

May 7, 2017 Minutes

Exiles Business Meeting, May 7, 2017 - 5pm-7pm, The meeting will be via conference call, with many of us at NWLC (met in hotel room of Marilyn, Rio and Pat).

Conference call instructions are on the website

Attendance: Pat, Judith, Rio, Ms. Cat, Marilyn, Meryl (on speaker phone)

Opening

- The following people are eligible to vote: Jackie, Jennifer, Judith, Kea, Marilyn, Meryl, Ms. Cat, Pat, Rio
- Gains right to vote after this meeting, or after becoming an officer:
- Loses right to vote if not at this meeting: none
- Recognitions: Rio Pat and Marilyn for all the hard work done for hospitality suite for IMsL and NWLC, Rio seems to know exactly how much of which beverages to buy practically down to a "science", Rosa Linda "Little Bad Daddy" for doing the bev bust at the Eagle during NWLC weekend, Ms. Cat for putting together the panel for the April program, She asked the panel great questions and facilitated a great discussion.

Core Business

- May Program: Dossie Easton
 - Storage pickup: Pat
 - Door: Ms. Cat
 - Sound (if needed): Pat
 - Mail pickup: Jennifer
 - Wrangler: Meryl
 - Announcements: Marilyn
 - Sergeant-at-Arms: Krystal
 - Membership: Meryl
 - Program Reporter: Jackie
 - Final Lockup and Storage Drop-off: Pat
 - Post-Mortem of April Program: Leather Women Panel - Great program - set it was great where panelists were seated - Ms. Cat asked good questions and panelists had the questions ahead of time so they had time to think of their answers - great discussion and lots of diversity in terms of race, ethnicity, years of experience in the community and age of panelists - someone wrote in on Facebook suggesting that we didn't have people of color on the panel. After discussion, Ms. Cat said she would respond to the post saying that the facilitator Ms. Cat is a POC and several panelists were too. There were 6 panelists and 2 were POC.
 - Post-mortem of IMsL and NWLC social - both very successful - Rio got just the right amount of which type of beverages - at IMsL Domina was truly surprised and honored to receive an Exiles patch - not sure cupcakes are worth doing - likely not do that again - great that we had a list of drinks (menu), labelling the food was great, **Port went have more of it next time, have one section with special food** that's sugar free, gluten free, no nuts, no dairy, etc., have homemade food with name of who made it with recipe, **need to buy a new cooler**

- Future programs:
 - June - Jesbian & Teagan - Leather Lust
 - March 2018 - Women of Color Film Night borrow films from QWOCCMAP
 - July: Novice Night - Rio asked Beth Downey to be on the panel, & she said yes - **Marilyn will put together the panel, Ms. Cat will put together the sampler stations**
 - Future: contact Mistress Alice (bondage, sissy, rubber), Amelia (tea service, cigar workshop) or Master Scott (cigars) can't have lit fire at CSC, Ms. Cat I teach hard impact play, Gayle Rubin August, **Ms. Cat volunteered to talk to Midori, Rio will talk to Angela about wax play for August, October, November**
 - August - play party at Butch Voices - considering Mission Control - not accessible, cold, need to go see the space - doesn't sound promising
 - **QWOCCMAP is willing to provide us films from their 400+ collection - maybe do this for March 2018 program - Women of Color Film Night**
 - Ms. SF Leather is January 13, 2018
- Approve biz meeting minutes: April - approved

Old Business

- Review of [Action Items list](#)
- Target email to previous members for 20th anniversary
- Workshop at Butch Voices:
 - orientation - Rio put in application - will hear by June 15th if we are accepted. People who volunteered are Ms. Cat, Marilyn, Pat, Meryl, Rio and Judith
 - Possible play party - will look at space and see if it's doable
- QWOCCMAP Support
 - Partner convening meeting update. Rio put up a poster at CSC, will take 1 to NWLC
 - The film festival conflicts with Desire
 - **Flyers - Kea - decided on palm cards**
 - **Banner delivery - Jennifer?**
 - Volunteers to attend the event to participate Saturday evening June 10, 2017 - Marilyn sent email - **Ray, Meryl and Kea volunteered to attend**
 - Review community partner document commitments:
 - Provide 1-4 volunteers to assist at the screening program
 - **Send out 3 email blasts to our mailing lists leading up to the film fest**
 - Include mention of film fest in newsletter - poster of QWOCCMAP in newsletter
 - Include QWOCCMAP film fest link on our web page
 - Attend community partner convening
 - Volunteers attend one hour early
 - Attachments Kea and Jackie have them (for publicity)
- Folsom Social: Friday, September 22
 - entertainment lineup Kippy Marks - playing the violin, Little Bad Daddy - performance You Be Good to Daddy, Geoff Millard strip tease all the way, Jack burlesque group Pat will contact him - Drag King thing, predicament flute

