

LGBTQ+ Caucus of Special Educators

February 7, 2020

Portland, OR

- Meeting was called to order at 1 pm by Bryan Cichy-Parker.
- Welcome and Introductions of Members and Guests: Bryan explained the difference between members and guests briefly. Bradley will discuss this more in depth with the Treasurer's report. Moved around the circle for introductions. [28 people total in attendance.]
- Bryan discussed what this group does. Place for questions, suggestions, discussions, listening, and staying engaged in the main conversation. Talked about assuming positive intent, listening and responding with grace. Safe Space. This is OUR COMMUNITY.
- Support group, learning community, professional development community.
- Announcements:
 - Caucus Social Details: CC Slaughters & the Rainbow Room, 8 pm til ???
 - LGBTQ research symposium at Urbana-Champaign in May. Recruiting graduate students to present research at this conference. Johnell Bentz can give more information about this event.
 - Facebook group is closed. Friend Bryan, Bradley, or Jennifer and we can add you to the page.
- Minutes from last meeting were read by Jennifer. Motion (Bentz/Allen) to approve minutes. **Motion carries.**
- Chair's Report:
 - SNU Crisis from last year: Bryan and Liz Harkin worked on the letter to CEC and collaborated with caucuses and divisions. Received many letters of support that were submitted to CEC with our Caucus letter. At the conference, we spoke with Renee Glasby about this issue as well. CEC leadership activated their National Association of Associations, and SNU has been disinvited after this year. Our professional organization is not about supporting hatred and discrimination. Carol Serrano, one of the people who organized this group, approached Bryan and told him that they went back through the pictures from the conference and blurred out the SNU symbol. Solid connections have been made with CEC leadership (Board of Directors; CEC Leadership)
 - Website is still a work in progress but is up and running
 - In our effort to be more visible and connect with other divisions, DDEL has invited us to sit on a panel today at 4 p.m.
- Treasurer's Report:
 - Accept dues every year at this meeting. Give as you can situation. Suggested donation is \$10 for students and \$20 for professionals.

- \$684.84 in our account.
- Venmo: get a Venmo card and put the money in the account or link to a bank account. Motion: (Plemmons/Christensen) To investigate a Venmo account for the Caucus. **Motion carries.**
- New Business:
 - Gloria from CEC Leadership Team: Committee to recruit, cultivate, and develop diverse and well-qualified leaders for the organization. You can reach out to any member of the Leadership Development Committee to assist you in your areas of interest.
 - Motion (Cichy-Parker/Plemmons) to write a letter to CEC expressing gratitude for their support and movements. **Motion carries.**
 - Suggestion from Cary Nope to discuss policies that are rolling out in different states that affect teachers and teaching.
 - American Medical Association slammed down not providing services to the Transgender community today!! (2/7/2020)
 - Arizona is no longer a “No Promo Homo” state.
 - Conversion Therapy is being discredited more and more.
 - Oregon has passed comprehensive sex education curriculum for all districts. All identities and positive information.
 - Plug for DADD—push to include more and different voices within the group; more inclusivity (Liz Harkin)
 - Follow-up on the name change throughout CEC
 - Baltimore is our next meeting. We are looking for ideas for tabling. We will have elections next year for President, President elect, secretary, treasurer.
 - New PRIDE flag—the PROGRESS PRIDE FLAG—Mir asked if we could get one of these made for our group and table. Bryan will research the way to get this made and the cost. Motion (Plemmons/Cichy-Parker) Bryan and Mir will work together to get this accomplished for Baltimore. **Motion carries.**
 - Point of interest: MX is another title out there that allows one to not specify gender. More and more people are using this.
- Move to adjourn (Kaffar/Bentz). **Motion carries.**