



Coalition of Rainbow Alliances

Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2020

Attendees: Jim Barr, Paula Harris, Chris Boyster, Rob Weis, April Poole, Roz Stein, Rex Schadow, Timothy Bill, Marty Wilson

I. **Call to Order**

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

II. **Introduction of Guests**

No guests were present

III. **Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes from December were submitted by Timothy Bill. Chris motioned to approve. Paula seconded. Motion carried.

IV. **Treasurer Report**

Brian was not present to provide a report. Chris motioned to table the report. Rex seconded. Motion carried.

V. **Old Business**

A. PRISM Update

Timothy Bill presented a report. The December Open House event went well. PRISM raised \$113 to purchase menstrual hygiene products, which PRISM matched dollar for dollar (for a total of \$226). These funds purchased products, which will be donated to Fifth Street Renaissance. In January, PRISM will be hosting a Yoga/Workout Class (see report below for full details). PRISM is also planning a speed networking event in February and a Out Professionals Panel in March.

There was a conversation about the membership of PRISM being present at CORAL meetings and commitments PRISM has made to support the Ritz Committee followed. April noted that without CORAL's attendance at the December, almost no one would have been there. There was a short conversation about what ages are welcome at PRISM events. Tim explained that PRISM events are open to anyone of any age.

Paula asked about the speed networking event in February. Tim explained that it would be like speed dating but a networking event with local businesses.

B. Social media

Rodney was not present. No report was presented.

C. Decatur Pride Update

Jim reported that Decatur Pride was working to improve for next year. The group is currently working with food vendors and to develop events like the roller-skating event including the drag queens on skates (family friendly). They are continuing with the monthly drag queens story hour at the library. Jim noted the organization is young, but they are learning and have some great new leadership.

Chris noted that Canton, IL will be holding a pride event this year.

D. Insurance Update

Paula reported that she spoke with Mike. He was apologetic but has now looked over the paperwork and Paula should know something this week if not within 48 hours. We should have a quote soon. Paula noted that CORAL be looking at a two million dollar policy and she'll have someone with legal expertise look over the policy once we have a quote.

E. Junior League Grant Update

Rob passed around an updated handout (attached below). Roughly 45 people have signed up for the community forum. Paula asked what the signup deadline was. Rob said the Friday before the event. Rob noted that we might need a few folks to help with setup, a registration table, and with teardown. We would need people there around 7:15. Rex volunteered to help with registration. Roz and Linda volunteered as well. Jim asked about when he was needed to be there. Rob responded 7:15 as well.

Rob noted that the event is coming together well. Rob and Tim have divided up who is facilitating each panel. Rob is facilitating the faith panel. Tim is facilitating the service providers and volunteer panels. Rex asked about AIDS Walk Springfield. Rob noted that AIDS walk wasn't specifically on the panel but was definitely invited. Tim noted that all organizations are welcome to participate and take part in the event as actively as they like.

Jim asked if the Junior League has been invited. Rob noted he can reach back to the organization.

F. Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Health

Jim noted that the painting day was a lot of fun and a lot of work got done. April reported that carpet samples were discussed and a sample was selected.

The committee was under the impression that we would have carpeting installed. The carpet cannot be installed but actually needs to be an area rug. The carpet selected can be turned into an area rug. A new proposal was submitted for the rug at \$726.00. Only \$70.00 has been spent so far. Tara can be given a sample of the carpet and use that to further develop the room. April asked if CORAL needs to approve this change.

Jim noted that the money has already been approved. Chris asked about approval for expenses above a certain amount. Paula noted the money came from outside sources and was already approved.

Rob showed off the shirt the group wore while painting at Lincoln Prairie. April is hoping to have the project done by the end of February. Rob agreed. Paula asked about fire retarded requirements for the Rob. April said yes. Paula asked about an install date. April was hoping to do it as soon as we receive the rug, perhaps by the end of January.

Paula asked about a price on the bean bag chairs. Rob noted they still have a thousand dollars to spend on bean bag chairs and other furniture. April noted there are other things the group wants to do including screen covers for the lights, some additional paint for the countertop, and possibly replacing the countertop.

Chris asked about donations from churches. Are they getting feedback? Rob said each group received a thank you note and updates on the project. Roz noted you can get premade countertops for a reasonable price at home supply stores. April noted they have to be careful as the carpet specifications have changed three different times over the course of this project. The committee provided a short written report (see attached).

G. Ritz 2020

Jim reported that a logo has been selected. Bert got a quote on metal buttons with the logo. The committee has also been looking at centerpieces, quotes on awards all around the Springfield and Decatur region. Paula added that we were looking for more supportive partners for providing the awards, some of which have been more cost effective.

Rob meet with First Presbyterian and noted that they may be interested in purchasing an ad. Church of the Brethren will be deciding on their ad support soon. Rex reported that Bert and Rex talked with Landmark Ford. Jim asked about the Designer Landscape check. April responded that the check is in. Jim said we have already received two checks.

Paula asked about the larger corporate sponsorships. April noted that we're making strong progress on reaching the committees goals. Jim noted we have also received a check from Decatur Pride.

The next committee meeting will be January 21st at 6:00 PM at Church of the Brethren.

April noted the committee needs to get some significant work done this month. Paula noted that a lot has already been accomplished.

