

Safe Schools Coalition Meeting

Minutes 01/15/2013 3-5 p.m. PDT

Facilitating: Matthew Wilson; Recording: Eric Bennett

1. **Attending:** Matthew Wilson SSC Chair, Oasis Youth Center, Gabi Clayton, SSC Webspinner, PFLAG Olympia, Families Against Hate, Youth Guardian Services; Alec Clayton, PFLAG Olympia, Families Against Hate, Jenny Rivers, Nystrom Counseling and Assoc., Kathy Sakahara, League of Women Voters Wa. SSC, Eric Bennett GLSEN WA SSC Co-Secretary, Mo Lewis KCSARC, Emily Emerson, Schools Out WA, Angela Rinaldo, Youth Suicide Prevention Program
2. **Appreciations and Announcements:**
 - Exhibit in Olympia on Feb 1, 2013 for "Out of Silence" Supporting member org Pizza Klatch
 - GLSEN WA Leadership Summit January 21, 2013 at University Prep
 - Due to busy schedules Frank Couch and Kathryn Korch of the Science and Management of Addictions (SAMA) Foundation will be stepping back from their duties with SSC. Matthew would like to thank them very much for their service with SSC.
 - Matthew would like to thank everyone for being flexible and patient with all the changes.
3. **Membership Report:**
 - We have two new members –Gender Diversity of Bellingham for \$200.00 and P.O.W. of Burien for \$50.00. The coalition approved the memberships.
 - Kathy met with Louise Chernin of the GSBA. Louise would like for us to volunteer for the GSBA Scholarship reading committee. Eric and Kathy will volunteer.
 - GSBA has renewed their membership for \$500.00
 - Matthew will update our GSBA membership information
 - Gabi asked if we should update the SSC membership list on the website. Should we remove old and inactive members?
 - Kathy will send out letters to inactive members asking if they would still like to be a member.
 - Kathy will send out invoices for renewals to inactive members that respond
 - Kathy will put a proposal together to have different levels of membership, sponsorship etc.
 - Matthew, Kathy, and Emily will discuss membership levels further.
 - Kathy asked if we should send membership renewals to members who donate only in-kind items. Will discuss further
4. **Personal Membership Report by Christian Zsilavetz**

I'll send [the Leadership Team] my "please join" letter to send to friends and relations once it's set up for folks who may not have donated previously. So far I sent out about a dozen or so emails near the end of December and gotten 1 new member who made a generous donation. Also, we've received 2 recent donations that were both generous.

We're still in the education phase of "what does membership mean" vs. a donation: at this point, to me, it means you want to make a moderate financial contribution and possibly a donation of time and want to be kept in the loop of the happenings of the SSC; that you're willing to support our mission whenever you can and be recognized/counted as a member of the Safe Schools Coalition. I also feel that enabling people to make donations is important as well, as many of our donors put time into other organizations and commitments as well- but they are able to donate financially. Some folks are also just donating in someone else's name, and want to leave things at that, which is great, too.

And to give us some goals to hit 2013, according to the records I received (which I'm thinking does not include the BIG GIVE and other United Way workplace giving, from what I can tell), 2011 brought in \$2775 and 2012 saw \$1405 in personal donations. I would love to see 500 people worldwide donate \$5 or more each, and 100 people stand up and say "YES! I am a member of the Safe Schools Coalition", creating at least another \$2000 or more in donations and ENERGY to support our mission and most importantly the young people we serve around the globe.

Every donation of time and money helps, so let's see what's out there from those who already consider themselves members at heart, and bring in some new folks who are just realizing the need for and the great power of this great international organization.
Happy New Year to all, and I look forward to working with all of you from Atlanta.

If you'd like to be among the ranks of the first Personal Members of the SSC, or know folks who'd want to do the same, please join or send the link along:
www.safeschoolscoalition.org/members.html

Thanks for all your service,
Christian Zsilavetz, Personal Membership Chair

5. Intervention Team Report:

Report will be given in February meeting.

6. Prevention Report:

- We will be updating our Seattle Foundation profile by March
- Kathy would like input on Needs for SSC
- Kathy will put together a list of grants available
- How do we utilize and balance personnel memberships and the rising of contributions separate of the memberships
- Matt suggested we have a quarterly recognition of members

7. Finance:

- Angela will have an updated report for Februarys Meeting

8. Website Report:

- Gabi is in the process of changing the website emails to reflect changes in SSC folks.
- Have two lists of what people are doing. One for the leadership team and one for the Listserv.
- Gabi is looking for someone to put out job listings on the listserv.
- We are still in the process of migrating to Constant Contact.
- Matthew and Gabi will update referral list.
- Eric will administer referral list on website.

9. Strategic Planning:

- The planning process will take about four months and is ongoing.
- Matthew will send information pertaining to the process when he has it.

10. Miscellaneous:

- Kathy attended the R-74 wrap meeting
- They started the discussion on what was next for Washington United for Marriage Coalition.
- What type of priorities does each member have for the next step
- Creating a safe school environment and more anti-bullying efforts were the consensus
- On January 24, 2013 6-9PM at the Union Temple. Social Outreach Seattle and Pride at Work will be having a forum on what's next after Marriage Equality. Angela will attend as a speaker and Kathy will table.
- Eric will coordinate with Kathy to get the tabling supplies at the GLSEN Office
- Kathy will get the Safe Schools Template from Gabi so she can make business cards.

Our next meeting will be February 19, 2013

At Planned Parenthood

2PM -3PM Leadership Team

3PM-5PM Safe Schools Coalition Meeting