

Safe Zone Meeting – October 2, 2003

Present: Jamie Tate, Steve Bolduc, Elizabeth Evenson, Carol Hertler, Sandi Schuette, Lisa Stewart

Mission Statement:

MSUM Safe Zone Project seeks to form a group of students, faculty and staff committed and trained to provide safe, non-judgmental and supportive contacts for all MSUM community members who may be dealing with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and/or questioning issues.

Minnkota Health would like to attend one of our training sessions. All agreed that it was fine for them to attend.

Training will be offered this fall on October 21 but changed to October 29. Jamie will get the rooms and create a registration via our website. We will hold training with a minimum registration of 10 and a maximum registration of 30. The following lists the dates, times, locations, and training teams (with leaders underlined):

October 21 – 7-10 p.m. – CMU 121	<u>Jamie</u> , Lynn, Steve
October 29 – 2-5 p.m. – CMU 227	<u>Lynn</u> , Ellen, Sandi, Elizabeth

An issue that has come up is how to educate students on transgender issues. Various ideas were given: educate by clarifying what it is, have info posters in the residence halls, have the Advocate run a story/interview, or have a story on the Safe Zone site on various GLBTQ issues on our campus for students AND faculty/staff.

Currently our list serve has 134 members! A suggestion was made to send an email at the beginning of the semester stating, “You are listed as a Safe Zone provider. If there are any changes, please email ___ if you no longer desire to be a part of Safe Zone.”

Discussed the final wording for the contracts:

My relationship with the Safe Zone Project may be re-evaluated at my request or the request of the MSUM Safe Zone Planning Committee. I understand that behavior contrary to the spirit of the Safe Zone project may be handled in one or more of the following ways:

- 1. An individual meeting(s) may be held with a member of the planning committee;**
- 2. Additional training may be required or requested; and/or**
- 3. Membership as a Safe Zone provider may be revoked.**

Discussion was held on how individuals would know who the planning committee members were. It was agreed that Lynn and Elizabeth would be on the web page as contacts and that they could bring issues to the planning committee. The planning committee members will be listed in a separate area of the website.

Lisa and Steve will look for videos or ideas for booster sessions. One suggestion was a panel from various churches (Hoglum, St. Marks) to discuss spirituality and sexuality. It was also suggested that Richard Adler be contacted to inquire if he would like to speak on working with transgendered individuals and their speech. Other ideas were tossed around for Lisa and Steve to consider.

Our next meetings are:

November 6 4 p.m.

December 4 4 p.m.

Both will be held at Hendrix Health Center in their conference room.

Notes compiled and typed by Elizabeth Evenson