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Minutes for the meeting of the Committee to Eliminate Homophobia and Heterosexism
Monday, September 29, 1997

1. Meeting called to order at 12:00pm. Members present were: Bill Bartels, Casey Johnson, Laurie Johnson, Holly Nichols, Gary Burkholder.
2. Minutes from the September 22 meeting were approved with no changes.
3. Announcements:
   a. The Alliance Education is advertising a Speakers Bureau training to be held in Boston on Nov 1/2. Please see Bill for further information if interested.
   b. Holly provided Laurie a brochure about Kathy's Group, a support group for lesbians with cancer.
   c. Jeannie Powell provided information about a film called "Companions: Tales from the Closet". She thinks it would cost us 200.00 to show the film and have a presentation by the makers of the film. The subject is older lesbian women. There was interest at the table. Casey will take the issue to GLBTA to solicit interest in cosponsorship. Health Services Education may be able to provide 50.00. It seemed that there would be enough interest to cover the financial cost.
   d. On Wednesday, Oct. 29, 7:00pm, Kathy's Group is sponsoring a speaker on women's health issues as they relate to lesbian women. It will be held at the YWCA on Branch Avenue in Providence.
4. Diversity Week. Only one person wrote a comment on our poster. We felt that the poster was in a poor location (behind a desk on the wall that faces the circulation desk). We were told it would be hung next to the big diversity poster, but it was not. The Coming Out Panel workshop went well, there were approximately 33 people in attendance, many from URI101 classes. Amy, Casey and Holly were on the panel, and Adria Evans moderated. People at the table felt like it was a success. 3 people from there showed up at the next GLBTA meeting. There was some general discussion about attendance to diversity week workshops.
5. Our meeting will be next week on Monday at 12:00 noon, then it will pick up every two weeks after that. This is to account for the Columbus Day holiday.
6. The resource brochures did make it into orientation packets.
7. Symposium update. Mandy Carter has confirmed that she would like to be our keynote speaker. Her honorarium is 1000.00. She will speak on the evening of Thursday, April 9. We folded and put sticker labels on calls for papers. Casey is getting ready to send out the letter to American Airlines requesting donation of tickets for raffle. Casey talked about the possibility of raffling off a car (we need to apply to Subaru corporation).
8. We talked briefly about the lack of meeting attendance. It was suggested that we call members to find out why they are not coming to the meetings. Bill is going to bring a phone list and email list of Committee members to the next meeting.
9. Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm.