



Coalition of Rainbow Alliances

Monthly Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2020

Attendees: April Poole, Jim Barr, Rex Schadow, Ann Engel, Timothy Bill, Buff Carmichael, Bert Morton, Lee Korty, Randy Kaw, Paula Harris, Tom Wray, Rob Weis, Roz Stein, Brian Sylvester

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jim Barr at 5:03 PM.

II. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests

The roll call was taken of the members in attendance.

III. Approval of the October 11th, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Timothy Bill submitted the minutes from the October 11th, 2020 meeting which Jim shared electronically. Paula moved to second the minutes. Rex seconded. There was no discussion and the motion carried. The minutes were approved.

IV. Officer Reports and Executive Board Updates

A. Treasurer's Report

Brian provided the treasurer's report verbally. We did not receive last month's statement yet, but all of the other previous statements have finally arrived. The current balance was reported. There are two outstanding checks: one to the state of Illinois for \$15 and one for the storage unit which is just over \$400. Current pledged amounts are \$13,000 for the Ritz and \$1000 is pledged to the Slider's baseball game. Rex moved to accept the report. Roz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. Other Officer Reports

There were no other officer reports.

C. Executive Board Updates

Jim reported that the Executive Board is scheduled to meet on Saturday, January 9th at 4 PM at First Church of the Brethren.

V. Committee Reports

A. Bylaws Committee

Roz described the changes from the previous meeting. There was a discussion of those changes and the approval of expenditures by the general membership.

Tim moved to amend Article 3 Section 7 by adding the following sentence.
"Any such expenditures must have prior approval before any purchases

are made." Paula seconded. Buff made a friendly amendment suggesting a slight alteration of the wording to clarify which expenses this phrase applies to (the wording above reflects this change). Tim and Paula agreed to this change. The question was called and the amendment was adopted.

Roz moved to approve the bylaws as amended effective November 8th, 2020. Rex seconded. The bylaws were approved with one abstention. Lee will file the new bylaws. Tim will post them to social media and the website. Jim will email out the new bylaws as well.

B. Community Empowerment Committee

Rob provided a draft report (included below) of the committee's last meeting. The committee has identified 25 people to interview and have put together a list of interview questions. The first interview will be conducted by Tom Wray who will interview Buff Carmichael. The process still needs to be outlined a bit further. Anyone interested in conducting interviews, please volunteer by contacting Rob Weis. The committee will send the interview questions to the Executive Board for review.

Paula reported that Julie and Rod have been working on a new form. The group is working on some updated wording on the form such as groups to volunteer with and what personal skills the individual would like to contribute.

C. Finance Committee

Brian is going to setup the next meeting soon. The agenda will include operating procedures for any subsequent treasurers, designing a donation request form, treasurer and committee role descriptions, how pledged funds are handled, and any future concerns for the committee. The committee will meet on Veterans Day, November 11th at First Church of the Brethren at noon.

D. Pridefest Committee

April reported that the Phoenix Center has started conversations about Pridefest for 2021 though no date has been selected as of yet.

E. Pride Picnic Committee

No report

F. Ritz Committee

April reported that the committee does not have any new updates. She suggested that CORAL should send out their normal end of year letters. Bert suggested we could post a holiday greeting for our sponsors on our

social media pages and on our website.

G. Thanksgiving Dinner Committee

Brian reported that we are scheduled at our normal facility for the Thursday before Thanksgiving in November of 2021. At this time, Springfield Parks is not interested in us setting up a micro-pantry at that location. They are interested in any other ideas that we have.

First Church of the Brethren is interested in us putting up a micro-pantry at their location. We may not be able to use the pantry currently used by Fifth Street. We may be able to partner with Boys and Girls Club to assist with their micro-pantry. Once a decision is made by the committee about which micro-pantry to support, the committee will work on a schedule for supplying the micro-pantry. There was a discussion of which micro-pantry(s) should be supported.

Bert motioned to participate with the Boys and Girls Club of Springfield micro-pantry and the 5th Street/SARA Center micro-pantry with a possible Thanksgiving snack drive at First Church for the compass program in a few weeks. Buff seconded. There was a short discussion of this motion including implanting the plan. The motion carried. The committee will work out the specifics and logistics.

