



## Coalition of Rainbow Alliances

Monthly Meeting Minutes  
December 12, 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 5:03 PM.

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

5             The following members were in attendance: Jim Barr, Paula Harris, April Poole,  
6             Timothy Bill, Lisa Cotton, Karen Reynolds, Rob Weis, Bert Morton, Lee Kory, Tom  
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9             A quorum was present.

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11            The following guests were present: Dre Duvendack

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13    **III.   Approval of the November 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

14            Timothy Bill submitted the minutes from the previous monthly meeting which had  
15            been shared electronically. There was a discussion of the storage unit break in and  
16            updates on the situation.

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18            **MOTION** by Karen:

19            Move to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2021 meeting.

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21            This motion was seconded and approved without dissent.

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23    **IV.    Treasurer's Report**

24            Brian was traveling during this meeting and will present the December finance report  
25            in January.

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27    **V.     Executive Board Updates**

28            Jim shared that the next executive board meeting will be on Saturday at 10 AM at  
29            First Church of the Brethren. If you have any agenda items for the executive board,  
30            please let Jim know as soon as possible.

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32    **VI.    Committee Reports and Business**

33            **A.    Activities Committee**

34                Tim shared that there are no updates from this committee.

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36            **B.    Finance Committee**

37                *No report from this committee.*

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39            **C.    Ritz Committee**

40                Bert shared that the committee is ramping up its efforts. Currently, the emphasis



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41 is on selling tables through table captains. The committee is also working on  
42 increasing the number of advertisers and sponsorships. The push for ticket sales  
43 will begin in earnest in February.  
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### 45 **D. Social Media Committee**

46 Tim reported that he was able to renew the subscription for the website with a  
47 significant discount. He was able to get CORAL setup as a non-profit with  
48 TechSoup which provided for a 70% discount on a 2-year subscription.  
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### 50 **E. Thanksgiving Food Drive**

51 Jim shared that we received a considerable amount of food and some monetary  
52 donations. The specific amount will be shared with our next treasurer's report.  
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### 54 **F. Ad Hoc Committee – CORAL Apparel**

55 Jim and Bert shared that we are nearly ready to take orders for CORAL branded  
56 shirts. However, the vendor is working to resolve an issue finding the color shirts  
57 we had been shown and had selected.  
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### 59 **G. Ad Hoc Committee – Habitat for Humanity Project**

60 Jim shared a summary of our participation in the project. CORAL received a  
61 certificate and a plaque as thank you for our contributions.  
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### 63 **H. Historical Interview Project**

64 Jim shared that he doesn't have any updates on this project.  
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### 66 **I. Membership Committee**

67 *No report from this committee.*  
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### 69 **MOTION** by Tim:

70 Move to accept all oral committee reports.  
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72 This motion was seconded and approved without dissent.  
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## 74 **VII. Other Business**

### 75 **A. Other Business**

76 *There was no other business at this meeting.*  
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## 78 **VIII. Announcements, Updates, and Communication from Other Organizations**

### 79 **A. PFLAG Announcements**

80 Dre shared that they will be the new president of PFLAG starting in January



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81 2022. Dre also serves as the program coordinator for Gender and Sexuality  
82 Students Services at UIS. Please feel free to reach out to Dre if you have any  
83 questions!  
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### 85 **B. We Are Here Documentary**

86 Tim shared that we have been contacted by Melinda Maerker who is the director  
87 of a documentary on LGBTQ families across the country. They began filming in  
88 the south two years ago and are now focusing on the Midwest. They are looking  
89 for stories of discrimination and hardships that LGBTQ families have faced. If you  
90 are interested, please fill out the short survey form at this link:  
91 <https://forms.gle/HwoyWBsc7FdS22BF8> or email the director directly at  
92 [melinda@weareheredoc.com](mailto:melinda@weareheredoc.com).  
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### 94 **C. First Church of the Brethren**

95 April shared three updates from First Church of the Brethren.  
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97 First, the church is still taking donations for the Harvard Park School. Those  
98 include scarves, hats, gloves, and solid color crew neck sweatshirts. The delivery  
99 will take place after service next Sunday. If you wish to make a monetary  
100 donation, you can do so to April who can go shopping on your behalf.  
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102 Second, the church will be delivering holiday meals on Christmas. You should  
103 contact April if you wish to assist with preparation, packaging, or delivery of  
104 meals to senior shut-ins.  
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106 Lastly, the church's Christmas Eve service will be at 5:30 PM at the church (not  
107 on Zoom). Masks are required in the sanctuary.  
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### 109 **D. Holiday Movie Recommendations**

110 Lee shared a couple of LGBTQ movie recommendations for the holiday season.  
111 Those included Single All the Way and Tic, Tic, Boom.  
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### 113 **E. ACORN Equality Breakfast**

114 Jim shared that ACORN Equality received over \$48,000 in donations at this  
115 year's breakfast event and awarded over \$43,850 in scholarships to area youth.  
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### 117 **F. Heartland MCC 50/50 Drawing**

118 Paula shared that the winner of the 50/50 drawing was Bob Morland who  
119 donated their half back to the church. Thank you to all who participated.  
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### IX. Adjournment

Paula motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved without dissent.  
The meeting adjourned at 5:48 PM.

### Dates to Remember

- December 12           CORAL Monthly Meeting                               5 PM
- December 18           Executive Board Meeting                               10 AM
- December 18           Brothers and Sisters Holiday Dinner                   7 PM
- January 9               CORAL Monthly Meeting                               5 PM
- February 13           CORAL Monthly Meeting                               5 PM
- March 13               CORAL Monthly Meeting                               5 PM
- March 26               The Ritz
- May 7                   ACORN Equality Fund Derby Days Fundraiser

Minutes Submitted By: Timothy Bill, Secretary