



## Coalition of Rainbow Alliances

Monthly Meeting Minutes  
March 14, 2021 at 5:00 PM  
Zoom and First Church of the Brethren

1     **I.     Call to Order**

2             The meeting was called to order by Jim Barr at 5:04 PM.

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4     **II.    Roll Call and Introduction of Guests**

5             Jim announced that Candy Parker passed away earlier this week and that a  
6             memorial service will be held in Chatham.

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8             The following members were in attendance: Jim Barr, Rex Schadow, April Poole,  
9             Bert Morton, Lee Korty, Brian Sylvester, Paula Harris, Ann Engel, Timothy Bill, Rob  
10            Weis, Roz Stein, Julie Koon, Randy Kaw, Jan Thompson

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12            A quorum was present.

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14            The following guests were introduced: *No guests were present*

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16     **III.   Approval of the February 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

17            Timothy Bill submitted the minutes from the February 14, 2021 monthly meeting  
18            which had been shared electronically.

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20            **MOTION** by April:

21            Move to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2021 meeting.

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23            This motion was seconded and approved without dissent.

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25     **IV.    Officer Reports and Executive Board Updates**

26            **A.    Treasurer's Report**

27                Brian reported the balance for the month which includes a donation from  
28                Facebook. He also reported our pledged amounts and the available balance.

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30            **MOTION** by Paula:

31            Move to approve the treasurer's report from February.

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33            The motion was seconded and approved without dissent.

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35            **B.    Other Officer Reports**

36                *There were no other officer reports.*

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### C. Executive Board Updates

Jim reported that the next board meeting will be Saturday, April 10th at 3 PM at First Church of the Brethren.

## V. Committee Reports

### A. Finance Committee

Brian reported that the finance committee has not met since our last monthly meeting. He is hoping to schedule that meeting this week.

### B. Pridefest Committee

April reported that Pridefest is looking for sponsors for doors that will be placed around Springfield as part of a virtual pride event. Phoenix Center will be partnering with UIS to host some events in physical the day of pride. The driving parade is tentatively scheduled for June. Sponsorships are \$1,000 which includes supporting a door and our logo on promotional materials. Jim reported that we have currently reserved the blue door.

#### **MOTION** by Roz:

Move to make a donation of \$1,000 for a sponsorship and door for Pridefest.

The motion was seconded, and after a discussion, was approved without dissent. April Poole abstained.

#### **MOTION** by Brian:

Move to place the Pridefest door at First Church of the Brethren.

The motion was seconded and was approved without dissent. April Poole abstained.

### C. Pride Picnic Committee

Jim noted that we need to decide if we are holding the Pride Picnic this year or not.

#### **MOTION** by Bert:

Move to combine the Pridefest and Pride Picnic Committees with the following members serving on the joint committee: Bert (chair), Brian, Roz, April, and Rex.

The motion was seconded and approved without dissent.



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### **D. Ritz Committee**

Bert reported that the committee is planning to meet within the next two weeks to discuss 2022. The committee is working on a plan to showcase our advertisers and sponsors online.

April reported that the financial spreadsheet has been updated.

### **E. Food Pantry Update**

Jim reported that the event ended, a lot of food was collected, and this project can be removed from the agenda. The members discussed the completion and success of this project.

### **F. Nominations Committee**

Rex reported that Jan Thompson, Deb Torres, and Julie Koon who are interested in running for the member-at-large position. Roz Stein announced she has withdrawn as a candidate.

Tim shared the current list of eligible voting members. He also shared a proposal for the election which includes options for voting in person or through Zoom. That proposal is attached at the end of these minutes.

#### **MOTION** by Paula:

Move to adopt the proposal Tim submitted for CORAL's voting procedures for the May officer elections.

The motion was seconded and approved without dissent.

Roz asked about an absentee voting process. April explained that if members wish, they can vote by dropping a ballot in the mailbox of First Church of the Brethren on the Sunday of the meeting before the meeting begins. Please let April know if you decide to cast your vote in this manner.

### **G. Ad Hoc Committee to Develop Social Media Guidelines**

Brian reported that the committee has not met but is planning to do so this upcoming week. Rodney will not be able to participate but is happy to follow the guidelines adopted.

### **H. LGBTQ Historical Documentation Committee**

Jim commended Julie and the committee for their work on this important initiative. The group discussed the interviewing process and which interviews to



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### VI. Old Business

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#### A. Bruce Nims Board Training

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**MOTION** by Roz:

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Roz moved to make a donation of these funds to the Decatur Historical Foundation in honor for Bruce Nims.

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The motion was seconded and approved without dissent. Ann Engel abstained.

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#### B. Online Community for Lesbian, Bi/Pansexual Womxn

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Ann reported that the group has met twice to discuss setting up an independent group to create an online Facebook community and possibly more after the pandemic. The group has voted to call itself Women 4 Womxn. The next meeting will be by 6 PM on Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> and will vote on a logo.

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### VII. New Business

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#### A. Candy Parker Memorial

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April reported that Candy Parker's family is deciding on how many in memoriam funds donated to CORAL will be spent. When she or Paula knows more, they will share that information with CORAL.

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### VIII. Announcements, Updates, and Communication from Other Organizations

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#### A. PRISM Update

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Tim reported that PRISM has continued to meet but has nothing new to report.

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#### B. Heartland MCC

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Paula reported that Heartland MCC will be holding its Easter Service at 10:30 AM in the park. She will send the information to be shared on social media.

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### IX. Adjournment

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Brian motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved without dissent.

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The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

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### Dates to Remember

- March 14 CORAL Monthly Meeting 5 PM
- April 6 Consolidated Election (Please Vote) 6 AM – 7 PM
- April 10 CORAL Executive Board Meeting 3 PM
- April 11 CORAL Monthly Meeting 5 PM
- April 25 Walk for Habitat for Humanity
- May 9 CORAL Monthly Meeting (Mother's Day) 5 PM
- May 15 Springfield Pridefest Virtual Activities
- May 31 Memorial Day
- March 26, 2022 The Ritz

Minutes Submitted By: Timothy Bill, Secretary

## Proposal – Election Procedures May 2021

To promote an open and fair election during a pandemic, CORAL should create clear guidelines for how all voting members can participate in the upcoming officer elections. Physical distancing recommendations and limitations on the size of gatherings prevent the entire voting membership from gathering in the same physical location. To maximize the safety of CORAL members and allow everyone to participate in the election, I propose the following hybrid voting system with two precincts: a physical precinct at First Church of the Brethren and a virtual precinct that votes via Zoom.

### Physical Precinct at First Church of the Brethren

For the voting members that gather at First Church of the Brethren, the voting process would be very simple. For each officer election, they would be provided with a small piece of paper on which to write their desired candidate's name. Those pieces of paper would be collected, and the votes tallied by the election committee for each officer position.

### Digital Precinct via Zoom

For the voting members that gather via Zoom, the voting process would also be quite simple. For each officer election, the voting members would send a private message via Zoom to April at First Church of the Brethren (on a separate computer from the one connected to the screen). A test vote could be held before the actual elections to make sure everyone was familiar with how to send a private message on Zoom. Those votes would be tallied by April (and any other members of an election committee) for each officer position.

### Vote Tallying Procedure

For each officer election, the vote tallies from the physical precinct and the digital precinct would be combined to determine the winner of the election. Only the combined vote totals would be reported the group to maintain a secret ballot.

Submitted by Timothy Bill