This committee will meet with the Finance Committee on November 11th.

H. Trivia Nights Committee

Jim reported that trivia nights will be virtual this upcoming year. Further details are pending.

VI. Old Business

A. AIDS Walk Springfield

Rex is still planning to do a walk at 2 PM on December 1st at Lincoln Park in front of the AIDS Memorial Labyrinth. Anyone who is interested can join him. Phoenix Center and 5th Street Renaissance are planning on a virtual event. They are still planning on holding the event in full in 2021. There was a discussion of contacts at the Springfield Park Board. Roz will work with Rex on the initiative for this year.

B. Bruce Nims Board Training Update

Jim reported that Bruce Nims limits the maximum number to 20 people. Jim will check to see if Bruce would be willing to conduct the meeting via Zoom. We need to get the additional participants firmed up sometime

soon, perhaps by the meeting in December.

C. Partner Organizations and Contacts

Tim reported that more contact information has been added to the spreadsheet. The next step is for the Executive Board to review the list and decide on next steps. The board will review the list at their next meeting.

D. Website for CORAL

Tim reported that he is continuing to work on the website and that he has had discussions with individuals interested in joining a website working group or committee. If you are interested in working on the website, please reach out to Tim.

VII. New Business

A. Cooperation with the Illinois Eagle

Rob reported that his committee has created a release form for the interviews his committee is working on. The Illinois Eagle would be interested in publishing these interviews on their website. There was a discussion about publicizing these videos based on what the interviewee is comfortable with it.

Buff moved to give Rob the authority to amend the release form to include the Illinois Eagle. The interviewee can indicate where they are comfortable with the interview being published. Rex seconded. There was a short discussion. The motion carried.

B. Precedents?????

Jim has received notice that ACORN Equality's breakfast is virtual this year and he has received a personal request from Central Illinois Foodbank. There was a short discussion of this issue. Brian and Lee will write checks to CORAL and CORAL can write a check to ACORN Equality.

C. DSI Holiday Events

Buff reported that DSI sent an invite for CORAL to participate in the walk and window decoration event this year. Jim has also received this invitation.

VIII. Announcements, Updates, and Communication from Other Organizations

A. Intersex Day of Remembrance

Tim relayed that today is the annual Intersex Day of Remembrance. It is a day chosen to highlight the continued need for independent bodily self-

determination for people whose biological sex does not conform to the myth that people are born only male or female. If you are interested in learning more, you can checkout the Intersex Justice Project website: <https://www.intersexjusticeproject.org/>

B. PRISM Update

Tim reported that PRISM has met twice since our last CORAL meeting. The group is working on adopting bylaws, recruiting new members, planning events, and determining what PRISM looks like during a global health pandemic.

IX. Adjournment

Buff motioned to adjourn the meeting. Paula seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Dates to Remember

- November 3rd – Election Day – Please Vote
- November 8th – CORAL Monthly Meeting – 5 PM
- December 1st – AIDS Walk Springfield
- December 13th – CORAL Monthly Meeting – 5 PM
- January 9th – Executive Board Meeting
- March 27th – The Ritz (tentatively)
- April 25th, 2021 – Walk for Habitat for Humanity

Minutes Submitted By: Timothy Bill, Secretary

Report for Community Empowerment Committee

11/8/20

Committee met via conference call 11/07/20.

Attendee's were Rodney Shoemaker, Paula Harris, Rob Weis, Julie Koon, Tim Bill, Tom Wray, and Buff Carmichael. Roz Stein was unable to attend.

Updates for the two working groups;

1. Historical visual records group (Buff Carmichael, Rodney Shoemaker, and Rob Weis) – Over 25 interview candidates have been identified. A release form and a menu of interview questions have been established. Tom will be interviewing Buff as the first interview of hopefully many. Tom and Julie to coordinate interview process and video storage.
2. Participation Interest group (Paula Harris, Roz Stein, Julie Koon, and Rodney Shoemaker) – A draft of the participation questionnaire has been created. There is continued discussion on what questions to include. This team will regroup to discuss suggested revisions and report back to the rest of the committee.

The committee will reconvene as needed.

By Rob Weis, Committee Co-Chair