



Coalition of Rainbow Alliances

Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2021
Zoom and First Church of the Brethren

Attendees: Jim Barr, April Poole, Bert Morton, Lee Korty, Mike Johnson, Brian Sylvester, Randy Kaw, Timothy Bill, Rob Weis, Ann Engel, Paula Harris, Julie Koon, Gary Rogers

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jim Barr at 5:01 PM.

II. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests

The roll call was taken and the members in attendance were recorded.

III. Approval of the December 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Timothy Bill submitted the minutes from the December 13, 2020 meeting which Jim had shared electronically. Paula moved to accept the minutes. Ann seconded. The motion carried.

IV. Officer Reports and Executive Board Updates

A. Treasurer's Report

Brian provided the treasurer's report and noted the current account balance. There were three expenses and three donations for the month. There are \$158 in upcoming expenses for February. There was a short discussion. April moved to approve the report. Mike seconded. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

B. Other Officer Reports

There were no other officer reports.

C. Executive Board Updates

Jim reported that Executive Board met yesterday, and that it was a good meeting. The topics included the community empowerment committee, the Ritz, the elections committee, the food drive, a possible partnership with SAGE, and PRISM.

V. Committee Reports

A. Community Empowerment Committee

Rob provided a written report for the Community Empowerment Committee (attached below) and described the highlights. The volunteer form has been completed. The other portion (historical interviews) is ongoing. Julie has agreed to be the spreadsheet coordinator and Tom Wray will edit the interviews. Rob will assist with setting up the trainings for interviewers. Let Rob know if you would like to be an interviewer. This

committee has concluded its work. There was a discussion of the interview process and training session.

B. Finance Committee

Brian reported that finance committee has not met since our last general meeting. They will be scheduling a meeting sometime soon.

C. Pridefest Committee

April reported that the (Phoenix Center) Pridefest Committee will be meeting on January 25th.

D. Pride Picnic Committee

There was no report from this committee.

E. Ritz Committee

Bert reported that the Executive Board had a discussion yesterday and the goal is to postpone the Ritz until March 26th of 2022. The committee will be reaching out to all of the sponsors, vendors, and current ticket/table holders once we have a formal decision to share. We may do a virtual event or promote our sponsors on Facebook through 2021.

F. Food Pantry Committee

Ann thanked everyone for their help with the project so far. There have been over \$700 in cash donations. The project will continue until the end of February. Bert also thanked everyone who has helped. We are getting at least \$300 in food donations each week. The need for food is great within our community. The stocking project created 54 stockings which were split between the two organizations (Fifth Street and Boys and Girls Club). There was a short discussion of this project. April thanked everyone for helping out with the Compass Program donation day.

G. Nominations Committee

Jim has asked Rex Schadow and Mike Johnson if they will serve on this committee. Both have agreed and Jim thanks them for agreeing to serve. President, Secretary, and the vacant Member-at-large position are up for election in May. Please let Rex or Mike know if you have someone who would be interested in serving in one of these positions. Mike reported that Jim and Tim and planning to run for reelection (that does not preclude others from running for those positions).

There was a discussion of the requirements to be a voting member and eligibility to run for an officer position.

H. Trivia Nights Committee

There was no report from this committee.

Paula moved to accept all committee reports. Tim seconded. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

VI. Old Business

A. Bruce Nims Board Training Update

Jim reported that we have eight members from CORAL, one from Fifth Street, and one member from PRISM committed. Lee reported that Sunshine Clemmons and a guest are interested from Springfield Black Lives Matter. Paula reported that one member from MCC is interested. Jim will check with Rex to see if anyone from the Jaycees is interested. The dates are listed on the agenda for the meeting and the list of dates to remember below.

B. Partner Organizations and Contacts

Jim reported that the Executive Board discussed this item yesterday. Tim reported that the spreadsheet is essentially complete, and that he will reach out on an individual basis to fill in the final missing information as needed.

C. Website for CORAL

Tim reported that the website is complete and live at springfieldcoral.org. Please go check it out and let him know if there are updates or additions you would like to see. We are currently waiting on Google to finish indexing the site for us to show up in search results. Additionally, the Zoom information for our monthly meetings can now be found on the front page.

VII. New Business

A. Community Forum

Rob described that he, Tim, and Randy have been discussing a virtual forum event for this spring. The group is currently sketching out a possible format. Randy described that goal would be to build upon the discussions from last year and to diversify our membership and programming specifically for lesbians. The goal now is to reach out to our partner organizations and start more formal discussions. Tim mentioned that the event would be virtual and free for us to host.

