

Schenectady Pride Minutes/Notes 20220226

Present: Chad Putnam, Andrew Elder (Best Frame Forward), Justice Dazzle, *Redacted*, Sonia Sandoval, Freida Munchon, Nathaniel Gray (Capital Pride Center Director), Jamaica Miles, Audrey Carlton (SLOC)

Andrew showed the 2021 Pride video compilation that he had put together for us.

Great conversation re: Accessibility - will be creating subcommittee since there is so much to think about/plan

-“No photo” stickers; those present love idea.

- for children, SA/DA survivors, people who are dysphoric and don't want to be in pictures, people that just don't like getting their picture taken, etc.

Jamaica makes great point about media outlets and prepping ahead of time (maybe this is an ad hoc committee?)

Nathaniel Gray - **New Pride Center Director**

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Nathaniel advocating for pride season, not month. events in all the major metro areas, and include all-will have google form for orgs to submit pride-related events and create calendar. Working on making the Cap. Pride Center an actual Center for the entirety of the Capital Region. He is working on repairing the damage of previous administrations to the community, and planning on staying in the role for the foreseeable future.

Pride center of Cap region is partnering with an opera company in Lake George area.

Schdy Pride Date: 6/4, time tbd (afternoon/early evening as the Freihoffer's run is in the morning in Albany.) @ rainbow arches

Have access to large stage

Have budget

Chad manages logistics/permits

Chad has some vendors already in pipelines; Justice mentioned Jay St Collective

Chad said Jay St gallery may be planning morning pride events on 6/4...walking distance to park

Albany Pride weekend 6/11-12

BLM pride- Schenectady, 6/25 (rain 7/2)

Money is now available for the S.I.P. in the past, we partnered with Planned Parenthood of Schdy. That may have changed, as PP has merged with a larger PP group.

Budget - Proctors are our fiscal sponsors.

\$3187.83 on hand currently.

Orange Theory raised over \$800 for us. Rivers raised \$1536 for us.

Signage up for all of the organizations that helped us out (fiscal and volunteers) the day of Pride.

Fundraising idea(s): Drag Bingo @Great Flats Brewing

Freida & Carm - love to do show for kids in Schdy (similar to show in Albany)- part of Pride day or separate event?

Already had vendors reach out.

Potentially a Jay street art/pride thing in the morning of the 4th.

SLOC/Entertainment:

Last SLOC show is the middle of May.

SLOC chairing the entertainment portion of Pride

- DJs (Sonia?)

- Drag performers + SLOC dancers (Freida + Carm contacts)

- Local artists (singers, spoken word?)

- Burlesque performers

- Showcase SLOC season

SLOC open doors for rehearsal space

Next meeting - March 19th - Specific subject matter. bi-weekly proposed or ad-hoc committees.

Using March 19th to open up the ad-hoc committees, invite people to that call. People that would be helpful or potential leaders.

3/19 - 9:30-11, 9:30-10 Entertainment.

March 12th as a meeting to come up with the ad-hoc ideas/committees?

Entertainment and Accessibility ad-hoc committees.

Link for the next meeting, calendar invites, reminders, etc:

<https://actionnetwork.org/events/schdypride-planning-meeting-subcommittee-general>