## Audre Lorde to Howard Zinn Library Meeting Agenda | 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Monday, February 6, 2012

Facilitating: Anna R, Kristin P.

Attending: Anna (Facilitator), Bryce, Marcus, Heather

## Introductions & choose timekeeper, minutes-taker [5 min] - Heather

## Social Media Presence [10 mins]

Social Media Guidelines update [Stacie, Vered]

- Twitter and Facebook for A-Z Library

Would be great to get the social media guidelines going so that we can announce where we will be, particularly given that we don't have a central location.

Getting this going will likely give us a boost in visibility and hopefully re-energize enthusiasm for A-Z

It might be okay to get the accounts going with some preliminary guidelines so that we can make some non controversial announcements. (timely reading lists, books, articles, where we'll be) Reading lists can represent a range of opinions.

# Financial Accountability Discussion [10 mins]

Rebecca ordered the book stamp. It was \$24. If you'd like to pitch in, please contact Rebecca. The badges are finally in! Please see Anna for an A-Z library badge, and to give her a bit of money to help cover costs [She didn't want to ask, but I encouraged it. - ed.]

Marcus went to the GA with the FAWG presentation. They seem to be organized and are thinking about the future and how we can budget in a way that will prevent us from running out of money. They proposed several scenarios of different spending and how quickly it would deplete the funds.

Participatory Budgeting process - Bringing in representatives from the working group who want to be able to get money again to represent the interests of the group.

Heather has been in contact with Rita about the Participatory Budgeting group. Heather can't make the meeting, which is at noon on Friday at Diesel in Davis Square. There is also a new form to fill out.

### Outreach/Actions [30 mins]

Temp checks on prioritizing our actions and presence!

- 1. Guides in progress [5 min]
  - Location specific reading lists [Frances, Meghan, Kristin, Heather, Anna]
  - Future Library Leafletting plans?
- 2. Possible future [5 min]
  - Working-Group Specific Resource Guides
  - Direct-Action themed Resource Guides
  - IWWW/MBTA fare strike? (Bryce)
- 3. Mobile Library cart with books for marches [5 min]
- 4. Progress on documenting ourselves (History of the A-Z Library) as a starting point for public speaking engagements [5 min] Kristin got this started it's available here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KMkor9fhKdGvRx04Fp-MHVLINIKesDMPBUpSEaJaEgE/edit?hl=en\_US

5. GA Volunteers [5 min] - What do we think about this? Is this something that we want to

#### continue?

Effectiveness of GA seems to have declined. It has been reported that attendance is down and the atmosphere has become negative.

Spokescouncil - rotating group of working groups. Rotate representatives through the meeting as people that are speakers. Anna will contact the group to ask them to remember us as it comes together.

- 6. Public Speaking event updates [5 min]
  - SxSW seeming less likely
  - New England Archivists Stacie speaking, Frances & Meghan assisting.
- Brandeis Kristin doing a teach-in with Prof. Gordon Fellman and a couple of other Brandeis Occupiers.
- Symposium on critical librarianship? [Rebecca] Critical Librarians symposium? RadRef/ PLG joint sponsorship? Heather & Marcus are both interested in this.
- 7. IWWW talking about a fare strike. Mass action that the library could play a role in disseminating information about this. Bryce has 2 meetings that he's going to go to about this during the week and will follow up with people.
- 8. Layoffs at Harvard Occupy Harvard is going to be working to protect the Libraries. Highlight not just loss of jobs and benefit of librarians and recognize that this is outsourcing of jobs.
- 9. Anna went to the Iran march. She thinks this is the kind of thing that could be a good way to get our name out there, and get it beyond the occupy community.

One idea for checking books out from events - have instructions on maybe a sticker of how to find us to return the items. Follow us on Twitter, etc.

Resource guides could be created based on our proposed actions. As we get involved with actions, we can decide whether we want to bring books, reading lists or both.

Let's try to get the Twitter up and do more of these actions.

Proposal - Diversity of tactics work party! [Point person - Heather, others?]

Discuss archives, decorate the book cart, stamp the books, work on reading guides, talk about Critical Libraries Symposium, organize future actions, drink adult beverages, think of the future, flesh out the Twitter guidelines and more!

Saturday - not a good day for Bryce

Before the end of the February, possibly at casa de bryce (has a dog).

Sunday might be a good day.

Heather will put out a doodle poll.

## Archives [20 mins]

- 1. Facilitation partnership [Kristin & Heather working with Matt Hacker/Facilitation]
- 2. Needs/records survey
- 3. Reaching out to the Working Groups
  - Providing archiving guidelines for those we cannot partner with in person
- 4. Presenting archiving plans to GA

Choose next facilitator and any roll over topics of interest [5 mins] Kristin!