

Safe Zone meeting
Friday, April 6th, 2012
1pm ~ Hamersly Library 205

Brainstorm of the Week: Spring Fundraiser. The intern has a class project that would provide volunteers and extra help with any fundraising endeavors. Some actual fundraising event ideas were formed: selling butter braids (this has been done in the past, but there were issues with distribution since the braids are frozen), selling muffin baskets in a similar fashion to the truffles (mix and match), Krispy Kreme donuts, Burgerville or Dairy Queen nights, Koyotes Tacos night, Crush trivia night.

Safe Zone's birthday is April 30th, but a speaker that is friends with WOU, Jessica Petitt, will be on campus mid- to late May. We could host a belated birthday event for a lower cost since she will already be on campus. The committee wanted to do an event closer to the actual date, but we could potentially do both. There was an idea to keep the event more fun and social but still have a keynote speaker. A committee member will be contacting Cheryl Davies and Christine Alexander of South West Community College to come speak. Cupcakes were a huge hit last year and Roth's might be a cheap way to do it. There could also be a cake. The event could be in the Willamette room at 1pm on April 30th.

With the resignation of the Fundraising chair, Training chair, and Student Co-Chair comes the need for midyear elections. The elections will be April 13th, next week's meeting. The nature of this election would mean that whoever got elected would only hold their position for the rest of this academic year, the summer, and until November of the next academic year when general elections will be.

Friday, April 20th is Day of 20th. GLSEN provides speaking cards for participants and Safe Zone can easily help program and organize through posters. Safe Zone could co-program with Triangle Alliance, ASWOU Student Government, Student Activities Board, or Multicultural Student Union. That evening at around 5pm would be a breaking of the silence open mic night in the Willamette, the Columbia, or the Santiam.

The Outreach Chair was a part of the Triangle Alliance Drag Show and suggested that next year we host a booth at this event. He also noted that Landers Hall wants to host a Safe Zone training and trainers are needed.

The Chair is forming a steering committee of those who are Safe Zone power players and founders to help improve and change Safe Zone with the campus. The idea is to make sure the committee can continually be effective and be more accessible to both the super aware allies, and those who may not be aware of LGBTQ issues.

The intern has successfully updated the Safe Zone brochure, launched a list of all gender neutral bathrooms on campus, and written job descriptions of all the chairs. Also, the website is completely up-to-date.

A committee member will be hosting a Safe Zone training on May 3rd for Abby's House.