

Houston ARCH Minutes
October 26, 2011 6:30-8:30
GLBT Cultural Center, 1st floor, Room 111
401 Branard, Houston TX 77006

Greetings, Agenda, and Introductions

Reports –

- GCAM** — GCAM has a new exhibit: a t-shirt collection presented in the Montrose Counseling Center. The opening event was October 27th, 2011.
- Botts** — Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church claims that the Botts Collection is not its own entity, but rather property of the church. The Botts Collection has been organizing to find a new space. The best option so far seems to be Grace Lutheran church at Missouri and Waugh. Larry Criscione estimates that they will retain most of the collection. Thankfully, Grace Lutheran is giving them six rooms (about 400 sq. ft more room) to display their collection. Grace Lutheran does not wish to exert any editorial control over the collection; they are simply renting out the space. At this point in time, The Botts collection is nearly finished with the work that needs to be done to guarantee 501c3 status. Larry is exiled again from entering the premises of Metropolitan Community Church, but Mike and Lief are still working there. Students have also been utilizing the collection for research projects. The Botts Collection has also figured out the size of their collection in linear feet.
- TFA** — Jo Collier reports that not much has been happening at the collection recently
- UH** — Dick Dickerson has left UH to take the executive director position in at Stark Museum of Art in Orange, TX. He has agreed to stay on the advisory board of ARCH.
- CSWGS Houston ARCH Summer Internship update** — CSWGS was happy to report the completion of the second Oral History Summer Internship: Amanda Mills interviewed Barry Mandell, the President and Park Director of Discovery Green. All the footage will be on file at the Woodson Research Center in Fondren Library at Rice University.

Committee Reports

- Grant Writing Committee* – Mia Risher and Brian Riedel have both been working on building a foundation of material for the Botts Collection to use in general grant writing. They have no further information to share at this moment.
- Website Committee* – The Website Committee has met and decided that they need more information on 1.) who is using the websites of the organizations involved in Houston ARCH and 2.) how people access these sites. The Website Committee is working on a survey to obtain

this information, and they would like to work with the Standards Committee in this effort.

Outreach Committee – Is now the outreach committee instead of the Volunteer Committee. This change is because the Outreach Committee wants to increase awareness of Houston ARCH and what we do. The committee has now taken on the responsibility of marketing and creating a volunteer newsletter. The volunteer newsletter will publicize what the volunteers do and document the stories of what our volunteers have done.

- The Outreach Committee also wants to create a Volunteer Kit. This kit will be primarily a tabling kit, including pens, paper, streamers, a board, info packets, a tablecloth, etc. – all the things a volunteer needs to maintain a booth at an event. Mike offered to create a tablecloth for ARCH. The purpose of this is to make ARCH look more professional.
- The “aesthetics committee” is working to create business cards.
- The Tablecloth and Logo
 - o Should look good in 1.) color 2.) black & white and 3.) a variety of different mediums
 - o We are uncertain as to whether we want the acronym spelled out. We may possibly ask to have a version of both
 - o It needs to be clear from far away that the table is ours
 - o We need to find a designer for the logo
 - o Designs should be posted to the wiki without names attached so we can vote on a few next meeting
 - o We need to make sure our logo does not copy or infringe on the logo of Architecture Center of Houston
 - o The deadline to submit designs is Thursday, January 5th.
Submit them to Billy Hoya via billyhoya.info
- At Pride Houston’s Volunteer Fair, Houston ARCH found some new volunteers that are interested in actively volunteering with Houston ARCH. This means that the Outreach Committee needs to meet with all the organizations that are a part of ARCH to find out how they can make these new volunteers useful.
- If you would like to help, please contact Kristin Busch at Kristin.busch1@gmail.com.

Strategic Planning Committee – The committee has not met recently and has nothing to report.

Standards Committee – The committee has not met recently and has nothing to report.

Announcements

The Secret’s Out - “The Secret’s Out” is a fundraiser for the Montrose counseling center featuring GCAM’s t-shirt exhibit. This takes place on October 27, 2011

“Milestones and Arrivals: 175 Years of Coming to Houston” is the title of this year’s Houston History Conference. This takes place at the Hilton

Hotel at UH on October 29, 2011. Learn more at
<http://www.houstonhistoryassociation.org>

GLBT Interest Group of TLA will be holding a conference in April 2012. We thank Liz Sargent for her work getting us submitted on time! We look forward to more in coming meetings.

Transitions: Marsha and Jan are moving to Boston. We wish them much luck and will miss them! We owe a lot to Jan, as it was her idea that brought us together

Jen Tyburczy's presentation on queer curatorship will be presented on November 15, 2011 at Rice from 4:00 to 5:30 PM.

Kelly Crager is visiting Rice through the Chao Center. He is employed at the Vietnam Center and Archive at Texas Tech, and will be presenting his Oral History research on December 1, 2011 at 6 PM. (This also happens to be World AIDS day.)

The Gay and Lesbian Leadership Institute, an annual conference hosted by The Victory Fund will take place in Houston, Dec. 1-4, 2011.

Mike's AIDS quilt will be on display at Dow on December 1, 2011. There is a dinner from 6-8 PM that night.

JANUARY 25, 2012 WAS SET AS THE NEXT MEETING DATE, AND THE MEETING
WAS ADJOURNED