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Title: *York Lesbian Alliance Meeting Agenda*

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APRIL 13, 1997 YORK LESBIAN ALLIANCE
Attending: Cindy, Janice, Nan, Joie, Peg, Delma, Barb.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

1. YORK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ANTI-DISCRIMINATION POLICY
2. ELLEN'S COMING OUT - WHO PULLED ADVERTISING - LOCAL NEWS STORY
3. MEETING RE CIVIL RIGHTS W/SEN. DELP & TASK FORCE
4. ADDING SEX/SEXUAL ORIENTATION TO HATE CRIMES STATUTE

1. York City School District Anti-Discrimination Policy. Linda Hengst introduced change to include sexual orientation. Does not look promising. Phone numbers of school board members obtained. Discussion of best strategy. Committee discussion May 12 and 14. Board vote May 21.

Suggested actions:

Looking more promising - read Dorrie Leader's letter!

WHAT	WHO
Call all school board members	All
Call school superintendent Dr. Van Newkirk	All
York Lesbian Alliance draft letter to school board	?
Have prepared response day of vote	?
PFLAG press conference to furnish media w/facts and stories	Cindy
Send suicide report to school board members & YLA mbrs.	Peg
Letters to Editor/ Op Ed	?
Question of the Week contact editor Sunday News	Delma
Go to April 16 school board meeting	any
Go to May 21 school board meeting	any
Hold another YLA mtng before schl brd committee meets	May 4

Talking Points:

Define a generic version of an anti-discrimination policy as "watered down".
Point out that protection against discrimination for racial minorities is diminished by generic.
City's protected classes, under HRC ordinance, includes sexual orientation. Should be consistent.
You may not agree, based on your beliefs, but all children have a right to be safe. You have a responsibility to see to it, as an elected school board member.

2. Ellen's Coming Out. Concern over withdrawal of ads by J.C. Penney, Chrysler. J.C. Penney contact says "they were misquoted". Appears they are withdrawing ads from 4/30 show, then reinstating later, so as not to appear to take sides! Not good enough !!! We don't know about Chrysler yet, although Peg received a phone solicitation for a credit card linked to them.

Suggested actions:

Call J.C. Penney at 972-431-1000	All
If you get a phone solicitation for credit card, let 'em have it!	All
Get phone number for <u>Chrysler</u> and distribute to YLA	Peg President 313-956-5741 Timothy R. Adams
Call Chrysler	All
Call the local J.C. Penney general manager 7552100	All
Call the local Chrysler dealer 8462222	

Discussion of newspaper article being prepared for April 27 Sunday News by Wendy Solomon. Will talk to anyone, prefers those who can give names, but not necessary. Focus of article is Ellen's coming out, difficulty of being gay /lesbian in this area.

Suggested actions:

Call Wendy at 854-1575 Any
If you talk to her, remember it's not easy anywhere to be gay Any
Be prepared for ugly reaction after article runs, have letters, etc. ready Any

3.Meeting re civil rights w/Sen. Dan Delp & Task Force.

We selected three possible dates for meeting. They are May 5, 12, or 19.

Suggested actions:

Let Rita Addressa know the dates Peg
Go to upcoming town meetings and meet him Any
Thank all legislators who co-sponsored the 3/11 briefing All

Delp not available,
offered us staffer,
No meeting set
yet.

4. Adding sex/sexual orientation to Hate Crimes Statute. This came from NOW e-mail message. Legislation is being readied to add new categories of hate crimes to federal statutes. Janet Reno: "...disturbing rise in the number of hate crimes based on race, color, national origin, religion and sexual orientation. We must also work to improve the ability of the Federal government to respond. Federal hate crime statutes do not now permit us to prosecute offenses motivated by a victim's sexual orientation."

Suggested actions:

Contact members of Congress(Goodling, Specter, Santorum)All
Especially members of House & Senate Judiciary Comm., which includes Specter All

YLA next two meetings May 4 time?
May 26 Barb + Carole
5:00 pm Potluck.

THIRD ANNUAL WOMEN'S FILM FESTIVAL
SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 1997

WHO: Co-sponsored by the YWCA of York, York Chapter of NOW, Penn State York, York College, Her Story Women's Bookstore. All are welcome to attend.

WHAT: The film festival will feature 6 shorts and 1 feature length film, selected especially for their appeal to all types of women.

WHEN: Sunday, March 16, 1997. Shows at 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM.

WHERE: DeMeester Theater of the Life Sciences Building at York College, Country Club Road, York. Parking is available behind the Library.

WHY: These films are not mainstream films: films directed by women seldom are. You may find the titles or the content unusual, and you will like some films better than others, but we hope you will enjoy and learn something from each.

HOW: Tickets are available from the YWCA of York, 320 East Market Street, York PA 17403, OR at Her Story Women's Bookstore, 2 West Market Street, Hellam PA 17406. They are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door.

MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH !!!

Yes, I would like to attend the Women's Film Festival at York College on Sunday, March 16, 1997. (Tickets will be held for you at the door.) Questions or credit card orders, call 845-2631 or 757-4270.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

NO. OF TICKETS _____

1:00 PM SHOW _____

6:00 PM SHOW _____

Send all requests with check made out to YWCA of York to:
YWCA of York, 320 East Market Street, York PA 17403

THIRD ANNUAL WOMEN'S FILM FESTIVAL
in celebration of Women's History Month
Sunday, March 16, 1997

Greetings!

Would you like a quick and easy way to support the effort to bring exciting and informative women's films to our community? Films you can't see anywhere else in our local area?

We are asking you to become a sponsor of the 1997 Women's Film Festival by making a contribution in one of the categories below, named after women who have changed their world. The name of each contributor will be listed in the film festival program. Thank you for your support of this exciting event.

The 1997 Women's Film Festival Committee:

Sharon Christ, Penn State York	Janice Newcomer, NOW
Kathy Clark, NOW	Kit Snyder, Her Story Women's Bookstore
Linda Hengst, YWCA	Peg Welch, YWCA
Cindy Mitzel, NOW	Delma Welch, NOW

PLEASE CHOOSE A CATEGORY:

Sojourner Truth	\$100 and above
Elizabeth Cady Stanton	\$75
Rosa Parks	\$50
Amelia Earhart	\$25
Martina Navratilova	\$ _____

YOUR REPLY CAN BE RETURNED TO:

YWCA of York, 320 East Market Street, York PA 17403

Please make your check payable to YWCA, and write "Film Sponsor" on the memo line

Deadline for return is February 15 for inclusion in the program booklet.

Questions, call Peg Welch at 845.2631X29