



Coalition of Rainbow Alliances Monthly Meeting August 11, 2024

Members Present (Zoom)

Brian Sylvester President
Sheila Morris Treasurer
Lori Carlsen Secretary
Jim Barr, Ex-officio
Mike Yankee
Bert Morton
Sam Forestier
Candice Clotfelter
Mike Johnson

Lisa Cotton, Vice President
David Yankee Board Member at Large
Jenna Broom Board Member at Large
Lee Korty
Rex Schadow
Harry Carlsen
Christina Newton
Jill Dyer

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm

Approval of minutes from July 14, 2024. Lisa made a motion to accept the minutes, Rex seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report- Sheila gave printed copies of the report and gave a verbal report of the account. Double payment was noted for the Port a Potty rented for the Pride Picnic. Sheila will call the company and double check on this. Vote is tabled until next meeting for clarification on double payment.

Committee Reports

Membership- Brian reported we have received two volunteer forms this month which were responded to. Both will be notified of for our next membership orientation. The next orientation meeting will be scheduled for August 22 nd at 7:00 p.m. That is the same day that Brian will be conducting an orientation training at PrideLinc during their Thursday lunch and learn.

Social Media - Brian reported the Facebook group has 8 new members, bringing the total to 866 members. We had 43 posts for the month viewed 2,152 times. The top posts were the Sonya Massey healing breakfast with 596, the Memorial Health Healing circle with 587, and the Barn Dance announcement on 7/31/24 with 329. The Facebook page has 4 new followers bringing the total to 922. We had 21 posts for the month with 1.100 views and 248 visits. The top posts were the John Deere DEI elimination with 243, the Support CORAL post with 199, and the Barn Dance announcement with 117. The Instagram account has 2 new followers for a total of 13. The website had 103 visitors with 158 site sessions, which averaged 3 ½ minutes. The most popular pages are the home page and the partners page. The web page will be getting some updates in the coming month. The calendar is now picking up other partner's calendars automatically so there is more scheduled on those dates. We are also testing a ticket buying app on the site to see how this works.

Bylaws- Lee reported the committee has met and reviewed the bylaws. The committee has made several changes. The biggest changes have been to the voting section. Announcements of elections will be on Social Media. Lee will send a copy of the Bylaws with changes to board members. Lee made a motion to accept the changes to the Bylaws, Lisa seconded. 15 yea, Jim abstained motion carried.

Activities- Lisa reported there are ballpark tickets available from the Lucky Horseshoes

Finance- Sheila Reported the committee discussed ticket sale payments Debit/Credit Card payments for tickets to the Ritz, Barn Dance etc. Budget vs Actual. Sheila has been looking at different grant forms for CORAL to use for requests for money from CORAL. A meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday August 27, 2024 at 6:30pm via Zoom

Old Business

LevitAMP- Jenna stated it was a great night. It was the best turnout for the concert. Jaycees give away bags were a hit. Jenna would like everyone to speak up so concerts can continue.

Meet and Greet at Whimsey Tea- Lisa reported the event went well. There were 2 new individuals that attended.

YMCA Glow Run- It was a great time. The turnout for the event was wonderful. 300 participants did the run/ walk. The YMCA greatly appreciated CORAL helping out, Lisa worked the popcorn wagon. Lori, Harry and Rex worked the St. Patrick's Day station.

PrideLinc Presentation- Brian reported that he will be presenting the membership orientation presentation on 8/22/24 at PrideLinc's Lunch event.

Barn Dance- Lisa stated that Mike Yankee has come up with the table decorations for the dance, as well as Donations of door prizes. Lisa stated we need a burn pit, Harry and Lori will bring theirs. Lori will get a list of wristbands to get in.

OUTSafe Directive- Brian reported that the press release for the OutSafe Program was conducted on 8/1. AgeLinc has hired a marketing firm to get this out into the community throughout the state. They presented to the PrideLinc group this past Thursday, 8/8. The program is to train first responders with out to work with members of the LGBTQ+ community members in violent experiences.

New Business

Ritz 2025- Lori stated we need people to be on the committee. First meeting is set for September 17, 2024 at 6pm via zoom. The Ritz will be held on March 15, 2025 at the Crowne Plaza. The contract has been signed and deposit made. Lori has also received menu options from Zach. Currently the Ritz committee is David, Lori, Sheila, Brian, Lisa, Candice, Chistina, Harry, Jim.

Phoenix Center Gala- Brian requested a final tally for who will be attending the event as tickets are now on sale and we need the names of those who will be attending to purchase the table/tickets. Lisa stated there are 12 people attending the event. Lisa will email the list to Brian.

Decatur Illinois Pridefest- Will be on September 14, 2024 from 11am to 8pm. They would like vendors to stay until at least 4pm. Drag after dark will be at Port Royal at 9pm. Brian asked who would be attending this year's event in Decatur so

that we have it covered. Brian also added that he has the new tablecloth for the presentation as well as more Pride flags that we can pass out. We are good on merchandise to give out.

Broadgauge Retreat- Brian stated that our last Ritz, we set an agreement with Broadgauge to have a retreat with them sometime this Fall and he was hoping to schedule this sometime in September on a weekend. Is there any preference as what date that should be established.

The Wakery Signature Drink- Brian shared that for those not familiar, the Wakery offers a monthly drink with \$1.00 donated to a non-profit organization in the area. They are currently offering a drink in honor of Fifth Street called the Renaissance Refresher. Brian would like to reach out to Liz at the Wakery about possibly having a drink for CORAL.

Fifth Street Aids Memorial Cleanup- Lee states volunteers are needed to help with the cleanup of weeds from the bricks. Cleanup will be on Thursday August 15, 2024 at 6pm. Volunteers are Lori, Harry, Bert, Lee, Mike, Brian and Jenna.

UIS Community Involvement Expo- Brian reported that CORAL is registered to have a booth at the Expo. It will be held on August 28, 2024 at 4pm. Lori will bring a tent.

Camelot Jumping Jamboree school supply drive- will be on Saturday August 17, 2024 in their parking lot from 10am to 2pm. Lori will bring their tent. Candice and Christina has volunteered to help with CORAL booth.

Kankakee- Lisa stated that they will be having a Gala and would like CORAL to donate. This will be their first Gala. Jim made a motion to donate \$200.00, Jenna seconded. Motion carried

Special Olympics Row for Dough- Rex would like CORAL to be a sponsor. The \$500.00 level, our name will be on the T-shirts, website, signage, social media and by the DJ at the event. Jim made the motion, Harry seconded. Motion carried.

Lee stated he received a thank you card from Christina.

Working at the Street Fair- Charitable Trust application to pass out food and CORAL will be considered.

Shelly the head of COMPAS has reached out to CORAL and would like to work with us.

Jenna asked that people speak up for resignation of the Chief of Police for Sangamon County regarding Sonja Massey who was murdered by an officer. Has moved to the BOS on August 13 at 6pm, the whole community should attend.

Harry made a motion to adjourn, Rex seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 522pm.