



Coalition of Rainbow Alliances

Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 10, 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 5:00 PM.
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4 **II. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests**

5 The following members were in attendance: Brian Sylvester, Lisa Cotton, Rob Weis,
6 Timothy Bill, Jim Barr, April Poole, Rex Schadow, Arthur Clark, Terry Michaels, and
7 Marty Wilson
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9 A quorum was present.

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11 The following guests were present: *None*
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13 **III. Approval of the September 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

14 Timothy Bill submitted the minutes from the previous monthly meeting which had
15 been shared electronically.
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17 **MOTION** by Brian:

18 Move to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2021 meeting.
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20 This motion was seconded and approved without dissent.
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22 **IV. Treasurer's Report**

23 Brian shared that we have not received September's statement from the bank. He
24 will share an update at our next monthly meeting. The balance did not change
25 dramatically from the September meeting.
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27 **V. Executive Board Updates**

28 Jim shared that we were not able to meet yesterday, so the executive board has
29 postponed its next meeting until November 13th at 10:00 AM. The board was going
30 to discuss the coordinator job descriptions, strategic plan, and a few other items. Tim
31 shared that the board would like to create committee charters for all of the standing
32 committees. He will be emailing out the document for the committees to begin
33 drafting their charters.
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35 **VI. Committee Reports and Business**

36 **A. Activities Committee**

37 Due to scheduling constraints, this committee has not met. Tim will be reaching
38 out to schedule the first meeting of this committee soon.
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B. Finance Committee

Brian reported that this committee hasn't met. They are hoping for new members to join this committee.

C. Membership Committee

Brian also shared that we had three people fill out the volunteer form recently. He is working to see if those folks would be interested in working with us, either on the finance committee, or in some other capacity.

D. Ritz Committee

April shared that the committee met this past week to start getting organized for the Ritz this spring. April and Bert shared updates about where the event is at currently. The committee also discussed what are the next steps for the group. The next meeting is Sunday, October 24th at 4:00 PM at First Church and via Zoom. Tim has volunteered to work on the program and flow of the event.

E. Social Media Committee

Tim shared that he has implemented the rules for the Facebook group that were approved at last month's meeting. They have already been helpful as he had two posts to decline within the past week for violating the group rules.

F. Thanksgiving Dinner

Brian led a discussion of CORAL's plans for the upcoming Thanksgiving Dinner event. The group discussed our options for tables, strategies for serving food, what food should be provided, RSVPs for the event, and how we can move forward our planning.

The group did not reach a consensus and has scheduled a Thanksgiving Dinner committee meeting for November 7th at 3 PM at First Church of the Brethren (and on Zoom if needed). Anyone who is interested in assisting with this event is welcome and encouraged to attend.

The social media committee will create a post on Facebook asking for RSVPs and indicating that we will not be asking people to bring food this year.

G. Ad Hoc Committee – CORAL Apparel

Jim shared that Bert had a quote for t-shirts for CORAL. This price was based on the seven-color setup charge for the logo plus a \$10.70 per shirt charge (24 minimum required order). For polo shirts, the per shirt charge is \$20.65 with a 12 shirt minimum order. If ordered at the same time, we could eliminate one of the



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80 \$80 setup charges.

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82 The group discussed this project, possible proposals, and how to move forward.
83 There was also a desire to have a committee chair for this project to move it
84 forward. The group voted to table the current proposal.

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86 **H. Planned Parenthood Rally Updates**

87 Jim shared that he thought the event went really well. Multiple members of
88 CORAL were in attendance. Other members shared their experiences at the
89 event.

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91 **I. Springfield Out of the Darkness Walk (Oct. 16)**

92 Brian shared that this event is next weekend. CORAL is currently over the goal of
93 \$250 we had set for the event. CORAL has three members on the team is ranked
94 11th in terms of donations. The social media committee will post about this event
95 again to encourage people to sign up or donate.

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97 **J. Historical Interview Project**

98 Tim shared some updates. The fourth video in the series interviewing Ann Engel
99 has posted. Jim mentioned that Sangamon County is collecting stories for the
100 200th Anniversary of the county. He wanted to know if anyone was interested in
101 participating from CORAL.

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103 The group discussed how this project can move forward. Jim will bring this up
104 with the executive board. April asked if we could post this again on social media.

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106 **VII. Other Business**

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108 **A. Donations in Memory of Stetson**

109 Lisa shared that about three months, Kurt Potter's guide dog Stetson had passed
110 away. A few people have approached Lisa about making donations. The
111 donations could be divided between the APL and Springfield Animal Shelter. Lisa
112 asked that we post about this on social media.

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113 **MOTION** by Lisa

114 That CORAL accept donations in honor of Stetson, Kurt Potter's guide dog, to
115 donate to the APL and Springfield Animal Shelter in CORAL's name.

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117 This motion was seconded and approved without dissent.

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B. Phoenix Center Gayla Sponsorship

Tim shared that the Phoenix Center had reached out to see if CORAL was interested in sponsoring the Gayla this year. The group discussed previous arrangements made between the Phoenix Center and CORAL regarding the Gayla and Ritz respectively. Currently, 8 members of CORAL have purchased meals from the event.

MOTION by Brian

To purchase a Diversity Level sponsorship for the Phoenix Center's Gayla at the price of \$250.

This motion was seconded, and after discussion, was approved with one dissenting vote. Rob urged the board to have a formal discussion of our relationship with the Phoenix Center.

VIII. Announcements, Updates, and Communication from Other Organizations

A. Brothers and Sisters Updates

Rob shared two updates: Brothers and Sisters Together will be getting meals from the Phoenix Center Gayla on Friday and will be eating them together at Washington Park at 6:00 PM. You are welcome to join them for this event.

Brothers and Sisters Together will have a Halloween party at the back yard of Buff Carmichael's old home. Friday, October 29th at 5:30 PM. Details can be found at the [Brothers and Sisters Together](#) Facebook page.

B. Fifth Street Renaissance/SARA Center Updates

Rob shared that Fifth Street Renaissance / SARA Center will be hosting [Campout for Homeless Veterans](#) Friday, October 22nd and Saturday, October 23rd.

C. Phoenix Center

Tim shared that the Phoenix Center's Out on Adams storefront will be having their Grand Opening Celebration on October 23rd from 9 AM – 2 PM.

D. AARP Report/SAGE

Tim shared that AARP Illinois and SAGE have released a report looking at disparities for LGBTQ Illinoisians who are 50+ in age. He will email the report with the draft minutes from this meeting.



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IX. Adjournment

Lisa motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved without dissent.
The meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM.

Dates to Remember

- October 9 CORAL Executive Board Meeting 10 AM
- October 10 CORAL Monthly Meeting 5 PM
- October 15 Phoenix Center Fall No Go GAYla 5-7 PM
- October 16 Springfield Out of the Darkness Walk 12:30 PM
- October 23 Phoenix Center Out on Adams Grand Opening 9 AM – 2 PM
- November 14 CORAL Monthly Meeting 5 PM
- November 20 CORAL Thanksgiving Dinner
- December 12 CORAL Monthly Meeting 5 PM
- March 26, 2022 The Ritz

Minutes Submitted By: Timothy Bill, Secretary