VIII. Announcements, Updates, and Communication from Other Organizations

A. PRISM Update

Tim reported that PRISM met on December 16th to continuing discussing

how the organization will move forward. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13th at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

B. Fifth Street Renaissance Art Auction

Rob shared that Fifth Street Renaissance will be holding a virtual art auction on Saturday, February 13th.

C. Prairie Flame Chairs

Rob reported that Rodney and Buff have a dozen Prairie Flame folding chairs that Buff is wanting to sell. Reach out to Rodney if you are interested.

D. Heartland MCC

Gary mentioned that Heartland is doing a Sweetheart 50-50 Raffle for Valentine's Day and the tickets are \$10 each. Reach out to a church member if you are interested. The church is currently looking for a physical home.

E. First Presbyterian

Randy reported that First Presbyterian will be hosting anti-racist trainings over the next several months. Let Randy know if you are interested.

F. First Church

April shared that First Church will be open at 6 PM the evening of Wednesday, January 20th. She will be sharing pictures from her trip to Israel and Egypt. The event is also taking place via Zoom.

G. Statement on Trans Health Care

Tim reported that he posted the statement we approved last month on our Facebook page and mailed a copy to the mayor, city council, and community relations officer.

H. Equality Illinois Statewide Network

Tim reported that Equality Illinois is developing a statewide advocacy network. The goal is to provide support to local activist efforts and to connect them to Equality Illinois's efforts at the state level. The next meeting will be January 26th at 5:30 PM via Zoom. Let Tim know if you're interested and he can share the login information when he gets it.

IX. Adjournment

Brian moved to adjourn. Randy seconded. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 PM.

Dates to Remember

- January 9th – Executive Board Meeting – 4 PM at First Church of the Brethren
- January 10th – CORAL Monthly Meeting – 5 PM
- January 12th – Habitat Walk Steering Committee – Noon (via Zoom)
- February 14th – CORAL Monthly Meeting – 5 PM
- February 25th – Board Governance Training – 6:30 PM
- February 27th – Board Governance Training – 10:00 AM
- March 1st – Board Governance Training – 6:30 PM
- April 25th – Walk for Habitat for Humanity

Minutes Submitted By: Timothy Bill, Secretary

**Report for Community Empowerment Committee
(Historical Interview Team)**

1/10/21

The Community Empowerment Committee met on Tuesday, January 5th via phone. Rob Weis, Paula Harris, Julie Koon, Thomas Wray, Rodney Shoemaker, and Ann Engel attended. Here are updates for the two working groups within this committee;

1. Participation Interest group (Paula Harris, Roz Stein, Julie Koon, and Rodney Shoemaker) – Webpage has been refined with updated features. This working group has been deactivated as the task assigned to them has been completed. Job well done!

2. Historical Interview Team (Buff Carmichael, Julie Koon, Rodney Shoemaker, and Rob Weis. Thomas Wray and Ann Engel were present as well) – One interview has been completed and others are in the process of completion. The following actions were discussed;

Roles: A shift in leadership roles was discussed as the project moves into its next phase. This working group will become a team that manages the interview process. See table below for outline of the interview process. Moving forward the following people intend to fulfill the following roles;

Coordinator – Julie Koon with Rob Weis as backup

Archivist – Thomas Wray with Rob Weis as backup

Interviewers –

Thomas Wray
Ann Engel
Rodney Shoemaker
Rob Weis
Paula Harris

Next Steps: The committee discussed the need for the following steps;

1. The Participation Interest group has been disbanded. The Historical Interview Team plans to continue its good work under different leadership. Julie and Tom will keep the ball rolling with the Executive Board's guidance.
2. Establish and implement an interviewer training.

By Rob Weis, Co-Chair

Historical Interview Team				
Functions	Description/Scope	Task	Timeline	Primary Responsible
Spreadsheet management – Interview assignment	Coordinates spreadsheet including assigning interviewers and interviewees	Ensures that people requesting to interview or to be interviewed are recorded on list including contact information.	Ongoing	Coordinator
		Manages list prioritization.	Ongoing	Coordinator
		Coordinates interviewer and interviewee assignments.	Ongoing	Coordinator
Interviewer process	Coordination of interview process	Initialize contact with interviewee to schedule interview session.	Within one week of assignment	Interviewer
		Schedule interview to be recorded either directly or virtually.	Within one month of initial contact	Interviewer
		Interview session.	Within a month	Interviewer
		Upload video to archive site.	Within a month	Interviewer / Archivist
Video recording management	Coordination of video records	Track storage of recorded and edited videos.	Ongoing	Archivist
		Edit footage for numerous programming purposes.	For specific occasions	Archivist
		Maintain accessibility of video The records.	Ongoing	Archivist