

LGBTQA TASKFORCE COMMITTEE

TUESDAY MARCH 3, 2009
9:30 AM - 11:00 PM
CRAWFORD HALL, ROOM 720

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Sarah Andrews
Mayo Bulloch
David Caldwell
Jane Daroff
Mitchell Delaney

Martha Gibbons
Ryan Keytack
Robert Kinsey
Jennifer Lhotsky

Patricia Princehouse
James Sellers
Lynn Singer
Michael Spivak

1. HRC DINNER

Jane Daroff, Co-Chair of the LGBTQA Committee, distributed postcards regarding the 16th Annual HRC dinner on Saturday, March 28, 2009 and that there will be a Case LGBTQA sponsored table. In addition, HRC will be awarding this year's Equality Award to Case Western University's President, Barbara Snyder, and Deputy Provost and Vice President for Academic Programs, Lynn Singer. Committee members were encouraged to invite students to attend the event. If making reservations please refer to the table and the reservations can be made at the HRC Cleveland website or by calling 800-494-8497.

2. ALUMNI HOUSE MEETING

Sarah Andrews provided details regarding the meeting at the Alumni House to discuss having an affinity group and events during Alumni weekend. It was decided that there will be two events for LGBT Alumni and friends. On Friday, October 23rd, there will be a reception starting at 5pm at the Alumni House, and on Saturday, October 24th, there will be a breakfast with location to still be determined. The events will be listed in the alumni brochure announcing the events. Rob Kinsey will design an e-vite that could go out in June.

3. T.E.A.C.H

Jes Sellers, Co-Chair of the LGBTQA Committee, circulated a handout that contained information about an event that PFLAG is sponsoring for T.E.A.C.H. (To Educate About the Consequences of Homophobia. TEACH ministries are Bob and Mary Lou Wallner who have their story featured in the movie "For The Bible Tells Me So". There are plans to show the movie Thursday, April 23rd, which still needs to be confirmed, and for Mary Lou Wallner to speak on Friday, April 24th at the Thwing Center.

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4. ASK CLEVELAND

David Caldwell, a member of Ask Cleveland, attended to discuss the organization and the type of activities they are doing as gay rights supporters. They are working to protect and advance equal rights for the LGBT community by going door-to-door in the Cleveland neighborhoods to ask local voters to support LGBT rights issues at the polls. He stated that by having these conversations regarding gay rights with local voters, Ask Cleveland can identify the voters they need to get to the polls during elections. There was lively discussion regarding the matter and David was asked to have Ask Cleveland to continue its contact and share events with the LGBTQA Committee.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Lynn Singer gave a brief update regarding plans for the center. She has boards that lay out the floor plan and invited committee members to stop by to view the information.
- Spectrum's Gay Fine By Me program will be Friday, April 10, 2009. They will be handing out T-shirts at Thwing and Nord and will ask those that accept the t-shirt to sign a pledge card that they will wear the shirt and speak out for LGBT rights.

The meeting adjourned @ 11:35 a.m.
Minutes by Jennifer Lhotsky.

**NEXT MEETING:
THURSDAY, April 22, 2009
3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
Adelbert Hall, Room 351**