

Lesbian Community Project Update

Subcommittee takes task seriously. Work sessions open to lesbian community.

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The Interim Steering Committee for the Lesbian Community Project was given a task by the community:

Bring to the community a proposal for the formation and structure of a lesbian community organization which could and would serve the needs of the community.

The Interim Steering Committee has selected a Subcommittee to begin the task. The Subcommittee has met and formulated a plan for involving the community as a whole in the proposal process. Here is our plan. Read it. Think about it. Then get involved if you have the desire.

The Subcommittee will be holding work sessions which are open to the community. At each work session we will be discussing a certain aspect of the proposed organization. We invite the community to attend any or all of the sessions. We will listen to your ideas and preferences and try to incorporate them into the proposal as best we can. The proposal will then be submitted to the Steering Committee as a whole, and finally to the community for discussion and ratification.

Please come. Think about, talk about, and be prepared to suggest questions and possible answers. If you can't come, write to the Subcommittee, c/o Katharine English, 3616 NE Wasco, Portland 97232. We value you and your ideas!

ALL WORK SESSIONS TO BE HELD AT: The back room of The Primary Domain, 1033 NW 16th, 4-6 p.m. on Sundays. (We attempted to find a non-bar meeting place with no success. Our apologies to the recovering community. Our thanks to the Primary Domain for the generous donation of space.)

February 8 Statement of Purpose ("What For?")

What are we doing? Why? Should our statement of purpose be general? Specific? Should it limit us? Allow for expanse? Who will we serve? In what ways? Should we become tax-exempt? What can we do and not do with tax-exempt status?

February 15 Membership or No Membership ("Who's In and Who's Out?")

How do we know who belongs? Any-

one? Should there be fees? Application? Just lesbians? Require proof of lesbianism? (Just kidding, but wouldn't it be fun screening applications!) No membership, just a governing body? How? What else?

February 22 Decisionmaking ("Where Does the Buck Stop?")

How do we get work done? Who decides? How? Group of 'directors'? Collective? Anyone who comes to meetings? Benevolent dictator? Can we overturn decisions? How? What else?

March 1 Choosing and Removing Decisionmakers ("Getting 'Em In and Getting 'Em Out")

If we don't do it collectively, how do we choose the decisionmakers? Elections? Who can run? Qualifications? How long do they serve? What if we don't like them? Consensus or majority? Open meetings? What else?

March 8 Assorted Issues — Our Name, How We Change Rules, Etc. ("The Kitchen Sink")

What do we call ourselves and why? What do we do if we try it for awhile and want to change things? Other issues we haven't gotten to yet... like whether or not to have permanent committees, whether to have a PAC (political action committee) for political monies and mainstream political activity, and you name it...

March 22 COMMUNITY MEETING ("How Does It Stand")

We'll present the proposal to the community at large and conduct a (lively, friendly, enthusiastic, and hopeful) discussion.

March 29 COMMUNITY CELEBRATION ("The Climax")

If all goes well, we hope to have a great celebration at which copies of a description of the approved organizational structure will be handed out to all, copies of Bylaws will be available, a name chosen, "membership" defined, with all of us there to celebrate, join, contribute, dance, and reward our hardworking Interim Steering Committee with many hugs and kisses, and our dedicated community with an exciting future.

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