

9/5/13

General Assembly

Notes

Note-taker: Sarah Morigan

Location: St. Francis Basement 2

Agenda Items:

Intro -

Proposal one: Tequilah

Proposal two: Core values

Announcements

- Vigil introduced "membership ID cards"
- Confused with "OPDX Membership" but had good feedback
- Pro: structure and accountability
- Proposal (revised): "accreditation" not membership, places onus of responsibility on individuals
- We can't turn blind eyes on our own internal discipline problems
- Creates structure, balancing group cohesion, credibility and inclusion
- Moral booster, to combat demoralization, encourages responsibility
- Nondiscrimination/no privilege in cardholders/no rank or hierarchy within
- Issued to anyone with history of involvement
- Seeks opinion/discussion, not vote
- Does this really need GA vote?
- Just need a way to recognize people who contribute - gift/certificate maybe more appropriate?
- Who establishes accreditation standard? Certification panel, bureaucracy?
- Is this for vigil and on-street action, or OPDX wide? Just for core organizers?
- Solution to vigil problems?
- What are the problems? How does this solve them?
- Demoralization => recognition
- Drunkenness, heavy drug use near/at Vigil
- Theft
- How will this card stop this? Be a "carrot"
- OPDX does not = Vigil
- Community norms enforced?
- This is to be put down on paper who core organizers and bonafide activists are, little to do with separating people (just a clerical matter)
- Set of guidelines to be established
- Questions: who administers? who sets standards? do you issue unsolicited cards? do people apply for it, where? how does one lose card when CN violated? Who decides on what basis/procedure? How about "new people?" Privacy of list?
- Way to simplify this: focus on those who work, disregard the drug users
- Focus on vigil ONLY (about 20-30); test there first and come back
- Controversy over leadership and affiliation around OPDX is an old matter
- 40+ cards (Vigil) already printed, more
- structure to admit new people
- each person must be trustworthy