



C.O.R.A.L. Monthly Meeting Minutes May 8, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 PM on Sunday May 8, 2022.

Present at the meeting were: Jim Barr, Paula Harris, Brian Sylvester, Bert Morton, Lisa Cotton (z), Mike Johnson, Rex Schadow, Lee Korty, Lori Carlsen(z), Carol Austin, John Meyer, April Poole, Tom Wray (z), Sam Downs (Logan County Pride), (Z).

Minutes were reviewed from the April 10, 2022, Brian moved to accept, Paula seconded Motion passed.

Treasury report – Brian submitted printed copy. Rex moved to accept and Paula seconded. Motion passed.

Executive Board Meeting May 7, 2022 at Church of Brethren

The board agreed to purchase a mannequin for the Pridefest to display t-shirts. Cost was roughly \$30.00 dollars. CORAL has been asked to assist Springfield Jaycees as a community partner for the Levitt AMP Concert Series on June 23, 2022 on the “Y” block downtown. We can pass out information about our organization at the event. We will march in the Juneteenth Parade at 10 am on June 18, 2022. We need our sponsorship in by June 1, 2022. The Board will review a new strategic plan for the coming year, this fall. Lisa will work with Animal Protective League with their fundraiser in July and to present a check for Stetson’s Memorial. The storage shed has been broken into again and Bert has replaced the lock. Nothing was stolen this time. There has been suggestion to move storage items to a shared storage with Paula Harris. It was believed that this is something we should consider. The annual reports will be attached to the minutes for May 8, 2022. It was also noted that Tim Bill stepped down from Secretary Position and that Lee has been doing the recording of the minutes for the past several months. Paula will be stepping down from the Vice President position.

Rex moved to accept review of board meeting minutes and Paula seconded. Motion passed.

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Committee Reports

PrideFest – is May 21, 2022. We will have a double booth this year again due to our Harvey Milk Scholarship. There will be t-shirts available for sale. We will solicit memberships. Lisa will be getting volunteer forms together and set up a schedule of when we need members to staff the tent for the event. Brian will make sure we have enough buck slips to hand out and Bert will secure buttons to pass out for the event. We have 68 brochures from the Ritz that can be used. Bert made motion to allow Logan County Pride, Decatur, Illinois Pride and Lucky Horseshoe ball team to share our second booth. Brian seconded and motion passed. We will have at least a walking entry in the Pridefest Parade.

Pride Picnic - will be held June 18, 2002 from 4 to 10 pm at Lincoln Park Shelter 4. There was only a small change in who is bringing dishes. Lori will provide potato salad, Lee will bring 3 bean salad and Art and Terry will share coleslaw. Lisa asked for volunteers to help with setup at 4 PM. Dinner will begin at 5 PM.

Ritz - The Ritz has been scheduled for March 25, 2023 at the Crown Plaza. Jim, April and Bert will meet with Zak in the coming weeks to confirm and sign contract. Cost to hold the space for us is \$750.00 dollars

Nominations - Mike submitted the roster to the members for the following open positions Vice President – Brian Sylvester, Treasurer - April Poole, Secretary - Lori Carlsen, Member-at -large A: Carol Austin, Member- at-Large B: Bert Morton and Member-at -Large C: Lisa Cotton. There were no other nominations. Paula moved that we accept the nominations by acclimation and Rex seconded. Motion Passed

Membership – Brian was still working on compiling list of volunteers

History Committee – Jim reported no movement but did say he is working on interviewing Art Clark and Terry Michaels in the coming months.

Paula moved to accept committee reports verbally. Rex seconded and motion passed.

Old Business

Lucky Horseshoe Ball Game- Bert received sponsorship email that stated that the cost of sponsorship would be \$4,000.00 dollars. There was some confusion because Rex and he were led to believe that there would be no cost to CORAL just advertising and volunteering the day of the even. Bert and Rex are to meet with them in the coming week to get items sorted out.

Bylaws – Changes were made to Article IV section3 as to the rewording of procedure for the timeline of elections. A draft copy has been amended and will be voted on at a later date.

Logan County Pride – Sam reported that they Have 6 volunteers to help plan the event on June 25, 2022 at the Logan County Fairgrounds This is their second year. Last year they had a crowd of about 250, but they also had bad weather. Sam is a member of the Lincoln City Council, as well as a member on Juneteeth, Special Olympics, and Habitat for Humanity. Tom Wray asked him to get information to him via email and he will get it on his online newspaper “The Illinois Eagle”. Brian will also lift information off their website and post to ours. They have requested that CORAL have a booth space at their event.

Officer Aaron Nichols – is a Springfield Police Officer that has made outrageous statements about Blacks, Jews and the LGBTQ. April stated that there is an upcoming event at Lincoln Library on Wednesday May 11, 2002 in the Carnegie Room at 5:30 pm. Black Lives Matter and Resister Sisterhood will be present. List of issues will include officer training and possible liaison with Police Department to the LGBTQ Community. We did have a liaison with the Springfield Police in 2003 through Buff Carmichael and Polly Poskins.

Black Lives Matter – will be having a solidarity drive on Sunday may 29, 2002, at 1 PM. Cars are to arrive at parking lots across from Convention Center on 9th street for the event.

New Business

Limited Time – Three board members will have limited time to spend on CORAL activities in the near future. Bert Morton has been appointed to State Fair Advisory Board. Brian Sylvester was appointed to Illinois Dept of Public Health on Aging Board. Rob Weis will be working with 5th Street Renaissance on their camping out fundraiser this fall.

Agelink Mardi Gras – Carolyn spoke about Agelinc’s masquerade gala on May 14, 2002 and gave her acceptance speech for member at large and is looking forward to networking with CORAL.

Rex made motion to adjourn meeting. Brian seconded and meeting was adjourned at 6:37 PM

Calendar

- May 11, 2022** - Police Forum – Lincoln Library
- May 14, 2022** - AgeLinc “Masquerade Gala”
- May 21, 2022** - Pridefest Downtown Springfield
- May 28, 2022** - Black Lives Matter Drive 9th Street
- June 12, 2002** - CORAL Monthly Meeting
- June 16, 2022** - Lucky Horseshoe Ball Game
- June 18, 2022** - Juneteenth Parade and Festival – Cox Park
- June 18, 2022** - Pride Picnic Lincoln Park 4 PM
- June 23, 2022** - Jaycee’s Concert “Y” Block
- June 25, 2022** – Logan County Pride Logan County Fairgrounds