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• Pride Community Center  
Director

TO:	Members of the Executive Board
FROM:	Stephanie Chin
SUBJECT:	Pride Community Centre Report 2
DATE:	March 3rd, 2022

## Yearplan Update

In terms of what is differing from our Year Plan since our last report, the PCC has added, scheduled, planned, and executed our new, collaborative with SHEC, campaign week regarding the topic of risk minimization regarding sex and overall 2STLGBQIA+ Sex Education. This campaign week ran during the beginning to mid-February (February 9th to 15th).

In addition to our safe(r) sex campaign week, the PCC has been looking into, and are making orders for PPE and other items to, if and when we make the move back into hybrid safe(r) space offerings, ensure that our executives, volunteers, and space users can be as safe as is possible. Such supplies include an air purifier, kn95 face masks, some clear masks for accessibility purposes, hand sanitizers, and antibacterial/viral cleaning supplies.

## Events, Projects, & Activities

### *General Service Usage*

The PCC's Service Usage has remained pretty consistent, with on and off numbers of folks using our Discord Safe(r) Space, attending our numerous community groups and campaign events, and requesting service resources including our gender affirming gear.

### *Projects & Events: Project 1 (Upcoming/On-Going/Complete)*

Safe(r) space preparations (ngoing/upcoming):

- In the advent of McMaster moving students back into in-person classes, and with the MSU looking to move services back to in-person offerings as well, the PCC has been looking into means to ensure that our volunteers, exec, and safe(r) space users can be as safe as is possible going forward. Personally, I am exercising extreme caution with planning and executing a back-to-in-person plan, hesitatnt actually, in fears of putting folks who are immunocompromised, and folks in general, in harm's way.

- In the case we need to go back in person asap, the PCC has ordered a bunch of safe(r) space supplies including boxes of kn95 surgical masks and clear masks, an

air purifier which is capable of filtering out up to 0.1micron particles (for reference, viruses are approximately 0.3 microns), hand sanitizer, and ample cleaning products.

- We also, if need be, would opt to solely operate hybrid, as to enable volunteers and space users to utilize/volunteer for our service in a way that they are comfortable; we would not be a safe(r) space if we were forcing people to do things that they are not comfortable with. Thus, the majority of peer support, all of the community groups, and some campaign events will remain online; the only thing in-person regularly would be resource offerings (i.e. if folks want to request for a day to try on gender-affirming gear).

### *Projects & Events: Project 2 ( )*

Safe(r) Sex/Harm Reduction Campaign Week w/ MSU SHEC: Complete

- This early to mid February, the PCC and SHEC ran a collaborative week regarding safe(r) sex harm reduction. Events included a comprehensive and fundamental 2STLGBQIA+ Safe(r) Sex Education facilitated by guest, Eva Bloom, a PEP/PEP Clinic facilitated by Drew from the PREP Clinic, and a handful of events including a Trans-closed discussion, 2STLGBQIA+ Safe(r) Sex Trivia Night, and more.

- This campaign week ran from February 9th to 15th, and, since it was entirely collaborative, the approximate costs associated with the event was a little over \$1000-1100, so approximately \$500-600 each service.

- I will say though, I and my team found it incredibly difficult to squeeze in an extra campaign week in an-already hectic year, so because of this addition, our upcoming campaign week, 2STLGBQIA+ Pride Week, and our last year new event, Queer in STEM, will be combined into one week.

### *Projects & Events: Project 3 ( )*

Volunteer Appreciation: Ongoing

- In terms of during the Spring, my team is still working on collecting folks' information for Volunteer Appreciation (it is incredibly difficult to get an entire team to fill out a form, unfortunately), but as we receive them, we are designing their individualized Volunteer Appreciation items.

- We have decided on providing them with a choice of a Tea or Coffee mug in a Stardew Valley aesthetic along with a customizable pin (they can choose what kind of background they want - subtle pride, plain, etc. - what Studio Ghibli character they want on their pin, and what pronouns they want displayed on top, if any).

- In terms of timeline, we are planning to send in the orders for Volunteer Appreciation by the beginning of March, so that we are capable of receiving, packaging, and distributing the Volunteer Appreciation gifts by the end of the school year.

## **Outreach & Promotions**

### *Summary*

We continue to utilize our Instagram and Facebook, primarily, to advertise our services as well as events that we are running during campaign weeks. For the last campaign week we had the Underground make the PCC and SHEC's Promotional material to be put on our social media as per one of our packages.