- need demos ongoing vignettes - Ms. Tatiana suspension Pat contact her
- **\$250 for food - Marilyn talks to Mel about the food**
- Ask for homemade food - doesn't cost us money - put name of who made it along with the recipe
- **Cake with Exiles logo Happy 20th Anniversary - Pat look into the cake**
- bring previous officers up
- **do PR now**
- **have people write something on Facebook re history of officers**
- Patch awards
- **Pins - Rio order them**
- Marilyn requested attendance from Supervisor Sheehy and State Senator Weiner - Marilyn reported Sheehy put it on his calendar, **Weiner haven't heard back**, and Mark Leno is running for mayor
- **Question about whether we will get the LA grant for \$350 - not in their budget but need to ask them haven't had grant in 2 years - Rio will ask - for 20th anniversary social**
- **Meryl compile list of former members and Marilyn will send them a save the date notice**
- **T shirts Samoos, Outcasts and frame them - also pins Outcasts and Exiles**
- **More patches & do we need pins? - Rio is contacting Dimitri at Eville Designs - for 20th anniversary**
- Periodic play parties at Catalyst - postpone
- **Volunteer Coordinator, change policy description - Pat**
- DIDN'T WE JUST DO THIS AS THE APRIL PROGRAM? Possible future program: A panel discussion: Where are the leather women of SF? They don't come to programs, women's bars, or play parties. Is a BDSM/Leather educational club still needed in the community? If so, why do people not take advantage of it? Where does the next generation get their information and how do they see the leather women's position in the community? Need community leaders for the panel, those that have been around and witnessed the changes that have taken place in the last 20-30 years in the community and those new to the scene and POC. Suggestions needed for speakers, Gayle R, Ms Cat, Deb, Marilyn, Midori??, Cleo??, Sal, Alex, Rachelle, Kea, Ms Hillary, Sharon and Pat, Beth Bicoastal, **We want this to be a "discussion" not a "bitch session" . Make sure the panel has diversity with regard to ethnicity, race.** In general, everyone was excited about this topic and thought it was a great idea. - postponed
- Coordinate August program with Butch Voices (same weekend) ? - conference is during the day, they expect 300 to 400 people to attend. Marilyn contacted Joe who is one of the coordinators of the event- co-ordinate a play party with us. Last done in 2009. Mission Control in Oakland fits 100 people - costs \$1,000 plus food - charging \$20-\$25 per person we'd need at least 50 people. Not exactly our demographic - BV includes trans men - would we change our admission policy for this event? - it is a fiscal risk. Other dungeon in East Bay is Black Thorn -

do we need insurance?? - if we have demos - that's education - we're hoping to do orientation at the conference during the day - and say come to our party (orientation be like PR), money and volunteers are a question ??? - need budget & breakdown of the costs, If we could get shared money risk and get volunteers, what do we think re party in East Bay, Learning by doing: Let's all Play, Queer, Women's. Trans, co-sponsor with Queer Sphere and Butch Voices - open event for Trans Men - party be part of Butch Voices conference to help get attendees - we match their demographics - i.e. trans men.

New Business

- Welcoming women of color - Bennett - Pat and Marilyn are going to have dinner to discuss with Bennett how to be more welcoming to POC - what types of programs might appeal to POC
- **Pat invite Asia to do program and invite her to Folsom social and tell her she can join Exiles for free**
- Video booth at 20th anniversary - postpone
- **Move the July biz meeting a week later to avoid July 4th? - No the meeting remains first Sunday of the month - July 2, 2017**
- **Exiles BBQ- Marilyn's house - When, Food, Budget - Saturday July 8, 2017 at 12 p.m. - til 4 p.m.** \$5 members, \$10 non members, RSVP recommended, no one turned away for lack of funds, barbeque food provided, bring sides, salads, desserts
- Ongoing play education - learn by doing - Rio
- Our booth at Gay Pride, June 25th - need a point person. Who can staff? - Marilyn, Meryl, Pat will be there all day, Ms. Cat has access to a truck, **Rio will ask at LA meeting if there is a common truck for loading**, at May program Marilyn will ask for volunteers for gay pride, **Rio will be point person for gay pride when she returns from being out of town, need someone to set up, Marilyn ask for volunteers for demos, set up, take down**
- Rio is out of town for our next orientation, Friday June 2nd. Who can do it? - Judith, Kea, Meryl and Pat volunteered
- **We need a point person for the Novice Night July panel, and to solicit people for the Sampler stations**
- Meryl is wondering when we last raised membership dues and do we need to do this to raise funds (in light of treasurer report)

Officer Reports (to be noted but not discussed unless needed)

- Co-coordinator (Marilyn):
- Co-coordinator (Pat): 1) Working on future programs; 2) Meeting with Bennett about POC outreach;
- Doorkeeper (Ray):
- Membership (Meryl): One new member; a second new member is in the process of joining. Both attended the last orientation. Current membership: 73 members. Last month (Apr. 2017): 72 members. Approximately this time last year (May. 2016): No number listed in membership report. For reference: Feb. 2016: 99 members, March 2014: 142 members. Mindful that membership renewal season is coming up and forms need to be updated this month.
- Newsletter (Jackie):

- Orientation (Rio): Two attendees at last orientation, both have joined since then. I want to start a list of attendees, with emails, and do more/better follow-up with them on an individual basis.
- Publicity/PR (Kea):
- Treasurer (Marilyn (acting):
 - Total in all accounts:\$2011
 - Need to think of other ways to raise funds.
- Recorder (Judith):
- Sergeant-at-Arms (open):
- Volunteer Coordinator (open):
- Website (Jennifer):