

Participating: Ray Bagnuolo, Barb Crabtree, Marianne Duddy-Burke, Pamela Lightsey, Jim Mitulski, Rick Mixon, Sylvia Rhue, Mel Soriano, Marnie Warner, Judith Wray. Staff: Lauren Bennett, Mark Bowman, Ann Craig, Carl Foote.

Intro Question: What LGBT Christian saint or prophet—living or dead—would you like to have lunch with tomorrow?

1. Website (Carl):

- a. www.rollingthestoneaway.org went live over the weekend.
- b. Continuing adding and refining work on this.
- c. Seems to be operating well with embedded bios from LGBT Archives Page
- d. Thanked Lauren for artwork
- e. Next steps: needs to adapt to phones etc., and add keywords for Google analytic, marketing
- f. Sylvia made a suggestion was made to take out duplicates in the logo of photos. Lauren will work on that

2. Publicity (Ann):

- a. Initial materials in digital form for publicity to disseminate to all the participating programs. Beginning steps on a larger media plan.
- b. Ann sent out a marketing/communication plan just before the meeting
- c. Palm card that can be used between now and the event talking about the event etc.
- d. Draft of a letter to leaders of LGBT faith organizations asking them to:
 - i. Publish information about event
 - ii. Write an article about org.
 - iii. ID Elders
 - iv. Have Elders write about stories publish in your own publications and in others
 - v. Request artwork
 - vi. ID young prophets
- e. Large Media Market
- f. Attention toward people in St. Louis area – need your help to make it happen.
- g. Jim: What is happening that we need to work toward like Pride events? What about timing of articles in other publications?
 - i. Response: Talk more, but want to focus on getting a lot written from our elders
 - ii. Rolling the Stone Away can be a starting point
- h. Barb: Elevator Speech?
- i. Carl: work with Story Corps sooner? Smithsonian? Moth? Yes, staff team to work on that

- j. Pamela: TFAM – get advertising
- k. Need information on the website
- l. Mark: **All send events to Ann**
 - i. MCC PAD conference August 3-5. In St Louis
 - ii. Book Signings at event? Contact local book store?

3. Registration (Lauren)

- a. Registration is now open, we have 17 Invited Guests registered with 7 who upgraded with a single room and 2 with a spouse addition; 1 regular registrant; \$1,500 donations
- b. We have one registration system that is through MCC's registration where people can register either as invited guests or registrants
- c. Staff need to register with the link, responsible for their own registration fees

4. Personnel (Barb)

- a. Reopen search for A-V Manager—no applicants
 - i. How to get this circulated in right circles? Updated posting attached in Mark's email
- b. Barb will be on sabbatical for 3 months starting April 17th and Lauren will be liaison for MCC communications. Barb can be available to Mark is important Personnel matters arise.
- c. Susan Gore has resigned, we are looking for another person for development
 - i. **Please think about someone in your network might be qualified and available.**
 - ii. Marianne asked if there are candidates who originally applied. Mark will contact Marianne and Sylvia about other applicants.

5. Finance (Marnie)

- a. Registration fee set at \$280 (\$100 above our cost for meal package); after July 1 is \$330.
- b. Hotel contract changed to be in name of MCC in order to eliminate sales tax, saving us about \$10,000 – great work Mark with doing the work to find that
- c. **Continue to work on planning team members making their financial commitment and talk with your networks particularly now that the website is up**
- d. Reminder: Asking for everyone to go to ED of organization and ask for a list of people – they will be asked if they can give money on top of what they are already giving to the organization; there is also an ask the is going out to our invited guests. Mark will send more notes on this

6. Invitations (Judith/Mark):

- a. Status of responses from initial 45 invitees (see attached)
 - i. A few no's, mostly health reasons or schedules, a few questionable ones who are not yet sure
 - ii. Cannot find contact information for Flo
 - iii. Others who are blank they haven't responded yet
 - iv. Should be able to wrap up in the next two weeks
 - v. Anticipate another 5-10 people from this initial list
 - vi. Budget calls for 100-125 invited guests; agree to only invite people as we have the money, so we have done the first group
- b. List of additional nominees from persons of color & trans (see attached). Still haven't determined how to narrow this list down to 12 or so additional invitees.
 - i. Initial list not as diverse as is important. Need to add people of color and trans* folk.
 - ii. **Take a look at the list and let the invitations team know in the next week who you would want included with a lens toward focusing on people from your own tradition**

7. Program Planning Team (Judith/Jim/Ray)

- a. This team of three persons from Invitations is starting work on a draft of the conference program. Hope to have proposal for planning team refinement in 4-6 weeks. They welcome input and ideas.
 - i. Jim reported that the group had one meeting to look at the facility; providing a balance of activities between communities of learning that are both formal and informal; looking at incorporating worship, special events etc.
 - ii. Keep sending program ideas to this team.

8. Question of participation of current, younger leaders in movements

- a. Several persons have mentioned the importance of ensuring the participation of new and younger movement leaders and scholars in this conference. How can we enable this? Scholarships for these folks—who provides funds? Who would dole this out? Other ways to do this?
 - i. Marnie: wants to keep most of our funds on bringing elders/saints; provide limited scholarships for younger folks and seminarians.
 - ii. Marianne: On the Donate page allowing a place to raise money for scholarships for younger people
 - iii. Registration: Staff to pay their own
 - iv. Pamela: When thinking of scholarships it's important to keep in

mind diversity across the board.

- v. Judith: There may be space in the program or participation by young adults and then they would be invited guests.
- vi. Lauren: As a young adult, know that many will not be able to self-fund their participation. Called attention toward Jim's comments in chatbox about MCC providing some scholarships and maybe other organizations can do that also with their folks..
- vii. Mel: An important way to draw in the next generation is through seminars; some of them could providing funding for their students' participation.
- viii. Lauren: Seminars and schools often have opportunities or independent study so student could participate for academic credit.
- ix. Barb: Reach out to Creating Change for connections with younger persons who might want to participate.
- x. Judith: See how PSR might offer CEU credits for participants.

9. Other Matters

- a. Jim: Invitations: Can we publicize the "yeses"? Mark said of course and they are on the website if you want to double check

10. Next Meeting

Monday, April 17th, 2:00PM Eastern/1:00PM Central/11:00AM Pacific.

Closing Prayer by Jim.

Next Steps: (In bold above)

Parking Lot:

- 1. Local Book Store to offer books and do signings with invited guests

by Lauren Bennett