

**Houston ARCH Minutes**  
January 25, 2012 6:30pm-8:30pm  
GLBT Cultural Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room 111  
401 Branard, Houston, TX 77006

## **Greetings and Overview of Agenda**

### **Introductions**

Mike Kelley passed away January 20, 2012. His sister is present to give details for memorial service at MCC on Saturday February 11, 2012 in the afternoon or evening. If anyone has photos of Mike to share, please scan them and send them to his sister at [toni.medellin@gmail.com](mailto:toni.medellin@gmail.com). She is also on facebook if you would like to friend her. Memorial contributions should be made out to the Botts Collection of LGBT History. She will send out an email with the obit and all the details.

### **Organization Reports**

#### **Botts**

- Mike spent thousands of hours working for the Botts in setting up the system and indexing so much. It will be difficult to replace him.
- They are renting space on a month-to-month basis at the moment. They have moved in new stuff and are expecting a peaceable resolution to the issues between the Botts and the church. They have finished the paperwork and are now a 501c3. They are looking for a few board members still.
- A professor from a California university spent about 15-20 hours doing research in the Botts newspaper collection.
- When the checking account gets set up, Larry will let Brian know so that he can send the info out to the group for those who want to donate to the Botts.

#### **GCAM**

- Jack Dorlan's paintings are up and are for sale. All the models in the paintings are have AIDS. All the profits from the sale go to GCAM and to the models. They have an event at MCC coming up on the 19<sup>th</sup>. It will include live and silent auctions. The materials to be auctioned off are media related (celebrities, etc.). Mary's bar tops will be on exhibit.

#### **TFA**

- Jo Collier could not be here tonight, but there is nothing to report.

#### **UH**

- Dick Dickerson has left to take a position elsewhere and they are now in search of a university archivist and another archivist to replace him.

#### **Rice**

- They have released the call for proposals for summer oral history internships. The candidates to be interviewed this year include Josephine Tittsworth, Don Gill, Maria Gonzales, and Paul Guillory. Application deadline is Valentine's Day

### **Committee Reports**

#### ***Grant Writing***

1. They have not met, but there is a deadline to consider. The CLEAR grant has a deadline of March 16<sup>th</sup>, which might be nice to try since we have two 501c3s that could apply for this. The CLEAR grant is to create whole collections out of partials through systematic sorting. Botts' moving might make it more interesting to the review committee. Larry says it is possible that there would be enough sets to donate a collection to UH and to Rice. There is agreement to pursue this idea.

### ***Website***

1. Survey is on hold for six months. We will revisit once we get a website and the metadata set up going.
2. Billy purchased the domain for the Botts collection. Larry is going to take over paying for and the hosting account. It would be nice for the committee to come up with details that should look at to see if it is a good hosting service or not.

### ***Outreach Committee***

1. Newsletter: They have not asking for submissions yet, but they are now aiming for the end of February. This first one can be dedicated to Mike and his work. These can be submitted to [kristin.busch1@gmail.com](mailto:kristin.busch1@gmail.com). Guidelines for articles are forthcoming.
2. If the various organizations want help, they should ask the outreach committee. For example, they can help publicize events. Just email Kristin about the event.

### ***Strategic Planning***

1. They have not met recently so nothing to say now.

### ***Standards***

1. Botts has been chosen to do the pilot study for this set-up. Jenn has set up a database to take in the index that Botts has already done that we can then set up to follow the Dublin Core schema. We need to get help to flesh out the descriptions of what they already have so that we can have better descriptions.
2. Edward found a great list that lists Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH) having to do with GLBT subjects

### **The Logo!**

1. Logo One Feedback:
  - a. Take away the "the" and make the acronym more prominent.
  - b. We're concerned about the shadows in the columns.
2. Logo Two Feedback:
  - a. Take out the "the".
  - b. Change the colors to be more standard—primary colors. Change the bottom yellow color or swap it since it breaks up the column making it look like the column is broken in black and white.
  - c. Ask permission to put it in a different file type so that we can adjust it as necessary depending on where it will appear. For example, putting a field behind it to stabilize the image.
3. Logo Three Feedback:
  - a. Take out "society" and spell out the acronym as well.

- b. Change the font to make it clearer and easier to read.
- c. Take away the shadow on the letters.
- 4. Strategic Directions Committee needs to work with the artist to make sure we have copyright ownership over the logo so we can use and adjust it as necessary.

### **Reports:**

October 27, 2011 – Montrose Counseling Center’s The Secret’s Out & GCAM exhibit

October 29, 2011 Houston History Conference “Milestones and Arrivals: 175 Years of Coming to Houston” <http://www.houstonhistoryassociation.org>

### **Announcements:**

New and notable: [http://tangentgroup.org/mediawiki/index.php/Main\\_Page](http://tangentgroup.org/mediawiki/index.php/Main_Page). Billy Glover and the Tangent Group (Homosexual Information Center) finally going online.

Check out JD Doyle’s new blog: <http://queermusicheritage-theblog.blogspot.com/>

GLBT Interest Group of TLA April 2012

PRIDE HOUSTON – <https://register.pridehosuton.org/event/update/summary.php>  
Houston ARCH has already registered to be in the history tent.

MCC hosting a free screening of a documentary followed by a panel discussion of GLBT seniors. It will be at 6:30.

Larry and the Botts will do an exhibit at the end of March for Ripcord and it will be a fundraiser for the Botts.

On February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 Rice will host Mignon Moore, a sociologist from UCLA. Brazos Bookstore will be there to sell her book. Working with black women in relationships with women and are mothers. Also on Queer Voices talking about it.

**Set Next Date:** March 28, 2012, MCC 6:30 PM, probably 111

**Adjourn at 8:49pm**