



Our Mission: *To improve the quality of life for GLBTQ individuals by building community through the sport of volleyball.*

Minutes of the Wednesday, October 12, 2017 Meeting of the Activities and Outreach Leadership Group. Location: Dallas BBQ on 23rd Street / New York, New York

Meeting Attendance: Max, Szadek, Dorothy Junio, Doug Morris, Brian Cave, Bleron Samarxhiu, Tyler Fields and guest, Clif Wallace

Welcome (Max) National Coming Out Day – several members shared their ‘coming out’ experiences

Icebreaker: Will & Grace Quiz

What’s the name of Karen’s nemesis? (circle one)

Beverly Diane, Beverly Brian, Beverly Leslie, Beverly Betsy

What alias does Karen use when she wants to go unnoticed? (circle one)

Wanda Pepper, Boom Boom LaRuem, Anatasia Beaverhausen, Regina Badgerhoffer

Which animals in the Central Park were gay? (circle one)

Penguins, Lions, Bears, Monkeys, Snakes

What religion does Grace belong to? (circle one)

Protestanism, Judaism, Catholicism

What musical do the characters dress up for? (circle one)

The Sound of Music, Rent, Cats, Wicked

Who is Jack’s favorite singer? (circle one)

Madonna, Cher, Whitney Houston, Celine Dion

What was the name of the boyfriend who broke Grace’s heart? (circle one)

James, Leo, Nathan, Eric

**I’m happy to report that most A & O committee members got the answers right!*

A. Old Business (Recent Events):

Welcome Social feedback: too long a delay between first number and the rest of the Twisted Talent Show, great crowd, great location, great energy in the room! Why didn't it go longer?!!!! Big question: who will take responsibility for returning the bucket to Max if they agreed to stay after 11 PM?

Puerto Rico Donations (\$450.00) – Still waiting on status of \$100 check from Industry Bar to be pledged to Montrose Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund

B. New Business (Upcoming Events & Outreach):

I. Priscilla Queen of the Dessert Weeknight Bake-Off – Wednesday, October 18, 2017 Grand Foyer on the 7th Floor at Rustin Gym

Theme: Fancy

Guest: NY AIDS Walk representative with sign up sheets

Volunteers: Dorothy, Max, Tyler (set up: 7 PM) – Tyler has agreed to take the 'lame challenge' and try to re-create the iconic opening of Priscilla with silver lame

**Add: Magnolia Bakery gift card as Raffle Prize*

**contacted John R. about taking photos for Gotham Archives*

**AIDS Walk representative has agreed to be on site to register walkers*

II. Priscilla Queen of the Dessert Weekend Bake-Off – Saturday, October 28, 2017 – Rustin Gym, Theme: Fancy. Two competitions (12 - 5 PM) (5 - 8 PM)

Guest: NY AIDS Walk representative with sign up sheets

Volunteers: Bleron, Clif, Brian (set up: 1 AM)

**Add: Magnolia Bakery gift card as Raffle Prize*

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III. Drag Tournament (Potluck) – Sunday, October 29, 2017 – Rustin Gym

Guest Speaker: Imperial Court of NY

Trick or Treat Potluck, Parade of Team, Photo Booth, B*tch Stole My Crown! Challenge

**Add: Team Theme: 'Divas'*

**Contacted Imperial Court of NY about being involved in 'drag games'*

**Lively discussion about making our Drag Tournament a bigger outreach event for people who don't play volleyball. Discussed using Patrick Sleem's artwork as a step and repeat for Photo Booth. Discussed recording all ideas and execution of this year's event in order to replicate in years to follow*

IV. Gotham Shopping Night - Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at Malin + Goetz at 177 7th Avenue (% of sales benefit Gotham's AIDS Walk Team)

V. Gotham Cares Mixer/World AIDS Day – Sunday, December 3, 2017 – Rustin Gym (Guest Speaker: i-mentor, AIDS Walk)

**Contacted Patrick Sleem and Rowan Foley about artwork for this event*

**AIDS Walk Representative has agreed to be on site and help facilitate games during break*

VI. CandyGram 2.0: Promotional campaigns starts on December 4, 2017
**Discussed starting promotion in early December. Discussed selling CandyGrams to Power Play and Power classes too*

VII. Winter/Spring Welcome Social (2nd Annual T-Shirt Wars) – Monster Bar
– February 20, 2018 – **Contacted Monster Bar representative and confirmed date.*
Confirmed: DJ Joe Hemsing and Cody Andus aka Coco Taylor as talent for T-shirt Wars

VIII. 5th Annual Sangria Showdown – Friday, March 16, 2018 at Rockbar NYC
**Contacted Harmonica Sunbeam to host this year's event. Tentative Drag Queen Icon is Sylvester or Divine or both. Confirmed Power W will return to defend their crown!*

Next Activities & Outreach Meeting: Thursday, November 2, 2017, 7:30 PM at Dallas BBQ.

Final thoughts: We would rather add more content to existing programming than add more activities and outreach events to the calendar. The positive response received about the Twisted Talent Show at Fall Social echoed similar enthusiasm received from last year's Welcome Social featuring T-Shirt Wars. Members seem to enjoy interactive programming at these Welcome Social events without hindering social interaction. Creating the right mix of 'mingle time' and 'stage programming' is imperative going forward.