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PRIDE '79

FROM: the co-chairpersons of the planning committee

To: the members of the committee

Dear friends,

Thank you for volunteering to serve on the coordinating committee for Pride '79. We are extremely pleased with the interest shown by persons from every part of Pennsylvania. While we realize that not all persons can attend all meetings of the committee, we do rely on your support and cooperation. When we meet formally for the first time in Harrisburg on April 21, in conjunction with the Network meeting, we will be six months to the day from the opening of Pride '79. That is little time in which to accomplish a great task.

Enclosed is a list of the members who have so far agreed to help us coordinate the effort. We hope you may rely on each other, as well as us to stay abreast of the conference progress.

At this first meeting, we are hoping to adopt a theme for the conference which will direct some of activities we plan; a schedule for the conference events should be adopted (block out time periods essentially - incidentally we need a ~~xxx~~ volunteer who will make keeping track of the ~~xxxxxx~~ scheduling his/her responsibility); adopt a preliminary budget; talk about fees and fundraising (we must give the Holiday Inn \$1,000 by July 21, not to mention incidentals such as postage and printing); decide about a banquet; talk about entertainment; and work very hard at coming up with workshop themes and leaders who can do justice to the topics we choose. Additionally, we should talk about

(your turn)

We have some good news. John Zinsmeister has found a person to handle registration for us in Pittsburgh. George Bodamer has heard back from Pat Bond, but he won't say what. We may have a treasurer to account the conference funds (experienced from last year).

In gay love,

Betty and Joe

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noting the attendance of representatives of organizations concerned with alcohol abuse at that meeting. This group agreed that links between services was necessary in serving the gay community; they also wished to develop a pamphlet for use specifically for use in the lesbian/gay community.

Under Old Business, Pride '79 was the first item taken up. The Holiday Inn affirmed the availability of Inn for Pride '79 and acknowledged the preliminary discussions of the details in a letter to John Zinsmeister dated February 21st. Fund raising for the conference was discussed- but tons, raffles, pot luck dinners, and snip-ins were suggested as possible methods for use in the regions.

A number of motions were made on Pride '79. These were, in order:

"That a committee be formed to plan Pride '79". Passed.

"That the Council on Sexual Minorities be formally invited to co-sponsor Pride '79". Passed.

"That child care be provided and provisions made for deaf persons at the conference." Passed.

"That Pat Bond be invited to appear at Pride '79." Passed.

"That the following time table be accepted governing the publicity mailings for Pride '79:

April 15th: initial media release

May 15th: informational mailing

August 15th: Final mailing to all Pa. groups

September, 15th: Final press release"

Passed:

"That media persons be readily identifiable and that media persons be restricted by guidelines set by the planning committee." Passed.

"That photography and motion pictures be prohibited on the premises and in the area surrounding the conference site." Passed.

"That the use of tape recorders in workshops be allowed by unanimous consent of the workshop only." Passed.

"That meetings of the Pride '79 planning committee be open to all persons wishing to attend." Passed.

"That one male and one female co-chair the planning committee and all sub committees, when possible." Passed.

"That in all aspects of planning for Pride '79, gender parity be considered, and that the concerns and participation of minority, third world, handicapped, youth and older persons be considered." Passed.

"That the needs of vegetarian, alcoholic and non-alcoholic persons be considered." Passed.

George then called for the formation of a planning committee. Joseph W. Burns and Betty volunteered to serve as co-coordinating members of the committee. A number of persons volunteered as members. (*See the attached sheet)

Some suggestions were made for workshops at Pride '79. Among these were the following:

Workshops on women's (lesbian) poetry and music.

Workshop on Health with particular emphasis on V. D.

Workshop for gay switchboards.