Promotional Materials

MSU PRIDE COMMUNITY CENTRE PRESENTS

# SEX QUEER-IES

**FEBRUARY  
9th - 15th**

**Wed, Feb 9**  
7-8:30pm EST  
The Queer & Trans Sex-Ed You Should Have Gotten in High School  
with Eva Bloom

**Thurs, Feb 10**  
4-5:00pm EST  
Party Culture Trivia Night  
Featuring 3 prizes!

**5-6:00pm EST**  
Dating Discussions  
\*Event closed to 2SLGBTQ+ folks\*

**Fri, Feb 11**  
3:30-4:30pm EST  
TRANSPARENT Sex Talks  
with Guest Speaker

**Mon, Feb 14**  
7-8:00pm EST  
PAL-entine's Game Night

**Tues, Feb 15**  
7-8:00pm EST  
Fully PrEP'D  
with Drew

Register and join us to learn about and explore sexual health!

*\*Closed captioning will be provided for all virtual events\**



## Social Media Engagement since the Previous Report

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Page Insights

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Jan 25 - Feb 21
Last 28 days ▾

Post Reach

319

▾ 79

Post Engagements

13

▾ 9

New Page Likes

0

▾ 1

Posts ?
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4 posts published in the last 28 days.

- MOST ENGAGING POSTS**
- Hello friends! 🍷  
This semester, we...  
February 10

Reach 160

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Engagements 6
- We're super excited to announ...  
February 7

Reach 148

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Engagements 3
- Come join our coffeehouse for 2...  
February 17

Reach 114

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Engagements 0

Home

Watch

Marketplace

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Notifications

Menu

## Finances

### Budget Summary

Since the last report, the PCC has spent approximately \$500-600 on our collaborative campaign week with MSU SHEC, and approximately another \$500 on safe(r) space items to keep our space users, volunteers, and exec safe in the case that we transition back to in-person.

ACCOUNT CODE	ITEM	BUDGET / COST
5003-0119		100.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	TOTAL SPENT IN LINE	94.92
	REMAINING IN LINE	5.08

5202-0119		\$600.00
<b>COMMUNITY OUTREACH</b>	TOTAL SPENT IN LINE	\$0.00
	REMAINING IN LINE	\$600.00
6102-0119		\$3000.00
<b>ANNUAL CAMPAIGNS</b>	TOTAL SPENT IN LINE	\$100.0 (gift cards) \$296.06 (supplies) \$475.00 TOTAL: \$871.06
	REMAINING IN LINE	\$3000.00
6494-0119		\$750.00
<b>VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION</b>	TOTAL SPENT IN LINE	\$0.00
	REMAINING IN LINE	\$750.00
6501-0119		\$1700.00
<b>ADVERTISING &amp; PROMOTIONS</b>	TOTAL SPENT IN LINE	\$988.75 \$180.40 \$16.39 \$175.00 TOTAL: \$1360.54
	REMAINING IN LINE	\$339.46
6604-0119		\$300.00
<b>RESOURCE PURCHASES</b>	TOTAL SPENT IN LINE	\$259.98 (masks)
	REMAINING IN LINE	\$40.02
6804-0119		\$500.00
<b>TRAINING EXPENSES</b>	TOTAL SPENT IN LINE	\$531.10
	REMAINING IN LINE	\$31.10
<b>TOTALS</b>		
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED DISCRETIONARY SPENDING</b>		\$6,600.00
<b>TOTAL ACTUAL DISCRETIONARY SPENDING</b>		\$3117.00
<b>REMAINING DISCRETIONARY SPENDING</b>		\$3483.00

### **Executives & Volunteers**

Honestly, this year has been incredibly tough for my Executives, especially. Two in the last month have had to take steps back from their roles due to resurfacing PTSD as well as family health crises that were interfering with their lives to the point that they were barely managing school. Thus, to combat this, Matt and I have been scheduling more

occasions where we, as a team, can just coexist without PCC duties, whether it be a social or study session. We really are trying to enforce that sense of, 'we are more than just 'coworkers,' we are rather friends that you can come to for support at any time.

I would say that my volunteer team is faring better mentally and in their personal lives, as far as I know. The main thing that they are confused/up-in-the-air about is whether our service is going back in-person or not, to which my exec team and I are still discussing in reference to the health of our community.

### **Successes**

I am proud of my team and I for pulling off our Safe(r) Sex week in collaboration with MSU SHEC. Since it was a new campaign week for our team (usually for SHEC it is simply their Harm Reduction Week), my team really had to work fast, coordinate our many volunteers, and even with the volunteers of an entirely additional team (SHEC); as you probably know, coordinating with more people tends to take a lot more time.

### **Current Challenges**

I'd say that a main challenge as of now is with regards to MSU Finance stuff. Lately, when I submit PO's, they are approved by JJ relatively quickly. However, in the emails that I send containing the PO's to be approved to Kevin, JJ, and others, I usually request to use the MSU card (especially when it is a purchase over \$300-500), and I tend to get little to no responsiveness regarding that during the initial email, or even the follow up one. This tends to delay my team's efforts, in terms of time, and it can be discouraging when we want to get things done, but simply cannot.

### **Miscellaneous**