Radical Reference Post Election Session 5
May 4, 2017, 6:30-8:30

Center for Jewish History, Kovno
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Becky Facilitating

Agenda
- 6:30-7:00: Introductions
- Updates from Big Rad Ref
  - Rebecca in Boston was going to draft points of unity but hasn't gotten to it yet, but question whether the concept of "points of unity" is appropriate for. Points of unity notes: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BdiRqBR-yBfUKpfMShKarHV9RVJcg-CADOvDYuAx2gY/edit
- Social Media
  - Where do we want to go with our social media presence? The Twitter specifically could use some direction; right now, we are mainly retweeting info sci-related events & resources (as they pertain to social justice) (- AL)
    - Maybe get involved in chats--#critlib
      - Theme ideas: sharing ideas with other local radrefs; what does an activist group look like; history of radical reference; keeping the momentum up, sustainability; coalition building; how can info workers contribute to activist groups and reaching out to them
    - Should we start tweeting about subgroup activities? I feel like we need more information about us as a group, or else we're just another feed of regurgitated information (- AL) (agreed! - MS)
    - Do we have a FB account? If not, do we want to make one? (-AL)
      - Big Rad Ref facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/5135377066/, get in touch on the main listserv about populating it, email Melissa about getting on big rad ref listserv
    - Do we have a logo? If not, should we make one? (-AL)
      - Change the color? Add something new york-y to it? Romel to work on it
- Website

- - - Rose (Tech Solidarity UX Person) asked about timeline, soon as possible, contacted design and development and project support already, one month until r&d, extra important for people working on website to understand our values, decision making and final sign off for website subgroup
    - Open comment period?
- Other potential Discussed Topics
    - Education building
        - Best Practices Guide: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-cvjj4-5v5_tCv-bv0hWE67fxfRXqeetZc27HAho2To/edit (Maggie and Alexandra)
        - Bring up for next meeting
        - Barriers for entry--making a concerted effort to reach out to paraprofessional library labor/library workers/non-MLS holders
        - Tabling at school fairs/listserv posts/rad ref block party?
    - Discussion of collaboration with local groups
        - Feel free to send projects/events to the listserv that are related to the group, ex.-Oral History project
        - LittleSis - database about $$ and power. There was a recent webinar for people who want to help with research.
        - Muslim Jewish (MuJew) Antifa - planning to launch the "white list" to highlight businesses that support white supremacists
        - Skill Sharing internally and externally-researching digital security/etc
    - Protest services/rapid response kit-what do librarians show up with at a street action
        - Contextual--professional org related
        - Backburner
    - Meeting spaces - Martha
        - The survey: https://goo.gl/forms/YZjSeycALQCa1aO92
        - Having trouble getting the word out
        - Davis added it to the Metro Newsletter
        - Share out to non-library spaces too
        - Talking with SURJ to pull from their spaces list-Churches and synagogues, outdoor spaces, cafes, privately owned public spaces (POPS)
        - Probably turn it into a map
    - Labor - Nicole
        - Metro SIG labor activist meeting
            - Google group: https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/nyc-area-library-labor-assembly
            - Labor survey
            - Reading group

- ○ CUNY contract action in november?
  - ■ Prisoner Services (NYPL/BPL) Correctional Services
    - ● Black Rose Potluck--reference services?
    - ● Trans prisoners-their needs are different-srlp
  - ■ NEH/NEA/IMLS
    - ● Got funding through 2018
    - ● IMLS appropriations
    - ● Pay attention to Schumer
    - ● Rad Ref can support legislative stuff, but groups like ULU and ALA divisions are better positioned for that kind of work
  - ■ Rad Ref Mailing Lists
    - ● Announcement list v. organizing list
    - ● Opt in list as the organizing list - Melissa will add a new Riseup list

- ● Break Outs
  - ○ Prisoner Services
    - ■ Nypl sublist
    - ■ Srlp legal mail volunteer training
    - ■ Nlg parol prep group
    - ■ What connections can be possible
  - ○ Website
    - ■ Subgroup to make decisions and then put it to the main RR group
    - ■ Romel to be main liaison with Rose/Tech Solidarity
    - ■ Work session soon! (coffee and beer)
  - ○ Teach-ins/Education
    - ■ Internally and externally skill sharing
    - ■ Skill sharing with non library groups-digital security what can you do or what should you care, how to make people care, if you're organizing you don't want management to know, for instance
    - ■ Make a list of things that we are interested in and then find people to talk about stuff nancy foasberg is going email the group about this topic
    - ■ Burden of paying for stuff/paraprofessionals not involved in trainings/conferences
      - ● Opening up of dry runs of presentations for free
      - ● Continuing ed is so expensive, how to assist in ways to skill share for free, advocating
      - ● Teach in subject-how to advocate
      - ● Audrey is going to share her search engine class info