

## **Island Queers and Allies Who Care**

Board Meeting, via Zoom, 3:00 pm, Sat. March 16, 2024.

**1. Present:** James Chamberlain, Joan Merrifield, Chris Bate, Cathy Welch, Steve LeBel

Regrets: Dan Coles.

**2. Q1 2024 Donations and membership fee balance:** We have received \$3950 in donations for this quarter. There is an additional \$385.31 in our bank account, which can be used for administrative purposes.

**3. Rack Card reprinting:** We agreed to reprint more rack cards, without any changes. James will look after that in late April or early May. He has a quote of \$255.36 for 500 cards, from Elite Graphics.

**4. Pride Celebrations:** (registration costs per venue unknown). Booth volunteers for each event:

June 2 - Ladysmith (James and Steve)

June (date unknown) - Nanaimo - probably not

June 22 - Gabriola Dance (Cathy and Joan)

June 23 - Cowichan Valley (Duncan) (James and Steve)

August 24 - Comox Valley (James, Joan and Cathy?)

**5. Shortlisting applications** (decision) and voting dates:

Seven applications were received by the deadline date. The Board eliminated two applications as being insufficient. Two other applications asked for just \$500 each, and the Board agreed to fund both immediately because of the modest requests and the impressive applications. They were Redefine and Shine (in Ladysmith), and Rainbow Abilities (in Nanaimo).

The remaining three applications will go to all the donors for a vote, on March 19. We are asking the donors to pick their top two choices. Once the voting is complete (by 5 pm on April 2, 2024), the two top choices will split the \$2950 between them. The three groups on the ballot are Comox Pride Prom Committee, Queer Crafternoon, and VI Binders. Steve will send out the letters to the donors and collate the votes.

**6. AGM Date:** Sunday, Sept. 22, at Pacific Gardens, in Nanaimo.

**7. Next Board Meeting** will be on Sunday, April 14th at 3 pm by Zoom. Purposes: to discuss member engagement, recruitment and donor support.

James will also try to get some information from the CRA about the status or timeline for consideration of our charitable status application by April or May.