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Intros

Camp Wellstone

- Importance of relationships in activism
- Do speed one-on-ones during meeting?

- Power map—map groups in terms of power

Ground rules for Emma Goldman (meeting AND emails)

- No personal attacks
- Stick to the issue
- Assume good intentions
- Open-mindedness
- Respect yourself and others
- You are a member of
- Emma Goldman
- Stanford
- Queer community

- Do NOT expect people to represent their entire identity
- Do not ask people to represent their group

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Goals of Rules

- Promoting dialogue
- Life in general
- Credibility

Goal

- Make agenda for meetings more open for discussion

Trans email thread

- Trans-friendly = someone who is really friendly to trans and outspoken about trans issues
- Trans-allies = one step further—lots of education required
- Trans awareness week
- No vigil—last year only had trans people from outside Stanford and really strong trans allies—sad and depressing and not too productive
- Focus on education
- STAMP project
- Pairs of Emma people go into the opposite bathroom than what they would be “assigned”
- Two women go into men’s bathroom
- A man (in drag) and a woman go into women’s bathroom—talk about how women’s bathroom can be a safer space
- Talk about
- Tuesday of Dead Week—training on Monday

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- Email campaign
- Employment
- Medical care
- Public bathrooms
- Housing
- Day of Remembrance

- Flyering campaign
- Education based exhibit in Old Union
- Monday at 9—meet in Terra

Co-Sponsorship Email Thread (note: These notes represent things people suggested, not necessarily a consensus in the group)

- Should we co-sponsor other groups to form an activist community?
- Pro: Marginalized groups have a lot of things in common—systems of oppression are similar
- But, we only seem to be building a coalition with STAMP
- Con: Sponsoring a politically charged event can alienate people
- We need a degree of transparency in our co-sponsorships so that we are clear that we are not only sponsoring STAMP because of our relationship with them
 - Possibly get potential sponsors to come a week before to ask for money so we can discuss without them there
 - Question: Was Emma Goldman founded with a political agenda in mind?
 - Should Emma Goldman's affiliations with other groups depend on who is in it during that particular year?

- Maybe we should not align ourselves with political causes that do not have to do with queer rights—keep in mind potential alienation
 - Proposal: Tuesday we think through our issues and our values and talk about how to make good policies

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- How can we make it clear why we are sponsoring something? On email list, write a few sentences before e-flyer explaining
- How can we deal with people who want to vote but can't be present at meeting?
- Proxy?
- Send out an email with agenda beforehand

Race and Queer Rights

- LGBT center is hosting a discussion next Sunday about this issue

Next Tuesday:

Talk about Tran Remembrance Week

Facebook discussion

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