



C.O.R.A.L. Monthly Meeting Minutes February 13, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM on Sunday February 14, 2022.

Present at the meeting were: Lori Carlsen, Bert Morton, Lee Korty, April Poole, Jim Barr, Brian Sylvester, Rob Weiss

By Zoom: Lisa Cotton, Paula Harris, Tom Wray, Ricky Marble

Minutes were reviewed from the January 9, 2022, meeting. Brian made a motion to accept the minutes. Bert seconded. Motion passed

Treasury report showed checks totaling \$1,643.13. Bert made a motion to accept report. Lori seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Executive Board Meeting February 12,2020

Bad News: Tim Bill has resigned from the Executive Board. He will remain active maintaining the WEB Page. He is currently working on his doctorate and under time constraints.

Good News: Dr Wiley Jenkins at SIU Medicine wants to partner with LGBTQ community to do surveys and research on LGBTQ health. He has been affiliated with Southern Illinois Rainbow Group along with several other groups. He has enlisted CORAL's help.

We purchased a \$250.00 sponsorship to Habitat for Humanity for their walk on April 24, 2022. Sponsorship includes "Coalition of Rainbow Alliances" on their event t-shirts. The walk will take place in Enos park, and everyone is encouraged to get people to donate for the amount of walking you will do. Join the CORAL team.

We donated \$250.00 dollars to Black Lives Matter (BLM) for Books for Children for Black History month. The donation was made in the name of Candy Parker Memorial because of Candy's racial diverse family and her love of books.

Committee Reports

Activities – Pridefest is likely to occur at some level this year. Bert suggested that we still have several float items available in our float barn and that we should think about doing an entry for Pridefest (if held) and the Juneteenth Parade.

Finance – has not met

Ritz - we have 19 sponsors with 3 presenting sponsors (\$1500,00 each), 183 persons and 23 tables. The 3 presenting sponsors are: Designer Dreamscapes, Midwest Family Broadcasting (WMAY) and Illinois Times/ We need to add “Illinois Eagle” to our list of sponsors on our WEB page.

Social Media – we have put a survey for Equality Illinois on our Face Book Page. For Black History month we posted about two individuals, Lemont Johnson and Lana Banks (who is the first transgender person of color on a school board). Two persons were able to access Zoom meeting via Face Book and one person by email. April will check with Church of Brethren to see if it is okay to continue using their Zoom software.

Ad-Hoc – Jim has signed up for Habitat for Humanity Walk, Individual registration can also be done on-line. Event is to take place Sunday, April 24, 2022. At 1:30 pm. Persons 15 or younger must be accompanied by adult. Walk will be in Enos Park District and will start at Third Presbyterian Church. Walk begins at 2pm. Registration at 1:30 PM. Donations will be made to Women’s Home. Last year’s walk was virtual. Roz Stein, Linda Rendelman and Jim Barr did the walk in Enos Park. We painted a house on east side for Habitat this past year. Painting was done in one day instead of 2, and 2 coats were applied. They were surprised by the efficiency of our crew. Brian will place registration form on Face Book and the WEB.

Old Business

Historical Reviews – a report will be forthcoming

Apparel Committee - According to Miles Shirts, shirts may not be available in the blue color we had previously picked out. Bert will check with them in the next 2 days. He is just taking commitments for shirts currently. He wants to place the order so that we will have shirts available for PrideFest and Pride Picnic later this year,

AgeLink Mardi Gras- The event has been moved to May 14, 2022 and will be at the Crown Plaza. We have two tables with seating for 20 persons, 15 persons have paid so far with another 4 committed. We only have one seat left. CORAL is a Presenting Sponsor.

New Business

We received a request from a 7th grade student in Deerfield who is doing a research paper on transgender persons. Any information people may have should be sent to the local school that Brian will post on our social media pages.

A plaque for CORAL has been purchased for the “El Parque de los a Azuelos” (tile Park) n Puerto Vallarta. It will show the CORAL logo in center with Springfield, Illinois at top and “Coalition of Rainbow Alliances” at bottom with the inscription LGBTQ

Planned Parenthood – will be hosting a townhall meeting virtually on February 22, at 6 pm. The topic is Black LGBTQ health care in Illinois and what still needs to be done. You can register at bit.ly/black. Brian will also post on a Face Book and our web page.

Paula motioned to adjourn the meeting; April seconded. Meeting adjourned 5:55 pm

Calendar

March 13, 2022 - CORAL Monthly Meeting

March 26, 2022 - Ritz

April 10, 2022 - CORAL Monthly Meeting

May 7, 2022 - Acorn Equality Derby Days

May 8, 2022 - CORAL Monthly Meeting

May 14, 2022 - AgeLinc “Masquerade Gala”