

**Team Saint Louis  
Meeting Minutes January 24, 2008**

- Meeting called to order at @7:04 by Michael Regier, President who welcomed 20 members.
- Alice Tejada took down the minutes.
- Mark Ebel read the November 11, 2007 meeting minutes which were approved and will be posted on the website.
- Michael Brown distributed and read the Treasurer's Report, 2006-2010 Budget Forecasts and Individual Reward Summary – see Attachments A, B and C.
- Thank you letter received from Food Outreach for the \$150.00 donation. Thank you note received from Vince Andrzejewski regarding the passing of his mother.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE:**

- A) Travel – a meeting was to be held prior to this general meeting however, no other committee members were present. The next meeting will be held after Mardi Gras, mid-February.
- Copenhagen OutGames 2009  
Based on the Evite, approximately 24 attendees.  
All the sports have been finalized and listed.  
Approximate registration fees will be €200 (\$300US)  
Approximate airfare \$1200-1900 (US)  
Mark to provide the Evite link on the TSL website.
  - Cologne GayGames 2010  
Based on the Evite approximately 11 attendees.  
Mark to provide the Evite link on the TSL website.
  - As a point of comparison: 51 TSL attendees for Sydney Australia; 12 Band Together attendees for Sydney.
  - John Killoran with Band Together noted that the LGBA (Lesbian and Gay Band Association) are in the beginning process of trying to get 200 attendees.
  - Another suggestion was to invite past travel agencies to bid.
- B) Merchandise – Jeromy Ruot unavailable to report due to personal matters.
- Jack LeMasters presented Jim Goodwin's proposal on the sock fundraiser utilizing new TSL logo either embroidered or screen-printed. The cost feasibility still needs to be determined i.e., based on the number of pairs ordered the possible retail price would be \$10-12/pair; TSL possible investment \$5-7/pair. It was suggested that TSL recoup the costs without a profit. A motion put forth to pursue this endeavor and revisit.
  - Next meeting TBD.

**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:**

- Last meeting was held on November 28, 2007.
- A) Team Saint Louis Invitational Volleyball Tournament – February 16-17
- Jello shots to be sold at Registration (2/15) at JJ's. Mark Ebel volunteered to make them.
  - David Reyna, Tournament Director presented the tournament update. To date, approximately 28 teams have registered with 16 paid. Division A = 8 teams (capped); BB = 9; B = 11. 36 teams will be the maximum. Registration deadline will be February 9<sup>th</sup>. Two other NAGVA tournaments are scheduled for the same dates as St. Louis – Seattle and San Juan, PR.
  - Registration packets will be bundled on Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - Eric Kettleon, Tournament Co-Director, has obtained the St. Louis Visitor's Guide from Visitor's Bureau for inclusion in the registration packets together with pens, condoms, bar coupons, etc. Additionally, The Vital Voice will be included with the potential of a feature article on the St. Louis tournament and its history to be written by David Morrow.
  - Registration will be held at JJ's on Friday; seeding party will be at Atomic Cowboy; post-party at Novak's.
  - Mike Brown on behalf of Todd Ackerman, Concessions Director, distributed the volunteer sign-up sheet.
- B) Team Saint Louis Variety Show – March 21
- The Grey Fox has offered TSL a fundraising opportunity to host a Variety Show featuring performances by TSL members.
  - Suggested minimum donation (cover charge): \$5.00. Other fundraising opportunities throughout the evening: jello shots, Easter Bonnet contest, bid to have someone "dress in drag".
  - Grey Fox will donate the liquor for the jello shots.
  - Grey Fox's room capacity: 150-200 with the possibility of utilizing the patio for the overflow, weather permitting.
  - It was emphasized that it was critical to have as many TSL performers to insure the success of this first time venture.
  - Debbie Miller, Shane McVay, Tom Murphy and Betty Neely have volunteered to assist Alice Tejada and David Morrow in running this event.
- C) Trivia Night – April 19
- Co-Chairs: Tom Murphy & Shane McVay.
  - The "*Trivia Book*" has been passed on to the co-chairs.
  - To date, three reserved tables.
  - Liquor license is currently in process.
  - John Holland and Matt Stuhlstatz will co-emcee.
  - Volunteers needed to work the event.
  - Prizes will be handled by Marissa Ashabranner and Shane.
  - The beer may possibly be donated.

- D) Crazy Bowl – 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in April
- Proposed by John K. as a joint venture with Band Together.
  - Proceeds will be split 50/50 between the two organizations.
  - The only conflict with the date would be the Gateway Men's Chorus is the same weekend.
  - 2007 joint event equaled 64 participants; past TSL Crazy Bowls have yielded 40-74 participants.
  - The shared commonality of contacts between the organizations could be a factor in the low turnout i.e., BT, TSL and bowling league.
  - Obtaining prizes need to be pursued by someone other than TSL/Marissa.
  - A motion was passed to pursue this endeavor.
- E) Scott Trade Center Concessions
- Another joint-venture with BT.
  - BT has been presented with dates to work concessions at Scott Trade. It has been proposed that TSL supplement BT's staffing shortfall. Minimums of eight to ten workers are needed per shift.
  - John K. will send the dates to Michael Regier and Mark Ebel who will in turn distribute the dates accordingly. The dates typically fall on a Tuesday or Thursday. The first available date is March 1<sup>st</sup> – 3 persons are needed. March 20<sup>th</sup> is available to TSL, BT is unavailable.

#### **PR / OUTREACH COMMITTEE:**

- A) Socials
- Emails have been sent to St. Louis University and Washington University's inviting their respective gay and lesbian organizations to a TSL social event. Currently in process.
  - The first TSL Social was held at Tower Grove Park in September. The event was well attended by current and new members.
- B) Internet outreach / Website
- A meeting has been set with Jim Privitor, Michael Regier and Mark Ebel to discuss reworking the website.
  - The new logo on the website has been launched.
- C) Next PR/Outreach meeting is February 7<sup>th</sup> at Absoluti Goosed.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- A) Secretary
- Amanda Matthiesen has submitted her resignation. Alice Tejada has accepted nomination for the remainder of Amanda's term. Nominations are still being accepted until the next meeting.

- B) Other fundraisers
- Tom Walsh presented the available dates for outdoor VB tournaments. Women's Athletics have accepted one tournament, date pending. One tournament date is available to TSL. Debbie Miller has offered to co-chair this tournament.
  - Jello Sale dates – Tom Walsh volunteered to chair this endeavor and contact the bars.
  - TSL Kickball Tournament will be held the week after the season ends in May.
- C) Track & Field
- Michael Brown announced that San Francisco will host a Track and Field Meet July 26, 2008. Michael and Robin Hanson possibly will compete. SF is anticipating that this will be an annual event.
- D) Whistles
- A motion was presented to order 1000 whistles for the VB Tournament. Alice will contact Diane Smith to place the order. Motion was approved.
- E) Super Bowl Pool
- Shane McVay has proposed a fundraiser to coincide with this year's Super Bowl (2/3). Selling squares on a grid i.e., 100 spaces available for sale at \$2.00/square would net \$200.00. Shane will "test drive" the fundraiser.

**Next TSL meeting:** Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at Food Outreach.