

**LOG/OPALE CC Meeting**  
**Minutes - November 12, 2011**  
**10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.**  
**Catherine's Home**

**Present:** Cindy (Chair), Catherine (Membership and Treasurer), Carmen (Meet and Greet), Anita (Events Coordinator), Karen K (Scribe).

The minutes from September 10<sup>th</sup>'s CC meeting were approved.

**1) November 26 Potluck Planning**

Carmen, Anita, and Cindy will set up for the Potluck.

We discussed whether to charge non-members for the workshop with Mary Harvey, but ultimately agreed that we would just charge the usual \$5 for those who do not bring food.

Carmen will replace Catherine as membership coordinator for this meeting.

**2) Inside/Out Film Festival**

LOG is sponsoring a film at the National Gallery on Saturday, November 19. We did not get to choose the film this year; the film was assigned to us by the festival.

The opening gala is November 17; → Carmen will bring rave cards

Sponsorship includes four tickets to the movie sponsored. This year the CC decided to use the tickets themselves.

Karen will be introducing the film. She asked for suggestions on what to say.

- What LOG is about
- Membership only \$15.00; Member run, members plan activities
- We welcome new members
- Our activities, outdoor and indoor
- Karen's own experiences with LOG (for a personal touch)

**3) Membership**

We have a total of 92 members

Karen will take membership forms to the film on November 19

#### 4) Budget and Events

We would like to do more advertising to attract more members. The budget for advertising is low, so we discussed the possibility of using extra money from other items.

Anita asked why the yearly picnic was at Britannia rather than someplace more central such as Vincent Massey Park. Catherine explained that the parking is free at Britannia and the facilities are good.

#### 5) Website

So far we have not had anyone show an interest in translating the website, even though an honorarium has been offered. →Cindy to approach Marie C. again. One possibility we discussed was that we could use Google translate and then Carmen could revise the translation.

#### 6) Hot Women, Cool Nights dance

Catherine's dance went well and raised \$2000 for two charities.

The person tending bar got a bit overwhelmed; another time it might be best to give her some help taking cash (but not pouring drinks). In the past, Catherine and a friend have helped if the bartender got too busy and flustered, and they could do this again.

Two new people attended the dance and bought LOG memberships.

We discussed the fact that the dance venue, the Legion hall, is not a good choice for a summer dance because it is not well air-conditioned.

#### 7) The LOG Dance

As the dance is in March, the dance committee has not needed to meet yet. They have not yet decided on a charity to donate to.

#### 8) Other Business

Cindy said that the Rainbow Youth Forum (put on by the Ottawa Carleton District School Board for LGBTQ students and their straight allies) asked LOG if we wanted to speak at the event or give a workshop on a topic such as youth and

sports. Unfortunately, they only gave us one week's notice before the deadline and we would need more time to prepare.

Karen expressed interest in being involved with LOG and the RYF next year.

LOG is now on Gaytomato.com. This web site of gay activities and events offers free membership for a year. Catherine suggested that if we get business from it we can choose to pay the \$49.00 membership fee.

We also advertise in Extra, which is free.

Cindy to ask Deidre to design a logo for LOG. If she is not interested, Karen will approach her sister.

There were a couple of issues on hikes where women attended who were not physically capable. At the next hiking season, LOG will send a note to members stressing the importance of taking stock of your own physical well-being / ensure proper footwear, etc. Activity leaders can refuse a potential participant.  
→Cindy to draft the initial note, with review by the CC.

The next Potluck is January 14. Carmen would like to conduct an icebreaker. The activity will be skating on the canal, or a winter walk, depending on the weather. (NB: the skating rink in front of City Hall may be ready by then)

Our next CC meeting will be January 7 at 10:30 and will be potluck.

We discussed ways to recruit some younger members, and new members in general.

We need some publicity at the universities.

→Carmen will put rave cards at PTS.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.