



Coalition of Rainbow Alliances Monthly Meeting April 9, 2023

Members Present

Jim Barr President,
Brian Sylvester Vice President
April Poole Treasurer (Zoom)
Lisa Cotton Activities Coordinator
Mike Johnson, Rex Schadow, Rob Weis, Harry Carlsen, Bert Morton, Lee Korty,
David Yankee, Marty Wilson, Molly

Meeting called to order at 5:05pm

Approval of minutes from March 12, 2023 - Lisa made a motion to accept the minutes, Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report:

See printed copies. April went over the financial reports. Harry made a motion to receive and file. Rex seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pridefest:

The decision was made to not be a sponsor for this year's Pridefest. April will take care of CORAL purchasing 2 booth spaces.

Ritz:

We have roughly \$4,000 in outstanding payments to us. Most of that is from 3 major donors that have to go through their process of payments. April expects those to all be paid by the end of June 2023.

Membership:

Brian reported 3 new members that have expressed interest in joining.

Social Media

Brian reported that there has been 3,572 members with 24 being new members, we had 256 visits. Face Book has 3,895 members and there were 595 sessions on our web page. Checking into expanding into Instagram and later into TikTok.

Activities

Lisa has tried to make initial contact with police department but no response to her emails. Brian is going to supply her with another email to contact.

Finance

April reported because of the time needed for the Ritz, the Finance Committee has not met.

LGBTQ+ History

Kate with Agelink may be interested in Video Taping Individual Stories.

Partners & Supporters

Going to use Ritz list of sponsors and advertisers to bring more people in, Brian suggested that District 186 would be a good candidate.

Lisa moved to accept all committee reports, Rex seconded, and motion passed.

New Business

Lucky Horseshoes – Harry reported that there will be a photo shoot at the ballpark to celebrate CORAL's sign on the outfield fence. Harry will let us know when it is scheduled. Rex suggested that we give away bags with CORAL Logos on them to pass out. Bert will check into pricing. Harry suggested ball caps in plastic like the ones given out last year by Lucky Horseshoe. He will check into price and get back with us. The Pride Night ball game is June 22, 2023.

Illinois Times has offered assistance to promote Pride Night at the ballpark.

Election of Officers/Board Members - Mike reported that the following individuals will be vying for positions in the election scheduled for next month:

President: Brian Sylvester

Secretary: Lori Carlson

Member at Large: Carolyn Austin, Sam Downs, David Yankee, Jim Barr

Discussion of the election process centered around how the by-laws addressed currently elected individuals who decide to run for other positions. There was some confusion as to when those persons would need to resign their position and it was clarified that resignations do not take place unless/until they are elected to the position they are running. Jim Barr withdrew his candidacy for the member at large position at the end of this discussion without explanation.

Bylaws – Rob made motion to add a vetting process to the election timeline 3 months prior to the annual election. Lee seconded and motion passed. See election timeline in Bylaws for more details.

Pride Picnic - The Pride Picnic has been scheduled for June 17th at Lincoln Park, Shelter #4 for 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The following people will be bringing:

Jim – Lemonade
Cole Slaw/Tea – Lee
Lori – Potato Salad
Brian – Chicken

Pridefest- April made a motion to buy 1,000 wrist bands at a cost of 31 cents to be passed out at Pridefest, Wrist bands will say CORAL on one side and Building Community on other. Rob made motion to purchase 500 wrist bands and Rex seconded, There was also a motion to purchase 500 buttons and seconded by Rob, Motion passed. Bert will check into pricing of buttons.

Habitat for Humanity Walk – is April 23, 2023, a Sunday. Coral members are encouraged to show up at 3rd Presbyterian Church on North 7th for the walk. Lee will volunteer as registrar. Lisa made motion that we donate \$250.00 dollars to Habitat for Humanity and Harry seconded. Motion passed.

Jaycees – we are partnering with the Jaycees to do their concert series. Our event will be on July 13, 2023 at the “Y” block at 5 PM

Blue Cross and Blue Shield – wants to partner with CORAL for a food drive on May 13th, 2023. There were some concerns about this date being too soon and it's the same date as CORAL's monthly meeting at 5 PM.

Pridefest Parade- it was decided that we will go ahead and pay for an entry in the Pride Parade even if we have no entry that day depending on volunteers.

Juneteenth Celebration - It was also decided to pay entry fee for Juneteenth Parade and for a booth space. Since the CORAL pride Picnic is the same day at 4 pm we will need to break down our tent by 3 pm. Harry made motion to accept application and Rex seconded. Motion passed.

Mayor's Office – Union Pacific Railroad through the Mayor's office has made overtures that we apply for a community investment. April will investigate.

Lisa Made Motion to adjourn and Rex seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 6:39 PM

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