1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
   Members welcomed.

   The following additions were made to the agenda:
   4.5 Canadian Rainbow Health Coalition
   4.6 Pink Triangle Day Followup
   4.7 Follow-up with Library – LGBTQ resources
   4.8 Community Grants
   4.9 Police Task Force

2. DECLARATION OF “CONFLICT OF INTEREST”
   None declared.
   This item will be renamed to “Declaration of Interest” on future agendas.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   Amendments to the January 15, 2009 GLBT minutes are:
   - remove first sentence from item 4.5
   - delete second paragraph from item 4.5

   (J.Adams/L.Miklos)
   That the January 15, 2009 minutes of the GLBT Advisory Committee be approved as amended. CARRIED.
4. BUSINESS ITEMS

4.1 National Day Against Homophobia
International Day Against Homophobia is on Sunday, May 17, 2009.

Jae advised that Hamilton Positive Space Collaboration (HPSC) is intending to host a hate crimes forum on May 15, 2009.

National Crime Prevention Week is April 26 to May 2, 2009. Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion (HCCI) and HPSC have submitted a grant application to specifically mark the date for this function.

The lead on this will be The Well, HCCI and HPSC. The GLBT Advisory Committee will participate. We should know about the grant by the end of February. Suggestions about what GLBT could do:
- press release / conference
- Simon to get on talk show with Bob Bratina
- order materials

4.2 Hamilton Positive Space Collaborative (HPSC)
Nothing to report.

4.3 Discussion – Strategic Plan
Jane & Jae reported on what they had found based on the scan of the cities identified at the January meeting.

Next steps:
- Lyla to obtain the Terms of Reference of the community organizations listed in the January minutes
- committee to look at Vancouver, Montreal and Calgary. These cities differ in demographics than Hamilton but are potentially more developed in resources.

4.4 Hamilton Pride Involvement & Pride Pages
There was a discussion about the committee’s involvement with Hamilton Pride and the Pride Pages. The committee has always supported the production of the community listings. An on-line version of the community listings of the Pride Pages has been proposed. There was a preliminary discussion about the GLBT Advisory Committee’s support for this endeavour, and the need for resources to be available for people. It was noted that an on-line version would provide an opportunity to include details about services and supports, such as drop-in support groups, etc. that are not currently able to be included in the print version.
4.5 **Canadian Rainbow Health Coalition**  
Deferred to March meeting.

4.6 **Pink Triangle Day Follow-up**  
Committee members commended Lyla on the great job on the press release. There was no opportunity to speak to the Hamilton Spectator prior to this release. It will be noted to make contact with the Spectator earlier next year.

Pink Triangle Day will be on a Sunday in 2010. It was suggested to have a public showing of a movie (i.e. BENT or Amy & Jaguar). The Art Gallery of Hamilton was suggested as a venue.

4.7 **Follow-up with Library – LGBTQ Resources**  
Deirdre P., Deirdre D. and Maria from youth group met to talk to Library staff about the diversity of the community, especially of the LGBTQ members. There are approximately 72 lesbian fiction books in the HPL. Many queer titles from the collection are marked “lost”. The committee suspects that books may have been stolen due to the barriers of borrowing them legitimately. A new program is being rolled out – RFID (radio-frequency identification) which will enable people to self check-out items from the library. Further discussion may be required at a later date.

4.8 **Community Grants**  
Issue on hold. Item to be kept on agenda.

4.9 **Police Task Force**  
Next meeting to be on March 10, 2009. This will be added as a regular item on the agenda.

A discussion took place about the offer to include LGBTQ cultural competency training in the Police block training. There is an opportunity for all officers to participate in Block Training, so this was seen as a good opportunity. Sandra Wilson had reported that there was request for a tip sheet instead of training. Further discussion may be required at a later date.

5. **OTHER BUSINESS**

5.1 **Banner over Main Street**  
The idea of placing a banner over Main Street to promote queer visibility was discussed. Jae informed the members that the price is $273.25 for a week plus the cost of the banner (approx. $200). A new banner will be purchased as the previous one has been lost. At this time, Pride Week 2010 and International Day Against Homophobia Day 2011 are available.
Spots book up quickly as many organizations are grandfathered and book several years in advance. This leaves little availability for other organizations. It was requested that staff find out if there is a city policy regarding this issue. Jane advised that a request has been made for an electronic sign in front of City Hall. This request is uncertain at this time.

(J.Adams/D.Woolridge)
That the GLBT Advisory Committee authorize the expenditure of $546.50 to reserve the placement of a banner across Main Street for one week in 2010 for Pride Week and one week in 2011 for International Day Against Homophobia. CARRIED.

Jae will reserve the dates and obtain account number for payment from staff.

6. INFORMATION SHARING

March 1, 2009 – Rev. Mark D. Morrison-Reed “In Between: Memoir of an Integration Baby” book reading and signing – First Unitarian Church of Hamilton – 2:00 p.m. – pay what you can

March 7, 2009 – Sky Gilbert’s play “Steven and Chris Design Your Mind” – Pearl Company – 8:30 p.m. – pay what you can

The Well is looking for 6 Directors for the Board from the community at large. This is a 2-year commitment. Notices will be sent out tomorrow; please send to your networks.

7. ADJOURNMENT