

**Fenton Pride Collective Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Cause & Affect Gallery – 6:00 PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- a. called to order at 6:03 p.m. by President Ky Orvis

**II. ROLL CALL**

- a. Present: Ky Orvis, Connie Lee, Jasmyn Lee, Annie Anglim, Terina Greenway, Stephanie Young, J Waddell, Josh Orvis
- b. Absent: Courtney Matlock

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES & AGENDA**

- a. Stephanie moves to approve, Josh seconds, all in favor
- b. Connie moves to approve, Jas seconds, all in favor

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- a. Sarah Martin-Fanone: Our school board is currently under attack for supporting equality. The NEA put out a pride support badge with QR code for educator resources. Parents challenged it. Teachers are wearing a new updated badge. Vocal opposition at all recent school board meetings. Board Member Ashley Prew is supportive of the equality badges and she is in need of support. Failed MI gubernatorial candidate Garrett Soldano and his supporters are very organized in campaigning against the equality badges and provided educator resources, claiming that teachers and staff are “grooming children” and sharing “sexually explicit material” etc. He is using this issue to gain traction on his social media posts and then posts fundraising links for himself. School Board Meeting April 10th at 6 p.m. Need people in support at this meeting. Fenton Families for Equality Facebook page is organizing support. Please join group if interested.
- b. Andrea Munsell-Simpson: March 31st nationwide rally for LGBTQIA+ rights. Michigan has codified a lot of the rights in question into our state constitution, so we’re currently a safer space than some. Project Caerus and Queer Youth Assemble are organizing demonstrations. Some big demonstrations are already planned in Grand Rapids and Detroit, but we need something local. Ky leading

project. Andrea will support. Try to get our demonstration (either in Flint or Fenton) onto the QYA website for larger reach.

c. Lindsay Pratt is here to support FPC and get involved in future.

## **V. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

### **a. PRESIDENT**

i. N/A

### **b. VICE PRESIDENT**

i. N/A

### **c. TREASURER**

- i. printed some fliers \$11
- ii. quickbooks statement
- iii. quarterly report available

### **d. SECRETARIES**

i. N/A

### **e. SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER**

i. absent

## **VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **a. VOLUNTEER**

i. N/A

### **b. VENDOR & COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

i. N/A

### **c. EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

i. N/A

### **d. MARKETING**

i. will discuss later

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. new high school rep needed → tabled
- b. T-shirt design contest - only 1 submission so far; Jas or Courtney keep promoting T-shirt contest 1x weekly, share out to external groups

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. 2023 Pride Night Poster

- i. Same design as last year
  - ii. Cut down amount of text on yard signs - essentially just “Pride Night”, date and time, and “Downtown”
  - iii. QR codes on all promo materials
- b. Time of Pride Night 2023
  - i. 5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., 5 votes in favor, 3 against
- c. usable park space map (Rackham Park)
  - i. 22 vendor/booth spots that are 12’x16’ each. Shrink to 10’x10’ to fit more spaces
  - ii. Entertainment could occupy the wide sidewalk spot by the post office that had counterprotesting booth last year since they were right in the middle of our pride walk
- d. Vendor & Organizations Applications
  - i. Ky needs to ask Ed if we can keep the vendor fees or if city or SLPR needs that money as they do with the farmer’s market
  - ii. \$25 for vendors, free for community orgs / nonprofits
    - 1. all in favor, motion passes
  - iii. Ky needs to check with Ed regarding electricity for certain vendor spots (should we use, should we not, what are the regulations)
- e. Entertainment at Pride Night
  - i. our event space is right next to the concert in the park, so no musicians this time? Or ask if we can have an opener for the main performer?
  - ii. Ask Ed about street performers, acoustic musicians on sidewalk
- f. Fenton School Board Concerns
  - i. addressed during public comment above
  - ii. FPC members urged to attend April 10th if possible for public comment or to stand in support
- g. Scholarship
  - i. table for September board meeting, partner with The Laundry next year?
- h. Home Depot Partnership

- i. branding concern due to Home Depot corporate and some anti-LGBT policies
- i. Raffle
  - i. Ky apply for raffle license
  - ii. next board meeting → discuss acquiring raffle prizes from local businesses and pride night vendors
- j. Spring Fling
  - i. set up table to promote Fenton Pride Collective in front of Luna's
  - ii. Friday, April 28th, 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
    - 1. J, Andrea, and Lindsay
    - 2. table and such from Laundry
    - 3. banners stored at Ky & Josh's house
    - 4. new quarter sheets needed to hand out for pride night and monthly meetup (Jas will design, Josh will print 250 of each)
- k. Future board meetings 4th Thursday of each month beginning in May and continuing onward

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.
- b. next meeting will be at Cause & Affect on April 24th 6:00 p.m.