be discussed at meetings. Approved.
- At a later meeting we'll discuss what we mean by cosponsoring, since it takes various forms.

### **Budget Question**

- Amelia would like to attend "State of Queer and Transgender People of Color" conference on September 22, 2018 for \$25.00. Approved.

### **Past Events**

- Pride Brunch | June 9
  - Silas gave a speech about relationship with Police Department. It was captured on video and shared on social media.
- Celebration of Pride Panel Discussion | June 12
  - Estimated 40-50 people attended. Muna Kangsen, Public Services at Cambridge Public Library, led coordination of event. Kimm and Silas were on the panel.
- AC Dumlao "Call Them by Their Name" lecture | June 16
  - Estimated 60 people attended.

### **Future Events**

- Freedom for All Massachusetts Cambridge Town Hall (July 25, 7-9PM at Main Library)
  - There is discussion with legal department about whether we can co-sponsor
  - We will have a table
  - People available to table: Rachel, Kate, Aren, Kimm, Amelia
- Town Hall Meeting with Mayor (September or October)
  - Committee: John, Aren, Maya, Kimm
  - We will get in touch with Ana, Mayor's Deputy Chief of Staff, to begin organizing.

### **Commission Relationship with Police Department**

- Discussion of relationship with Police Department.
- Decided: Detective Brian O'Connor will be invited to September meeting and we will discuss our relationship going forward.
- Subcommittee formed (Steven, Rachel, John, Jessica, Kimm, Aren) to define structure of relationship and any changes. Subcommittee can continue after September meeting if needed. Subcommittee can contact Detective Brian O'Connor if needed.

No Public Comment / Announcements

Next Meeting: Thursday July 26