



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

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM on Sunday March 13, 2022.

Present at the meeting were: Lori Carlsen, Harry Carlsen, Bert Morton, Lee Korty, April Poole, Jim Barr, Brian Sylvester, Rob Weiss, Paula Harris, Rex Schadow, Mike Johnson, By Zoom: Lisa Cotton, Carolyn Austin, Tom Wray, Preston Dodd – Mass Media Production.

Preston Dodd – Mass Media Production. Mass stands for Mutual Admiration Society of Springfield. They produce theatre for at risk populations. Some of the plays they have staged are: **Tale of Life and Death**, **Heather the Musical**. They are currently producing the **Laramie Project** which will be performed at the Hoogland Center on May 27 – 29, 2022. They are looking for LGBTQ groups to sponsor the production. They will have t-shirts for sale to the general public.

Carolyn Austin – Agelinc/Pridelinc – serves a 12-county area in central Illinois. Pridelinc is a connection for LGBTQ seniors. Each Thursday they host a luncheon for LGBTQ seniors (over 60) and their advocates. The address is: 2731 So MacArthur Blvd. Telephone number is (217) 787-9234 Ask for Prairie.

CORAL is a sponsor for their Mardi Gras Event on May 14th at the Crown Plaza. Everyone is encouraged to wear a mask. There was discussion of getting members together to decorate masks for the event.

Minutes were reviewed from the February 13, 2022, meeting. Mike made a motion to accept the minutes. Rex seconded. Motion passed

Treasury report – Bank statement had not arrived before meeting. There was nothing to report.

Executive Board Meeting April 9, 2022 at Church of Brethren

Decision was made by board to accept Lisa Cotton as a new Member-At-Large to hold position until General Election in May 2022.

Jim read off a list of responsibilities for Activities Chair that was produced by Tim Bill. The responsibilities included such items as Forming Partnerships, Updating Membership, promoting volunteers on WEB site, take notes on committees to include time, dates and decisions, Goals, Any actions if needed. Provide complete report each year at annual meeting in May. Brian made motion to accept Lisa Cotton as Activities Chair. Rex seconded and motion passed.

Committee Reports

Ritz - we have 23 sponsors with 3 presenting sponsors (\$1500,00 each), we have 45 advertisers, 304 persons and 39 tables. The 3 presenting sponsors are: Designer

Dreamscapes, Midwest Family Broadcasting (WMAY) and Illinois Times. Advertising needs to be submitted by the 14th of March 2022. Deadline for dinner reservations will be March 18, 2022 at noon. April will contact Hy-Vee about an ad or sponsorship. Erin Conley wants to purchase a larger advertisement. There will be a meeting next Sunday (March 20, 2022) to discuss the program at 3 Pm at First Church of the Brethren. It was agreed that Rodney Shoemaker and Paula will do check in at the Ritz. There also will be a signing interpreter at the event.

Social Media – Brian reported we have 5 new likes on Face Book. If you have an item of interest to post either on Face Book or the Web Page Brian will get that posted for you in 24 to 48 hours.

Ad-Hoc – Jim reported on Habitat for Humanity Walk. The walk will take place on April 14, 2022. In addition, they will be having a carryout chicken dinner from 4-6pm with Nelson Catering. The cost for the dinner is \$12.00. The dinners will be given out at 3rd Presbyterian Church on North 7th. Jim, Roz Stein, and Linda Rendelman have already agreed to do the walk. There will be 3 new houses built next year. There will be a Woman's Build as well as a new build in Twin Lakes with another build in Twin Lakes for the following year, volunteers can register as a single participant but list the team you are on as CORAL.

Stetson – Member Kurt Potter's service dog, Stetson passed away several months ago. CORAL is collecting for a donation to the Animal Protective League in Stetson's name. \$100.00 has been collected, but Lisa reported we need to finalize collection by end of May 2022.

Old Business

Historical Reviews – a report will be forthcoming

Apparel Committee – Bert has ordered 30 t-shirts of which 15 are sold. 26 Polo shirts of which 13 are sold. The t-shirts are on sell for \$15.00 and the polo shirts are on sale for \$25.00. Those shirts are to arrive by the end of this week, Bert will be collecting for the paid shirts. The shirts are blue with the CORAL logo.

Pridefest – This is one of CORAL's main Events. We have been the Harvey Milk Sponsorship four years. We also have a hosting booth at Pridefest. Bert made a motion to pay for the Harvey Milk Sponsorship for 2022 with an addendum by Brian that we do not hand out the check at the Ritz. Lisa seconded and the motion passed with one abstaining.

New Business

Pride Picnic – will be held on June 18, 2022 at Lincoln Park from 4 to 10 pm. This will not conflict with activities of the Juneteenth celebration and parade for that morning and early afternoon.

Ukraine – to help LGBTQ persons fleeing Ukraine there is an organization called Accept in Romania that has collected \$13,000 with over 100 contributors. It costs \$1,000.00 per person to provide temporary asylum. Check Web page for Accept organization. Paula asked to table discussion and it was agreed.

Springfield Sliders – is now the Springfield Lucky Horseshoes. Rex contacted them and they are still interested in doing a Pride night with CORAL.

Brain asked to adjourn meeting. Rex seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Calendar

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"