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Pride Community Centre Coordinator

TO: Members of the Executive Board
FROM: Miranda Clayton
SUBJECT: Pride Community Centre Report 1
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YEARPLAN UPDATE

Hello! I'm glad to be submitting my first report for my actual term and not my weird prep time. I've requested an extension on my Yearplan because I see the PCC this year as a collaborative effort. I have lots of great ideas but also 7 more exec to shape the year with me. So far we've started the space renovation, become active in both Hamilton and Toronto Pride, gotten our executive team together, and now we're looking to the future. A Pride rep network, volunteer hiring, support group establishment, and so much more are on the docket and I could not be more excited. A complete Yearplan will be submitted to Kristina as of Monday.

SERVICE USAGE

This is not applicable at the moment as we are closed until Welcome Week.

PAST EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

No actual events have been carried out as of yet at the time this is being written.

UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

We have two events for Pride Month. The first is participation in Hamilton Pride by holding the [Bi]ke Ride, which is a bisexual pride march on wheels in collaboration with Spectrum. This will take place the afternoon of June 17th. The second event is marching in Toronto Pride with EngiQueers and the McMaster Marching Band during the afternoon of June 24th.

As far as projects go, we've decided we need an actual Welcome Week presence. Welcome Week is the first time first years are free from less than welcoming high school environments and potentially unaccepting parents. A lot of first years come out during this time and need to be supported. Many LGBTQ2SI+ reps paint a rainbow on the back pocket of their suit so I thought I would utilize it. If reps are comfortable enough being out, perhaps they are comfortable enough to spread PCC news and information. I am in the process of contacting every faculty planner and ROA to collect the contact information of interested reps so I can set up a meeting and inform these reps of PCC services. These reps will receive a patch for their suits and it will be publicized that those reps are safe to approach to ask about LGBTQ2SI+

resources. So far we have gotten a lot of support from faculty planners and reps so I am hoping for quite the squad for the inaugural year of the Pride rep network.

Another project we have on the go is the creation of Pride crosswalks in the campus area. We have been contacted by both the university and the city about rainbow crosswalks on and around campus. No details are set in stone yet but if the city would like to provide one and the university would like to help us out with one we would like to strive for one rainbow crosswalk and one trans pride crosswalk. I am in contact with both Tasneem and Stephanie about these crosswalks, hopefully more details from the university and city come soon.

BUDGET

There have been no unforeseen costs. Most of what we have spent money on is promo thus far as we needed promo material for hiring, reopening of hiring, and the [Bi]ke Ride. I accidentally deleted the budget part of this because it would not format and now I cannot get it back so I apologize. The next thing we will be spending money on is streamers and decorations for our pride month events and contributing to the bus we are booking to Toronto Pride with the marching band and EngiQueers.

VOLUNTEERS

We have made the decision to hire volunteers on a rolling basis throughout the summer in order to attract as many as possible. The application will be done via a Google form on our media to eliminate some barriers and streamline the process. Volunteer applications will be released in the next 2 weeks so we can end off Pride Month by encouraging people to extend the love to all year! The goal is to have a staff of thirty volunteers this year so we can consistently remain open for peer support every day from 9:30-4:30 with support groups running from 5:00-8:00. Support groups will be run by volunteers and volunteers running support groups will receive additional training and be overseen by the new Community Facilitation Coordinator position.

CURRENT CHALLENGES

My biggest challenge at the moment is personal time management as I am doing my placement fulltime and PCC Coordinator is one of three jobs I have outside that. If I seem scattered or do not respond to an email right away I am just putting out a fire somewhere else and will get around to it. Please harass me on Facebook if you have an urgent matter and I will attend to it sooner. I will not have this problem during the school year as I will not be working 40 unpaid hours a week. I apologize for any lapses in communication that may occur before placement finishes at the end of July.

SUCCESES

I am relieved to have finally hired a full exec team. Everyone seems to be getting along well and so passionate about the year we have ahead. To my knowledge this is the first year the PCC exec has had cis/trans parity! I am confident we will be able to make the space more welcoming than ever before and cater to the needs of our diverse community. The crusty paint is also off our newly frosted windows and I could not be more excited for the rest of the renovation.