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guelph gay equality

newsletter

APRIL 1982

NEW CONSTITUTION - NEW EXECUTIVE FOR GUELPH GAY EQUALITY

As most of you are now aware, GUELPH GAY EQUALITY now has a brand new Constitution. Last month we sent you a copy of the document and it was passed by a unanimous vote by members present at two consecutive meetings, March 16 & 23, 1982. There were two minor changes from the original sent to you, as outlined below:

ARTICLE VII:

- (e) Nominees must be members in good standing of Guelph Gay Equality prior to the election.
- (j) In the case of a vacancy on the Executive Committee during the electoral term, the other members of the Executive Committee shall appoint a member to complete the term of the vacant position.

As of our election night meeting, April 6, 1982 we had received 6 nominations for the 6 positions on our Executive Committee. All 6 nominees were elected by acclamation. During an Executive meeting held on April 9, 1982, it was mutually decided by the Committee what position each Director would be overseeing. The results of the election and the Executive meeting and the terms of office are as follows:

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| EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | James Dougan - 2 YRS |
| FINANCIAL DIRECTOR | Malcolm Jones - 1 YR. |
| EDUCATION DIRECTOR | André Méthot - 2 YRS. |
| ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR | Vince Charbonneau - 1 YR. |
| DANCE DIRECTOR | Pat Ladouceur - 1 YR. |
| PUBLICITY DIRECTOR | David Granger - 2 YRS. |

Our next general business meeting will be held in Room 335 of the University Centre on June 3, 1982 at 8:00 PM (Pub Crawl to follow that meeting).

GUELPH GAY EQUALITY - QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT
January - March 1982

REVENUE

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|-------------------------|-----------|
| Cash Balance Forward | \$ 750.15 |
| Social Events | 2487.37 |
| Memberships & Donations | 219.09 |
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| TOTAL | \$3456.61 |

EXPENSES

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|------------------------|-----------|
| Newsletter | 57.30 |
| Gay Line | 140.45 |
| Office Supplies | 53.44 |
| Loan Payments (U of G) | 227.12 |
| Meetings Expense | 77.57 |
| Social Events | 2174.00 |
| Publicity | 84.25 |
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| TOTAL | \$2814.13 |

SUMMARY

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| TOTAL REVENUE | 3456.61 |
| EXPENSES | 2814.13 |
| CASH ON HAND | \$ <u>642.48</u> |

GAY VICTORY AT KITCHENER COUNCIL

On Monday, April 5th, Kitchener City Council voted 9 to 3 in favour of permitting the Kitchener-Waterloo Gay Media Collective to rent the Victoria Park Pavillion for a dance to be held on Friday June 4

The story began when Joe Szalai, a member of the collective, booked the hall a couple of weeks earlier. On April 5, the City Clerk called Szalai to inform him that the hall could not be rented to gay groups, because of past "problems" with another gay group at the Bridgeport Community Centre. The clerk was unaware that the "problems" at Bridgeport were perpetuated by baseball-bat swinging homophobic youths. Szalai then contacted the K-W Record which ran a news story also on April 5. That same evening collective members Szalai and Gregg Meadows went before City Council to demand an explanation. Meadows addressed the council, explained the events, then demanded either a reversal or the resignation of the city bureaucrats responsible.

Mayor Morley Rosenberg then admitted to council that he had personally intervened to stop the dance, using the Bridgeport events as justification. Council members took issue with the Mayor and after some debate voted 9-3 in favour of the collective.

Before leaving council, Szalai demanded that the city pass a by-law prohibiting the City from discrimination against minorities, including gays. While some councillors said that such a by-law was not a municipal concern, the city lawyer, Jim Wallace, was instructed to draw up a legal report on the matter. Gay activists have successfully lobbied for such by-laws in Ottawa, Toronto, Windsor, and Thunder Bay. In Quebec, this type of discrimination is illegal throughout the province, thanks to 1977 legislation which protects sexual minorities.

The Kitchener success clearly demonstrates the effectiveness of upfront confrontation in cases of blatant discrimination. The Gay Media Collective is holding the June 4 dance at the Victoria Park Pavillion to raise funds for a soon-to-be published regional gay men's magazine, entitled Gay, eh?

COMING EVENTS

- Tue.Apr.20 - Guest Speaker: Joe Szalai
Discussion of Gay Media Collective
vs. Kitchener City Council
Room 311 Arts Bldg. U of G - 8 PM
- Tue.Apr.27 - Collection of Audio Tapes
Some very interesting audio tapes
on loan from Gay Media Collective
Room 311 Arts Bldg. U of G - 8 PM
- Fri.Apr.30 - Dance at School house
611 Silvercreek Pkwy, Guelph
9 PM
- Tue.May 4 - Video Movie Night
"YANKEE DOODLE DANDY" starring
- James Cagney (A Musical Comedy based
on the life of George M. Cohen)
Room 311 Arts Bldg. U of G - 8 PM
- Tue.May 25 - Womens' Night
with guest speaker: Chris Bearchell
Room 311 Arts Bldg. U of G - 8 PM
- Thur.June 3 - G.G.E. - General Meeting
Room 335 Univ. Centre - 8 PM
Pub Crawl to follow meeting
- Fri. June 4 - Kitchener Dance
Victoria Park Pavillion, Kitchener, Ont.
9 PM.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP & SAVE: Your \$10.00
membership gives you newsletters and dance discounts
for 12 months. Check expiry date on address label.
Send \$\$ to address below.(see P.2)

the gayline 836-4550
