

Haus of Nunsense

March 2024 Nuncheon Minutes

Meeting Date:		
Role	Name	Abbr
Chair	Sister Babeushka	SB
Minuting	Sister Alaska Lott	SAL
Hosting	Sister Alaska Lott	SAL
Attendees	Squire ReadyTeddyGo Novice Brother Frank Lee McDear Aspirant Kenzie Hench Elaine Novice Sauchie Ball Street Aspirant Megan Turner Postulant Mairi Me	SqR NBrF AK HE NS AM PM
Apologies	Novice Ann Ahmana Aspirant James	NA AJ

Introductions	Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Official Kick off for first Nuncheon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Introductions: Names, how long been involved in OPI, & what brings us joy 	
Extravagant Events	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Hive Indoor Market (5th Feb) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recap of Hive - Scotland's largest LGBT+ Community Centre ○ Sisters had a stall at their indoor market with Sister-related merch ○ Purpose was to recoup some costs from January's trip down to DragCon UK & interact with the community ○ A fairly quiet event - made about £6 each ○ This was PM's first manifest (hooray!) 	

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- **LGBTQ+ Discovery Event at University of Edinburgh Library (14th Feb)**
 - Reached out to LGBT Lothian Health Archives, who had previously expressed an interest in doing an LGBTQ+ History Month event with the Sisters but hadn't had a response
 - Event concept was to have an exhibition of items from the archives
 - SA & SB offered to be 2 of the 5 co-curators
 - Gave a talk about the items we chose to exhibit
 - Feedback: lots of compliments about how visual our display was
 - Highlight: AIDS quilt panel made by a previous Sister on display
 - You can visit the archives any time - simply get in touch
 - (<https://www.lhsa.lib.ed.ac.uk/contact/index.html>)
- **Sisters Tea Dance at Augustine United Church (17th Feb)**
 - Venue: Augustine United Church is a queer-affirming church and has invited Sisters to a number of events in the past
 - Event: an LGBTQ+ History Month celebration comprising of a 'human library', tea dance, and open mic.
 - SA, SqR, AK, HE, PM, and AJ attended
 - Very friendly event - the Sisters were well received
 - We particularly enjoyed the human library
 - Quiz feedback: People found it very difficult! Suggest we change it up for next year - possibly a pop quiz or multiple choice
 - Found one possible new aspirant - shared our contact details
- **Celebrating Derek Jarman (19th Feb)**
 - Memorial event for Saint Derek, run by the Glasgow Mission
 - Explained context of Derek & Saints of the Order (watch this documentary for further info: [Saintmaking: the 90s 'nuns' who made a gay, HIV positive icon a saint](#))
 - Took 6 months to plan - found it difficult trying to liaise with CCA - event took place outside CCA instead
 - Event was well attended
 - Glasgow Sisters told story of how the Sister canonised Derek & blessed the attendees
 - You can re-watch the livestream here: <https://fb.watch/qntO2Ic-U8/>
- **Beltane (Opportunities to get involved)**
 - Overview of Beltane Fire Festival: a living, dynamic reinterpretation and modernisation of an ancient Iron Age Celtic ritual that takes

