



C.O.R.A.L. Monthly Meeting Minutes April 10, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 PM on Sunday April 10, 2022.

Present at the meeting were: Jim Barr, Paula Harris, Brian Sylvester (z), Bert Morton, Lisa Cotton (z), Mike Johnson, Rex Schadow, Lee Korty and Rob Weis

Lisa made motion to accept secretary report and Rex seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Brian reported the beginning balance and ending balance. Brian reported that he was aware of several outstanding bills to pay from Ritz. A balance sheet of profit, minus expenses for the event will be filed at a later CORAL meeting. (The financial statement for March 2022 will be attached and filed with minutes.)

Paula moved to accept the treasurer's report. Rex seconded. Motion passed.

Executive Board Update

A letter from **Springfield Black Lives Matter** to City Council regarding Police Officer Nichols racial slurs and derogatory comments was reviewed by the board. CORAL received the letter after the fact, so it was too late for CORAL to sign on as a supporting group.

PrideLINC- luncheon on Thursday May 5, 2022, at 11:30 AM. CORAL will provide a presentation about what CORAL is, and what services and activities it provides in support of the community.

T-shirts – we are ordering 24 more T-shirts in various sizes to sell at Pridefest and the Pride Picnic. We will have 15 Polo Shirts and 39 T-shirts available for sale.

Sponsorship – Midwest Broadcasting Golf Outing is May 19th, 2020, to benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Springfield, CORAL declined to participate due to PrideFest obligations.

Lucky Horseshoes Baseball – Jonna Cooley, of The Phoenix Center, Rex and Bert will meet with team representatives on Tuesday May 12, 2020, to discuss sponsoring a Pride Event.

Mask Decorating event is tentatively set for April 19, 202 at Church of Brethren. Lisa will confirm with church.

Other discussion included PrideFest, Pride Picnic, Annual meeting nominations, Brian has said he will run for Vice President and April will run for treasurer. Bert and Lisa, Carol Austin and Martin Woulfe will run for member at large positions. Lori Carlsen will be asked if she is interested in running for Secretary.

Habitat for Humanity Walk – April 24th, 2020 at 1:30 pm. Rex, Jim, Roz and April will be participating. Chicken dinner is \$12.00 and can be picked up at the Third Presbyterian Church on north 7th between 4 and 6 pm.

Committee Reports

Activities Committee – Lisa

Tentative date set for Tuesday April 19th at Church of the Brethren. Bert will get foam board to make masks.

Finance Committee – no report

Ritz Committee – Bert will meet with Brian and April to provide a complete summary of revenue and expenses for the Ritz.

Social Media - the night of the Ritz we had 10 new persons become followers on our Face Book page and 31 more since then. There are 3 new messages posted on the page. Brian is trying to keep it updated so as to keep the Face Book page and website looking fresh. He would like to copy a picture from Midwest Broadcasting's page on our website as it was so well done. Church of the Brethren is to have a new web page that we will also want to post, Pridefest, Pride Picnic and Juneteenth all need to be posted,

Historical Reviews – report next month

Pridefest – will be held May 21, 2020. We need to see about a walking unit in the parade. Bert asked if anyone had a small trailer we could decorate for the parade

He suggested a simple float; something we could accomplish in a week, with materials we already have.

Pride Picnic- Lincoln Park June 18, 2022, from 4 to 10 pm. Brian is providing the chicken. Lee will do potato salad. Lee will check with Art and Terry for Cole Slaw. Jim will provide lemonade. Lee will provide Iced Tea. Lee will check with Rodney about providing the ice.

Nominating Committee – Mike presented the following nominated persons for these positions: Vice President- Brian, Treasurer-April, Member at Large (2 Year term)- Lisa, Member at Large (2 year term)-Bert, Member-at- large (1 year term) -Carol Austin, Martin Woulfe Secretary-(possibly, one year term) Lori Carlsen.

Membership - Brian has a spreadsheet of 47 volunteers from the Ritz. Some respondents listed their interest. Brian recommended that we update our members email address list. He further recommended that, If we ask a person to run for a particular office, we need to do it in person (not through an email).

Paula moved to accept all committee reports. Rex seconded. Motion Passed

Old Business:

Apparel Committee – Bert reported that the shirts from the first order and sales are in balance. He will place an order for 24 T-shirts for Pridefest and Picnic Sales. That will create a summer inventory of 39 t-shirts to sell. 15 Polo shirts are in inventory.

New Business:

Paula requested a point of information for Bylaws committee.

A motion created read as follows:

The Nominating Committee will be set at the March CORAL general meeting to vet names for board open positions. A slate of candidates will be presented at the April CORAL general meeting. Elections will be held at the May CORAL general meeting.

Paula made the motion. Rob seconded and motion passed.

Brian moved to adjourn the meeting. Lisa seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:27 PM

Calendar:

- April 20, 2022 -Fifth Street Renaissance Prospective Board
Bella Milano's 5:30 to 7:00 pm**
- April 22, 2020 -Pridefest La Cage Drag Race Hoogland 7 pm (sold out)**
- April 24, 2022 -Habitat for Humanity Walk 1:30 pm registration Enos Park**
- May 7, 2022 -Acorn Equality Derby Days Peoria**
- May 8, 2022 -CORAL Monthly Meeting**
- May 14, 2022 -AgeLinc "Masquerade Gala"**
- May 21, 2022 -Springfield PrideFest**
- June 12, 2022 -CORAL Monthly Meeting**
- June 18, 2002 -Juneteeth Unity Parade**
- June 18, 2022 - Pride Picnic**
- June 28, 2022 -Illinois Primary**