OUTspoken Board Meeting
March 5th, 2015

Lydia motions to open at 6:39
- Introductions (Lydia)
- Discussion to be based on prior action items, then by role

Q Senate review 2/27 (Val)
- Mental Graffiti petitioned a donation of 250$ from OUTspoken
  - Voting chairs will make the decision on 3/6
  - Donation to be swapped for a free workshop/showcase
  - Is the value of the donation equivalent the community’s benefit? (Lydia)
  - Is it a feasible subtraction from our budget? (Ryah)
  - Could we give them a lower amount based on their need? (Val)
  - Would the performance be funded by or an actual OUTspoken event? (Ilyssa)
    - Or, it could be framed as the Senate’s event based on duties (Lydia)
  - “A queer talent show!” or something supplemental from OUTspoken (Val/Lydia)
    - An event like that is in the works for graduation (Henry)
  - Transcripts of Mental Graffiti’s queer-related poetry (Keil)
    - ritGA and Labrys did not discuss this topic directly (Matt/Ilyssa)
      - Tangent did (Ryah)
    - How should OUTspoken vote? In favor of 20$ per contestant? (Lydia)
      - And how much do we want in return?
    - We want to host events for the community, following ritGA’s feedback (Ryah)
      - We want to garner participation from the community, diversify (Val)
- Equalizers/Neutralizers update (Ryah)
  - The petition has been updated to include our efforts
  - Where do we go from here? Following up with SG (Ryah/Lydia)
- Q Senate and the Women’s Senator (Lydia)
  - We want to provide seats to people at the front round (Lydia/Ryah)
  - In order to have a voting seat you need a constituency (Lydia)
  - The issue being that the Women’s Senator has no directly queer ties (Val)
    - Queer women are covered by the Labrys chair (Ryah)
- Tigress at Q Senate (Lydia)
  - Looking to setup a meeting with Andrea to offer the seat to Tigress
  - Look to solicit feedback rather than expect a presence (Henry)
  - How to keep an open line of communication and respect votes (Lydia/Matt)
    - Having an ally as a physical presence may be more convenient (Ryah)
  - We have to find out if anonymity is the issue or otherwise (Val)
- Sexual Assault update (Keil)
  - Those groups interested will be contacted when things are set

Action Item Review
● Website updates (Sean)
  ○ A mailing list is being compiled and there is a signup on the site
  ○ We still need to collect pictures of the Board to outspoken@rit.edu
    ■ They will be paired with names, pronouns and titles
  ○ A calendar has been added and will include Leadership Meetings
    ■ Also: club meetings, Q Center’s movies
  ○ There is a Facebook page and group that we have control over
  ○ No new petitions to report on from PawPrints
    ■ How do we handle petitions that do not directly align? (Ryah)
● Representatives at Large (Val/Matt)
  ○ ROOTS will be carnival-themed again, re-budgeted (Val)
    ■ Still want a strong MSO presence at the event
    ■ What should the event be named? (Ryah)
  ○ Upcoming Events; should be put on the calendar (Val)
    ■ Rochester Gay Men’s Chorus concert on March 21st
    ■ Trans* Day of Visibility on March 31st; partnership with Tangent?
    ■ NEGLBT Conference information needs to be distributed
    ■ NEGLBT Conference registration through the Q Center
    ■ Equality and Justice Day in Albany to advocate on April 28th
    ■ Spring Dinner hosted by the Pride Agenda on May 16th
    ■ OUTspoken BBQ? Pride Rock?
    ○ We received no emails for the Agenda (Matt)
● Julia Weldon performance (Ryah)
  ○ Should consider tabling for next year (Henry)
● T-Shirts and Designs (Ilyssa)
  ○ Started setting designs; a dripping rainbow, suggestions?
  ○ How much of the logo should we change? (Ryah/Ilyssa/Keil)
  ○ Posters and signs made, some errors (Ilyssa)
  ○ Painting the window on the door, what follows policy (Ilyssa/Vannah)
  ○ Please give adequate notice of poster due dates (Ilyssa)
● Shopping List (Vannah)
  ○ No response from Recognition Experts
    ○ Post the In-Progress list to the Drive
  ○ Need to create a proposal to present to Carol Reed (Henry)
● Events (Keil)
  ○ What to do for ImagineRIT? Discuss at Senate (Keil/Lydia)
  ○ Who is in charge of distributing information about events? (Henry)

Lydia motions to close at 8:04