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<p>place in Edinburgh - it's the largest of its kind in the world. Performance is made up of groups of volunteers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SB & SAL are running a group focused on promulgation of JOY! ○ Very much aligned to the ethos of the Sisters - performance will be focused on interacting with the audience and spreading JOY! ○ Open practice on Sunday 25th Feb at 12-3pm at the Pavilion Cafe on the Meadows in Edinburgh - all are welcome to attend <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trans Day of Visibility (31st Mar) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Augustine United Church successfully ran this event last year and invited SAL & SB to attend ○ They've indicated they are considering running the event again this year & hinted that they would like to invite Sisters again ○ AK, PM, & HE indicated interest in attending ○ Details will be shared with the Glasgow Mission & interested parties once we know more ● Pride Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reviewed currently announced pride dates ○ First pride: Trans Pride Scotland (30th Mar) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Discussed attendance at previous Trans Prides ■ Haus may attend if enough people are interested ■ NS will check if any of Glasgow are planning to attend ■ Suggest we make a facebook event to gauge interest ● Coffee Morning (Date TBC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposed coffee morning to raise money for cancer charity OUTpatients, the UK's only LGBTQ+ cancer charity, in memory of Sister LeCure (https://outpatients.org.uk/our-mission/) ○ Previous event in memory of Sister LeCure was held in 2018 and raised money for MacMillan Cancer ○ NS identified themselves as a possible master baker ○ Key people to invite include NA, as mother of Sister LeCure, and Sister LeCure's husband 	<p>SAL/SB: share event details with Haus & Glasgow Misson once confirmed</p> <p>SAL: Create FB event for Trans Pride to gauge interest</p> <p>SB: Investigate options for fundraising</p>
<p>Nuntastic Projects</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Babeushka's Big Queer Media Review 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Provided an overview of Babeushka's podcast (https://www.hausofnunsense.org/bbqmr) which reviews various forms of queer media○ Podcast is currently being relaunched○ New episodes will be coming out in July● Utter Nunsense: A Drag Nun Chat Show<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Provided an overview of Utter Nunsense (https://www.hausofnunsense.org/utter-nunsense1) which is a youtube channel & podcast that talks about various LGBTQ+ topics○ Season 4<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Show has been running for the past 3 years■ Season 4 started on Feb 1st■ Topics for this year all set and filming is in progress○ Mini series (Ask a Sister, Pure Nunsense, Tangents & Waffles)<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ A mix of fun/light-hearted content & more serious discussions■ Continuing to release videos & podcasts weekly○ Youtube shorts<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Experimenting with Youtube shorts to see if it increases engagement○ Proposals for additional series<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Idea: A day in the life of a drag nun■ PM & AK both interested in getting involved in content● Sister Joan's Wanderings<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Haus mascot, Sister Joa, is on Instagram & Twitter (https://www.hausofnunsense.org/sister-joans-wanderings)○ She shares pictures of her travels around the world as another way to provide fun engagement with Sisters	
Hauskeeping	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● OPI Status<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Had a very constructive conversation with the co-MoMs○ They confirmed that no one should have to start over as a mission - we've all done the work and it's an existing house that has split in two○ Guidelines for creating an organization are more relaxed in the UK (we don't have to officially register as a charity)	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ They encouraged us to be forward thinking in how we serve our community and also embrace serving our members in a way that encourages growth and inspiration and fills the soul. ○ We will therefore operate as a full OPI house and use the pre-existing guidance and procedures ○ We are content for the other half of the original house to continue using the original name and we will operate under 'Haus of Nunsense' - a name that highlights the joy and fun we hope to embody <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Group Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed options for group comms, as not everyone is on Facebook ○ Glasgow Mission uses WhatsApp ○ Attendees suggested Discord (can be accessed from more device types, can do voice & video, and more versatile) ○ PM, AK, and Novice Ali Gaytor of Glasgow can provide support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Google Accounts (UN vs HoN) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moving from Utter Nunsense to Haus of Nunsense gmail to reflect change from a collection of projects to a house ○ Haus documents (e.g. minutes) will live on the new HoN G Drive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Website continues to be updated regularly ○ Starting to develop resource pages (e.g. coming out, mental health, trans resources, etc) ○ New members will have the option to be listed on the website 	
<p>Any other nunsense!</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● LGBT Health & Wellbeing event in Glasgow (Sat 24/02/2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NS from Glasgow Mission asked if anyone can come support, as they are low on numbers for Saturday ○ The event organisers wanted us to talk about our own history as queer people & talk about the history of the Sisters ○ SAL & SqR will come through to support ○ PM & AK also interested - SAL will share details ● New Postulant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AK asked to join the Haus as a postulant ○ She's attended a couple of events with the Sisters and would like to 	<p>SAL: share event details with PM & AK</p> <p>SB/SAL: update website with new member</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ follow the Sister's path ○ Everyone votes in favour - congratulations! ○ AK shall henceforth be known as Postulant Hera Ditary ● New Hench <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AM ask to join the Haus as a hench ○ As a Hench, Megan will come to some events with us to get to know us better and get a feel for the Haus before deciding if they want to get more involved & choose a path ○ The Haus welcomes AM as a new hench - congratulations! 	SB/SAL: update website with new member
Next Nuncheon	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Format (Online vs In person) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Propose online - attendees are from a variety of locations, so it makes it more accessible ● Date/Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 22nd March (4th Friday of the month) at 6:30pm 	SB/SAL: Set up FB event for next nuncheon

