

## **Gay/Straight Alliance Meeting Summary May 2008**

**Mission: “To create a more equitable and safe work environment for LGBT employees through increased awareness and education of all employees about sexual orientation and gender identity”.**

- Food Drive Recap – Kent shared the food drive was a success; the city provided several bins full of food to CEDA. He did suggest that perhaps the next drive only last 2 weeks instead of 3 weeks since he did notice that momentum died down the last week.
- Museum Update – James updated the group on the LGBT Family History Album and shared the album with the group. James also shared that the Pluralism exhibit is in the works. 1n10 has partnered with the Museum for an oral history project, Youth from QSpeak will be conducting the interviews. James will be training the youth and the museum will be the repository for all the tapes. They are currently in the planning stages and will start with a series of blogs on the 1n10 website. These will serve to collect stories and identify individuals to be interviewed. The goal is to have the project completed by the end of the year.
- DaySpring Church- Valerie met with their Connections Group. Dayspring also hosts the East Valley PFLAG meetings. Dayspring is looking for outreach to the community outside of PFLAG, looking for community partnerships. Valerie thanked Florence Boyle and members of the church for the invitation and looks forward to working together in the future.
- Education Development – John briefed the group that there is definitely a need for training but the how’s have not been worked out. Members of the group that attended the Safezone training offered through ASU shared their thoughts on the program, there was a consensus that Safezone doesn’t provide the kind of information they are looking for. There is a meeting this afternoon with TLC and John will provide a new update at the next meeting.
- Hydration Drive – Valerie shared that CEDA would like to partner again for a hydration drive this summer, possibly in August. The group thought that would be a great idea and there was discussion about the logistics of collecting water and/or just collecting donations for the GSA to purchase water. Valerie will follow up with CEDA to find out what options we have.
- Nominations- It time to elect new officers, it was agreed that the elections would be held electronically giving all members of the alliance a chance to vote. Brandy will follow up with an email call for nominations and elections.
- Location- There has been a lot of discussion about rotating the location of the GSA meetings so others within the city have the opportunity to attend. Brandy will follow up with the TCA about possibility of holding some meetings there.
- Newsletter – The Diversity Department will be sending out a newsletter and would like to have a column for the GSA. James volunteered to write the first article. Thank you James.

- Rosa shared the Diversity Department and the Fire Union split a table for the dinner and she is still working on it but she would to have a member of GSA attend. Jim shared that he also has access to some tickets for the upcoming Equality AZ dinner. Rosa will follow up.