



## **Coalition of Rainbow Alliances Monthly Meeting March 12, 2023**

### **Members Present**

Jim Barr President	Mike Johnson
Brian Sylvester Vice President	Rex Schadow
Lori Carlsen Secretary	Harry Carlsen
April Poole Treasurer	Rob Weis
Lisa Cotton Activities Coordinator	Sam Downs
Carolyn Austin Board member at large	JB George

Meeting called to order at 5:03pm

Approval of minutes from January 8, 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 for audit treasurers report. Lisa seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Executive Board Updates**

Jim reported that the Executive Board met today March 12, 2023. The board review Ritz progress, activities, our UIS intern has joined the team and we need to review strategic goals for this year. Board voted to do 3 quarter page ads in the Illinois Times guides. April reported that Blue Cross Blue Shield would like CORAL to help with a food drive, passing out hams.

### **Committee Reports**

**Ritz-** Bert reported that advertising ends 3/13/23 end of business, Ticket sales end 3/17/23 as we need to get food lists in. We need help at the Ritz, students will be escorting guests to tables, Ritz members need to jump in to help wherever it's needed. Lisa states puzzle pieces will be at each place setting, with the large diamonds labeled with the table captains names. Bookmarks for each guest will have instructions on what they should do with the pieces. Boutonnieres and

corsages for Ritz committee have been ordered from Flowers by Kathy. Interviews with NPR and Midwest Broadcasting were broadcasted live and will be replayed several times. April stated that HMCC will have 3 tables. Parking will be a premium at the Crowne Plaza, the Elks will be there again this year.

### **Membership**

Nothing new on membership

### **Social Media**

Brian reported that there has been an increase in activity on our page. People visiting and staying longer.

### **Activities**

Lisa reported that the APL event went well, 10 people attended, 4 of which were first time attendees. 2 were second time attendees. Lisa reminded everyone that you can drop off supplies at the APL any time you want. They are always looking for volunteers. Future APL event will be planned for May. Lisa is also working on Coffee with an Officer/Lunch with an Officer event

### **Finance**

April reported that the Finance Committee has not met.

### **LGBTQ+ History**

Nothing to report.

### **Partners & Supporters**

Brian stated that Molly our UIS Intern has done research regarding our website and Facebook page. They changed font size, and colors to make it less busy.

Pride night with the Lucky Horseshoes will be advertised on the back page of the Ritz program with CORAL's QR Code. Melissa will be talking to Lisa regarding games/events at the game. Suggestion was made that we select a group that supports LGBTQ community on the concourse.

Lucky Horseshoes will be having a yard sale at the stadium, \$25.00 per table proceeds will go to Habitat for Humanity.

Juneteenth parade CORAL will participate, discussion about having a tent at the event that weekend.

Brian made the motion to accept all committee reports, April seconded, motion carried.

### **New Business**

Up coming elections will be in May 14, 2023. Positions being voted on are President, Secretary, and two Member at Large positions. Rob proposes that elections be moved to June 11, 2023, and to send to the Bi-laws committee, vote taken 10 yes, 3 nay, motion carried.

Pride picnic will be June 17, 2023 at Lincoln Park area #4 from 5 to 7pm. Set up will be at 4pm, April stated that a handicap accessible port-o-pot from Twin Lakes is \$200.00. Mike motioned that we order one, Rob seconded, motion carried.

Agelinc will be having a Community Education event sponsored by BOS. Contact Scott Linde @ [Slinde@agelinc.org](mailto:Slinde@agelinc.org) to schedule your attendance. It will be in person or via zoom.

Decatur Public Library will be having a public speaker. Jim asked if CORAL would donate a CORAL shirt for the welcome basket. April moved we donate 1 t-shirt, Bert seconded, motion carried.

Decatur Illinois Pride pet and people food drive from 10am to 12pm on March 18, 2023 in the Walmart parking lot.

Sam stated that Logan Pride will be having a fundraiser at Culvers on April 17, 2023. Logan Co. Pride Fest will be on June 3, 2023

Harry made a motion to adjourn, Rex seconded, Motion carried meeting adjourned at 6:23pm