

Book 28 Library

Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: 04/01/21

Present: Rebecca Franklin, Isadore Auerbach George, Justin South, Vik, Darelle Bridges, Vik K-F, Michael Elias

Next Meeting:

18/01/20 18:00

1. Announcements

Banking success – we want to start fundraising ASAP

Setup of bookkeeping

Dore talked to the outside project

2. Agenda

-Why did we need to get in contact with The Outside before our funding went live?

-University collaboration 'read of the room'

-Writing down funding policy

-Funding Rainbow friends

-Budget forecast planning Published March 31st

-Updating website 'about'

- Agenda: fundraising, fundraising, fundraising

- Check on physical visits

- Policy + dissertation

3. Discussion and Actions taken

Dore says we should set up everything else for the golden giving or funding. Produce graphics.

Dore has talked to Jesse, confirmed our situation. Confirmed that they 'house the collection' – we are trusted to manage it on their behalf. We will leave the library with them when we leave. This is based on the thought that if we leave behind a library we won't deny them a resource, and we would need far more books than they have to fill a new significant space. Dore also talked through plans to consult or do one-time library curation, buying, weeding, ect.

Dore said it is not sensible to go back into the library in person.

Dore says we need to get in contact with The Outside Project to make sure we were okay with terms of funding and we far more engagement when they repost stuff. Prior to the funding Dore clarifies we should contact ClavMag, Queerlit, The Outside Project, people who interact with us on Twitter, ect.

Discussed the opportunity at Hebrew University. Rebecca said it is not worth the risk of cancellation because the benefits we could expect to see from a specific university collaboration are the same as any other international collaboration, but with increased exposure to risk. Justin said that we should aim to do it, bearing in mind clear Palestinian representation. Dore said the BDS people have guidelines to do that, and that the deadline is too short, but we should do the collaboration and be confident with it. We should get our “ducks in a row”. Michael said that we probably do not have the time to turnaround the application and solidify our view behind our decision. We will make it an aim to take part next year in an international project,

Discussing fundraising again, how should we raise money? Consensus that we should run round to our friends and family prior to our donations so we can get some cash for Lloyd. Dore says want to make minimum £100 from F+F. Dore was thinking our first campaign should be for £5000 to ‘set up the library’ with a list of purchases. We should make a list of what we are going to do. Rebecca says she has set up accounting software to make sure we can keep our accounts super transparent and transferable. What would we want to spend money on? How can we brand the fundraising? Darelle says tie it to specific things such as “buy a book”. Justin says we should do a “buy a book then give it to us” style thing – book recs / wish list. Dore suggested titles like “launch our library” and “fill our shelves”. L.O.L campaign. Dore says we should really big up our offer – we are based in the heart of London, they are for free, it’s a small amount of money but going to a large amount of people. We need a paragraph blurb which summarizes this campaign.

Michael was thinking of doing a live quiz on zoom on Instagram. Dore suggested doing queers without beers. Rebecca to contact Queers without Beers. Justin is happy to host the pub quiz.

Justin is shoehorning Book 28 Library into events at UAL LGBT+ Week by publishing recommended reading and talking about Book 28 Library a bit. All offered to help with a recommendations list.

Dore talked about his dissertation and collections development policy. When he submits on Friday, he will have a draft. He would like to talk it through, tweak and change it with us. A ‘collections development policy’ describes everything about how we get and manage the collection. It should help you make decisions. Dore says we should all know the policy well – it’s 5 pages. We should agree with it, understand it, know what is up with Section 28. Michael and I could talk about Section 28 next time we meet.

Rebecca announces how we have a budget forecast due on 31st March. This timing works well with our funding aims.

Dore RE:SILIP LGBT+ network. They have offered to involve him in the steering committee in the past but are not committing to anything now. He wants to keep bugging them – making professional

inroads. Get on jiscmail (mailing system for education and research communities). Start agitating. There is a chance of something happening.

Dore's also doing a talk about Book 28 Library to his librarians. He will talk about work as a librarian and Book 28 Library to incoming students to the Master's course he has been on.

We should check out ACE funding – back burner this because we should do it together. Rebecca to make progress with National Lottery Funding.

All discussed updating the 'about' as raised by Rebecca. It would be good for our website to be ship-shape and reflect the state of the organization as it is now, because it is a little out of date. Dore says that he is busy and Vik is not here right now due to work commitments. As such we should bring that up next week.

4. Actions to do

Dill to produce graphics, gear up for the donations start.

Fidel to edit the social media 'recs' typo.

All to reach out to organizations to be ready to repost our first funding ask.

Dore to call Polly and ask how much money to raise and any advice.

Michael to write a summary of what we are spending/why we are fundraising– ideally by next Monday. Points to hit: we're not trying to remove public libraries, housed at the outside project (but try not to tie it too much to them). We need books to fill shelves, material to cover them, money to fund events, money to fund operations like cataloguing software, money towards investments for sustainability/ongoing. We will make all of our bookkeeping and transactions transparent. "we want an 1000 book library but only have 200/300" basically that sentiment but a bit different. Blurb more than 240 chars – maybe check golden giving. Dore thinks it should be longer than 250 characters but then get truncated for Twitter.

Rebecca to find the estimate how many books with have.

Michael to talk to dressing dykes and other person about events.

Rebecca to contact queers without beers to see if we wanted to do a co-branded literary dry pub quiz over zoom.

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Dore to find resources RE: Section 28 so we all have a good understanding of it. Chapman and Birdie uploads.

Rebecca to bring up the 'About' section with Vik and Dore next week.

Rebecca + Dore to clarify the funding policy as outlined last meeting and have it stored somewhere for publication later. This is the policy which outlines who gets paid for what while working, and how much goes to the project. Not urgent but needs to be done eventually.

All to help Justin with a list for books to recommend at UAL events prior to February. To bring up next meeting.

Signed and Distributed

06/01/21

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Franklin'.

Rebecca Franklin