

Book 28 Library

Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: 21/12/20

Present: Rebecca Franklin, Michael Elias, Isadore Auerbach George, Vik K-F

Next meeting: 4/12/20

1. Announcements

Rebecca announces banking is still progressing but slowly.

Rebecca announces we got rejected from Waltham Forest Fellowship grant, with a feedback session in January.

Isadore announces Rainbow friends still going, we need to ringfence the rainbow friend's money still and raise money for that.

Michael knows an expert in queer theatre who could do a talk for LGBT history month who want to do a talk on Polari, could mention dressing dykes.

Isadore announced we've been booked 2nd February, 7-7:30pm with Lambeth Libraries, description is "A talk and discussion from the Book28 Library on LGBTQ+ literature and libraries. Book28 is a small LGBTQ+ library held at the Outside Project (a LGBTQ+ homeless shelter in Clerkenwell). It's named in part after the Section 28 punitive law and aims to look at the way it has had lasting impact on library services for LGBTQ+ people today. The volunteer librarians at Book28 not only curate the book collection, but also signpost readers to where they can find more LGBTQ+ literature in libraries, bookshops and beyond. A key part of the project is encouraging good LGBTQ+ collections in libraries everywhere."

The group will talk about how the project came about, how the pandemic has affected their work and will lead discussions with event attendees about their own routes into LGBTQ+ literature and the books we enjoy. There will be plenty of time for discussion and book recommendations.

Michael announced we have got the lives up until March 2021.

2. Agenda

N/A

1. Discussions and Actions Taken

Dore Justin and Vik can help do lives. Dore stated Instagram live and promotion on twitter went well.

Dore stated before tier 4 was announced we could have gone for an in-person session, we probably cannot while we are in tier 4 - Rebecca would like to go, Justin and Dore too.

We need to get in contact with outside project before our funding goes live.

Justin put in a proposal at UAL LGBT history, wants to ask to be paid.

Michael says that if we are looking to do an event with his university, we should propose something today.

Dore says we should agree on the money that we pay to other people – for the time being he thinks we should not pay anyone because of how difficult funding is and how slow, and therefore we are looking for people who volunteer their time, and that we are in the process of seeking funding.

Dore says we should establish a standard fee, and if the circumstances are extraordinary then it could be discussed. Similarly, we should consider when we are getting paid for our work. How much do we want to 'put into' Book 28 Library each time? Rebecca thinks we should, bottom end of our paid opportunities is London living wage, but we should aim higher. Rebecca says £100 minimum at least charged for an hour of workshopping. Dore says £50 for an hour of our time, an hour workshop would require 2 hours research so £150, Dore thinks volunteers should pay £150 to workshop producers and £50 to the project. ⅓ of fee on top for the organisation (Book 28 Library) scaled down for organisations who cannot pay to London living. This might look like £35 to the person who is doing the 3 hours of time, £10-15 for the project.

Dore does not think we want to crush the spirit of volunteering time, so obviously not everything needs to be paid when we are volunteering. Rebecca agreed.

Dore thinks we should write down and make this transparent on our website.

Michael needs quiz questions will email around for that.

Michael says applications for Michael's university funding by January 6th. Dore says got to discuss our position on this and that we should check out our stance on this given the BDS campaign as it relates to academic collaboration. All discussed.

4. **Actions to do**

Rebecca needs to contact to clear Darrelle RE payments

All to help for email quiz thing

Michael to continue doing leaflet stuff, has been compiling - wants an email about sending out regular leaflets which they make

Rebecca to investigate LGBTHM events

Rebecca to visit a Metrobank and get the account unlocked

Michael to talk to university. Michael to talk to Dressing Dykes say we cannot pay and progress that

Rebecca to prompt response on the NaNoWriMo discord

All to check out BDS stance on academia, then do a vote, or do a discussion, read of the room

Rebecca and Michael to turn around a letter for the proposal if we go through

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Rebecca Franklin