



Coalition of Rainbow Alliances

Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2020

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

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jim Barr at 5:00 PM.

II. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests

Attendance was taken and everyone introduced themselves.

III. Approval of the September 13th, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Timothy Bill submitted the minutes from the September 13th, 2020 meeting. Paula moved to accept the minutes. Brian seconded. The motion carried.

IV. Officer Reports and Executive Board Updates

A. Treasurer's Report

Brian provided the treasurer's report orally. The current monthly balance was reported which does include the checks Brian wrote for the Phoenix Center, MCC, and First Church for already approved expenses. One check remains to be written for the Habitat for Humanity for \$100. Rex motioned to approve the report. Lee seconded. The motion carried. Discussions held later during the meeting discussed two additional pledges: \$13,350 is pledged for the Ritz and \$1000 is pledged to the Sliders Game from Rex.

B. Other Officer Reports

There were no other officer reports.

C. Executive Board Updates

Jim reported that the board met last Sunday. The board discussed the bylaws. It was a lengthy but positive meeting.

V. Committee Reports

A. Bylaws Committee

Lee presented an overview of the changes to the bylaws with some additions from Tim and Jim. The discussion largely focused on the changes made from the last meeting of the committee and the meeting with the board. Several changes were suggested by the membership.

B. Finance Committee

Brian is looking for members of the finance committee. Lee and April are interested in serving on this committee. Jim would like to be cc'd on these committee meetings.

C. Membership Community Empowerment Committee

Rob provided a written (included below) and oral report for this committee. There were two outcomes. First, the new name of the committee is the Community Empowerment Committee. The second is that the committee formed two working groups, one focusing on participation (led by Paula) and the other on historical records (led by Rob).

Paula motioned to start using the volunteer form presented by her working group. Rex seconded. There was a discussion of how feedback from the form would be used. Paula explained that the information would be forwarded to the events coordinator. The discussion continued about following up with volunteers and about possibly volunteering for committee work. The group made suggestions about altering the ways in which people can indicate their interest. Paula rescinded her motion and took the suggestions back to the committee.

D. Pridefest Committee

No report

E. Pride Picnic Committee

No report

F. Ritz Committee

Bert reported that he and April have been working on clarifying the exact commitments and payments as the committee retools for 2021. April shared the current spreadsheet and what moneys should be held for the next Ritz. Rob suggested that the committee meet to discuss contingency planning for this event. The group discussed the specific concerns about contingency planning include different event formats and how changes may influence some sponsor categories.

G. Thanksgiving Dinner Committee

Brian reported that some members of the committee discussed doing a drive for this event. The committee will meet soon to discuss this event. The committee consists of Brian, Ann, April, Bert, and Roz. Jim is cc'd on this committee's meetings. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 13th at 5:30 PM at First Church of the Brethren.

H. Trivia Nights Committee

No report

VI. Old Business

A. Bruce Nims Board Training Update

Jim is working to confirm the details of this training with Bruce Nims.

B. Partner Organizations and Contacts

Tim has shared a list of our partner organizations. Please share contact persons and contact information.

C. Website for CORAL

Tim provided an update on the website and a tour of its current layout. The group made a few suggestions for changes to the website. Tim shared that there are five remaining areas to focus on in terms of updating content on the website, but otherwise, it is ready to launch and start using.

VII. New Business

A. AIDS Walk Springfield

Rex reported there will be a virtual AIDS Walk on December 1st. Rex plans on meeting at Lincoln Park at the AIDS Labyrinth at 1:00 PM with the banner to walk around the park. Those who are interested are free to join him there. More information will be coming out soon.

B. Vote/Census

Randy reminded everyone they can vote by November 3rd. Contact the County Clerk if you have any questions. Jim reminded everyone to fill out their Census information. Contact Paula if you have any questions. Paula reported that the enumerators are out in the community.

C. Habitat for Humanity

Jim reported that the walk will tentatively be Sunday April 25th at 1:00 PM.

VIII. Announcements, Updates, and Communication from Other Organizations

Jim reviewed the dates to remember.

Tom shared that he edits the Illinois Eagle, an online newspaper. Contact him with information you may have in terms of stories or events. He sets aside space for non-profit organizations.

Paula shared that Heartland MCC will be moving out of their current location on October 31st. The new address is PO Box 8881, Springfield, IL 62791.

Rob thank those who supported 5th Street's event last night. They raised a record amount of money and surpassed their goal of \$10,000.

Tim made three announcements. First, October is LGBT History Month. If you are looking for LGBT History content, the podcast *Making Gay History* is a wonderful source. Second, today is National Coming Out Day. Third, October 25-31 is known as Ace Week (formerly Asexual Awareness Week). You can find out more about this event at aceweek.org.

IX. Adjournment

April moved to adjourn. Brian seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM.

Dates to Remember

- October 16th – Phoenix Center No Go Gayla – 5 PM
- 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
- March 27th – The Ritz (tentatively)

Minutes Submitted By: Timothy Bill, Secretary

Report for (Engagement, Participant, Involvement) name yet to be established committee

10/11/20

Committee met via conference call 9/17/20.

Attendee's were Rodney Shoemaker, Paula Harris, Rob Weis, Lee Korte, Roz Stein and Buff Carmichael. Julie Koon was unable to attend.

The follow were outcomes of the committee and from subsequent efforts from two working groups;

1. A new name was established – Community Empowerment Committee.
2. Building off of the discussion from the previous meeting, two working groups were established;
 1. Participation Interest group (Paula Harris, Roz Stein, and Rodney Shoemaker) – This group has created a draft of a participation form which has been shared with the Executive board for review.
 2. Historical visual records group (Buff Carmichael, Rodney Shoemaker, and Rob Weis) – Started listing of candidates for interviews, interviewers, release forms, and menu of interview questions.

The full committee will reconvene in the coming weeks.

By Rob Weis, Committee Co-Chair