

## MNSOC Meeting Notes

February 7, 2012

### Introductions

### Quick Notes

- Rolling Stone Article – check it out if you have not already
- AIDS Action Day at Capitol this Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012

### Q-Quest

- March 23<sup>rd</sup> noon – 9pm
- Webster Open School in Mpls
- 2 workshop rounds
- Health and Wellness theme
- Dance at end
- Registration to go live February 15<sup>th</sup>
- Send workshop ideas to Justin to [janderson@outfront.org](mailto:janderson@outfront.org)

### Prom

- Looking for space ideas for prom
- May or June
- Going to form prom committee after securing space
- Send ideas to Leigh
- Southside Family School gym – Rocky's idea

### Lobby Day Institute

- Lobby Day March 29<sup>th</sup>
- Interested in youth presenting
- Interested in ideas beyond marriage workshops

### Brooklyn Center High School

- February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012
- Team training
- 100 secondary staff
- Please join training team

### Amendment

- Trying to put together talking points one-pager for teachers
- Goal is to help teachers make classrooms safe and supportive for all students

- Now have support from Education MN to do this work
- Getting closer but not at a final product

#### Member List

- Double check member or.g contact information, spelling, etc.

#### Kayla and Company

- Youth studies majors taking senior research class – Research in the Field
- Had to pick research topic and then do research
- Focus is on GLBTQ youth – bystander effect and why people watch bullying but don't do anything
- Looking to speak with youth – preferably not schools
- Want to see if questions would be appropriate to ask young people
- Could possibly connect with St. Paul Friday Nights Out 7-11 Fridays
- Could table at Q-Quest – May want to have table to recruit students at and then more private space for student to answer questions

#### Perpich Center for Arts

- Tory Pederson –Art/Science Coordinator at Perpich
- Students need to come up with problem or need they need to solve
- Students want to solve issues related to LGBT students
  - Wanted to promote tolerance – moved to promote equality and empathy
  - Use art and science to put people face to face with the people they are hurting – easy to be cruel to someone when you are just writing words, etc.
  - Want to work on “neutrals” and bring sense of familiarity to seeing LGBT people as part of society
  - Want to incorporate image, immersion, and voice – create exhibit that is young gay boy's room
  - Want to get MNSOC perspective on all of this – get insight and perhaps some stories.
    - Want to accurately represent community and what it wants
      - Rocky – Would be cool to focus on what it is that makes a person intentionally pursue unlearning intolerance
      - Figuring out how trans and gender-queer youth fit into that.
      - Intersections of race and other oppressions
      - Multiple “rooms” for multiple perspectives
      - A Day in the Life of LGBT youth video
      - Katie - Expand on tolerance conversation – don't want to just be tolerated, also don't want to be normalized. Want to continue to be threat to hetero-normative environment that creates oppression. Room of certain people can be

turned into spectacle and this can result in people not really listening to story – can in turn result in just tolerance again.

- Book – where children sleep – expand so it's not just one bedroom – idea of how different concept of “bedroom” can be for children across the world

- Organizational announcements

- Rocky – GLBT Host Home Program is looking for more host homes. Informational meeting tonight at 6pm. Fliers with dates for informational meetings.
- Friday – GLAM Slam Open Mic Night, 7pm at 3504 Chicago Avenue, Minneapolis
- Next Thursday the 16th – MN Trans Prisoner Pen-pal Project - TYSN
- TYSN Network Collaborative Meeting – Wednesday the 15th at 10am
- St. Paul Public Schools – once a month meeting for LGBT employees and Allies. Also working on a parent one. Looking for St. Paul Public Schools community members. Will send out something to distribute.
- Family Tree Clinic – hosting Peer Education Program again this summer. Kids Keeping it Safe and Sexy – Fliers out soon (before next MNSOC meeting ) – runs July to August
- Unity Church Unitarian – doing organizing against amendment – looking for other churches, synagogues, etc. to contribute – have buttons – raising money for MN United and TYSN – 70 % of collection goes out to non-profit
- Perpich musical coming up at end of March – check website for whole schedule
- Welcoming Schools – trying to get word out that Johanna is in community and can go to schools, do trainings, etc.
- Anoka-Hennepin Equity Team – about to be curriculum change in Anoka-Hennepin district
- Q-Quest – Christina Davis looking for volunteers for event

- Conclusion

- MNSOC meetings are first Tuesday of the month AT 4PM – NEW TIME!!!!