



Coalition of Rainbow Alliances

Monthly Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2020

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

I. **Call to Order**

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

II. **Introduction of Guests**

No guests were present.

III. **Approval of the June 14th, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Timothy Bill submitted the minutes from the June 14th, 2020 annual meeting. Bert moved to approve the minutes. Rex seconded. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

IV. **Committee Reports**

A. **Finance Committee**

Brian Sylvester provided the treasurer's report and reported the monthly account balance with the amounts set aside for current projects. The group discussed a few outstanding charges and checks. Buff moved to increase the donation to First Church to \$75 to cover a third meeting at their facility. Rex seconded. The motion carried with one abstention. \$1000 is pledged to the Sliders Game in 2021. Roz motioned to approve the report. Rex seconded. The motion carried and the report was approved.

B. **Bylaws Committee**

Jim reported that Roz Stein is working with the bylaws committee to setup a first meeting. The meeting is tentatively set for 10:00 AM at Washington Park on July 19, 2020. Roz will be reaching out to the committee members this week. Buff would also like to collaborate with this committee.

C. **Ritz 2020 Committee**

Jim reported that the Ritz has been postponed until March 27, 2021. The committee is working to finalize the finances as they stand currently.

D. **Pride Drive Committee**

Bert reported that the event was a success. \$1131.67 was raised for the Central Illinois Foodbank which they calculate will result in 7,921 meals being purchased. They also received 453 lbs of food. The Phoenix Center and Fifth Street Renaissance were grateful for the donations they

received.

E. Thanksgiving Dinner Committee

Jim reported that the permanent council discussed this event possibly taking a different format this year due to COVID-19. The group discussed this event, the complications of hosting the event during a pandemic, and alternative formats for this event. The committee was formed including Roz, Brian, Ann, and Bert with Brian serving as the chair and Jim joining the committee as an ex-officio member.

F. Support the Children Committee

Rob provided a short report. He noted that the committee transported the furniture and carpet to Lincoln Prairie. A public event to celebrate the opening will hopefully be announced soon. The budget has also been reconciled. April also mentioned that the committee should work on a presentation to share with the church partners.

G. Trivia Nights Committee

No report

H. Pridefest Committee

No report

I. Membership Committee

Jim reported that Rob and Paula have agreed to co-chair this committee. Rob discussed that the purpose of this committee is to track engagement to identify people who may want to get more involved with CORAL or to locate additional people and get them involved with CORAL. Rob, Paula, Julie, Rodney, and Roz are on this committee.

Paula moved to accept the oral committee reports. Buff seconded this motion. The motion carried.

V. Old Business

A. Professionals in the Springfield Metro Update

Tim reported that PRISM had no new announcements other than to note that PRISM celebrates the June 15th decision by the Supreme Court which extended the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to protect LGBTQ employees in the workplace.

B. Social Media Update

No report

C. Insurance Update

Brian reported that the policies went into effect July 1st for the organization and the permanent council. The group had a short discussion of the details of the policy. The total premium is \$1,021.00 with \$571.00 for the organization and \$450.00 for the directors/officers.

D. Junior League Grant Update

Rob reported that we did not receive the new grant we applied for from the Junior League.

E. Habitat for Humanity Walk Update

The walk is still scheduled for September 13th. Registration is at 1:00 PM and the walk is at 2:00 PM. It will start from Third Presbyterian and will take place in Enos Park. People who participate will be able to make the monthly CORAL meeting later that day.

F. Committees

Jim noted that if we need to add another committee, let him know.

G. Permanent Council Meeting June 21st Update

Jim reported that the permanent council met on June 21st. The council discussed the insurance proposal and voted to move forward with applying for the policy. Tim is working on developing a website for CORAL and the committee reviewed the website. The council discussed the Thanksgiving Dinner event, possibly partnering with the Springfield Park District on an event this fall, possible events involving the theme of the Ritz this year (Everyone Counts), outreach to the faith community, and communications with our partner organizations.

VI. New Business

A. Website for CORAL

Tim reported that he is working on developing a website for CORAL which includes sections for news and information from CORAL, pages for our events, connections to our community partners, and a community calendar. If you have experience working with websites, please reach out to him.

B. Partner Organizations and CORAL Contacts

The group discussed our partner organization and who our communication liaisons are for each organization.

C. Bruce Nims Professional Board Training Proposal

Jim and Rob sent a proposal to the permanent council discussing a

training session for the board. Rob discussed this proposal which would be provided by Bruce Nims. The grant proposal that was sent the Junior League would have covered this training. The proposal is to move forward with a trimmed down version of this training for the board members who have not received this training so far. The total cost currently would be \$565.00. The group discussed this proposal.

Buff moved to accept Rex's generous offer of \$600 to cover the cost of the training session. Rob seconded. The motion carried.

D. Announcements

Blood Donations Needed

Roz is working to get information about donating blood to Rodney to post on social media. There is a need in the community. The number is 763-1530 to reach the blood bank.

Installation Service – Rev. Dr. Bobbi Dykema

April reported that First Church of the Brethren is holding an installation service for Rev. Dr. Bobbi Dykema via Zoom on July 18th at 2:00 PM. The event should be on the CORAL Facebook page. It will also be broadcast live by Church of the Brethren.

Buff Celebration

Buff's cousins are working on putting together an event for Buff for him to thank those who have had a positive impact on his life. The event will be on August 22nd from 1-10 PM.

Good as Gold Program

On July 20th, the Good as Gold program will recognize Rob, Tiffany, and Fifth Street Renaissance. Additionally, Bert Morton is one of the individuals who may be recognized for a lifetime achievement award.

Black Lives Matter Drive Event

Black Lives Matter Springfield is organizing a voter registration/census/school supplies drive. It will take place on July 25th from noon until 4 PM at the African American History Museum.

VII. Communication from Other Organizations

There were no other announcements

VIII. Adjournment

Buff moved to adjourn the meeting. Rob seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Dates to Remember

- July 20th – PFLAG Board Meeting – 6PM, Regular Meeting – 7 PM
- August 9th – CORAL Monthly Meeting – 5 PM (via Zoom and First Church of the Brethren)
- August 16th – CORAL Permanent Council Meeting – 3 PM
- September 13th – Habitat for Humanity Walk
 - Registration is at 1:00 PM, the walk is at 2:00 PM in Enos Park
- September 13th – CORAL Monthly Meeting
- March 27, 2021 – The Ritz

Minutes Submitted By: Timothy Bill, Secretary