H. Springfield Call 2 Action

Jim had nothing new to report.

I. Springfield Sliders Event

Rex reported that he has a list of prospective dates for the event. One night was June 19th which would tentatively be the day before the Pride Picnic. The whole event with merchandise (pride jerseys, pride banners (which would be up all season) would be \$4000. Tickets would be \$8 a piece but we get \$4. Rex and Jim are working with potential partners like Equality Illinois to find funding. Station House is no longer interested in participating. Rex is working to get more details about the payment situation for the event.

If we do a giveaway, the towels are \$5.00 a piece which is above the \$4000 price noted above. April asked when would we need to make a commitment. Rex will get that information. Roz asked about the expenses. Rex noted the jerseys aren't cheap but could be auctioned that night. There would also be three banners (one for CORAL, one for Pride, and one for Equality Illinois). Paula asked about the jerseys being optional. Rex said the cost would be \$3000. Rob asked about who would benefit from the auction. Rex said the tentative plan was to donate the SARA Center, Phoenix Center, and ACORN Equality. There was a short conversation about who should receive this funding.

Rex also noted that the Capital City Men's Chorus could be asked to perform the national anthem at the event. We also get \$200 in tickets for the event. Chris noted that other organizations had not always had success with similar events. April noted that if we had tickets by Pridefest, we could sell them at the event. Roz asked about how many uniforms that would be. Rex estimated it would be about 20 uniforms with pride pin stripes.

J. Communication from Other Organizations.

Church of the Brethren – April noted Pancake and Sausage Breakfast March 7th Saturday 7-11 AM. She will have tickets at the next meeting. \$7 adults, \$3 kids.

K. Trivia Night for Junior League of Greater Springfield

Jim noted the trivia night is February 8th. Rex already submitted the check. Rex, Gary, Jim, Marty, Paula, Brian, Rob, Tim, Randy, Linda. 6-11 PM at Christ the King Catholic Church. The event starts at 7, doors open at 6.

VI. New Business

A. Trivia Night for Phoenix Center

Jim reported that the event will take place on February 22nd, doors open at 6, trivia starts at 6:30. CORAL normally does a table and sponsors two rounds. The expenses are tentatively \$150 for the table and \$100 per round.

Jim asked if we wanted a table. Rex made the motion. Rob seconded. Motion carries.

Rob asked how the information gets to the Phoenix Center. Jim responded he goes in physically.

There was a discussion of possible amounts to approve. April moved that CORAL give Jim permission to buy two rounds up to \$300. Rob seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Jim asked about participation. Roz and Linda, Rob and Brian, Jim and Marty, Tim and Randy, April and Paula will take the final two seats if they are open.

B. Peoria Pride contacted Jim about being a sponsor for their event. Their Pridefest is August so we have plenty of time to discuss this event.

C. Habitat for Humanity

Jim read an email from Don Eckland about an upcoming project in Sangamon County in 2020 as part of a unity event including local LGBTQ groups.

Roz asked if they asked for a donation. Jim responded no. They want laborers and physical help. The event would be later in the fall. April noted this would be a good event when our other events have ended for the year. Rex made a motion to get more information. Rob seconded. April would want to know how many people and the timeframe of the commitment. Rob noted it usually takes place over several weekends. Motion carried.

VII. Dates to Remember

Jim announced the following dates to remember:

- January 11th – GLAD Social/PFLAG Chili and Soup Supper/White Elephant Gift Exchange
- January 12th at 5:00 PM – CORAL Monthly Meeting – Heartland MCC Church
- January 25th from 4-5 PM – PRISM Yoga/Workout Class at Ahh Yoga
- February 8th at 8:00 AM – Community Forum/Panel Discussion – ALUU Church
- February 8th – Trivia Night (Junior League)
- February 8th – GLAD Social Decatur (TBA)
- February 9th at 5:00 PM – CORAL Monthly Meeting – Heartland MCC
- February 22nd – Phoenix Center Trivia Night

VIII. Adjournment

Rex made a motion to adjourn. Rob seconded. The motion carries. The meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM.

Minutes Submitted By: Timothy Bill, Secretary



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PRISM has the following updates to report:

December Event

The December Open House event at The Incubator went well. In addition to the product donations at the event, PRISM raised \$113.00 to purchase menstrual hygiene products. PRISM voted to match those donations dollar for dollar for a total of \$226.00 raised. These funds were used to purchase additional menstrual hygiene products which will all be donated to Fifth Street Renaissance.

January Event

In partnership with Ahh Yoga, PRISM will be hosting a yoga class later in January. A small social will follow at Bunn Gourmet.

Yoga/Workout Class
Saturday, January 25, 2020
4:00 - 5:00 PM
Ahh Yoga
2201 W. White Oaks Dr., Springfield, IL

Spring Events

The following events are in the planning stages for later this spring:

February - Speed Networking Event

March - Networking Training/Out Professionals Panel

Dates and locations for these events will be provided once they have been confirmed.

Submitted by Timothy Bill

Junior League Grant Community Forum/Training

Updates

Roughly 45 people have registered to attend. The Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation has been confirmed as the location for the community forum on February 8th, 2020. They are located at 745 Woodside Rd, Springfield, IL 62711.

Schedule

8:00	AM	Breakfast
8:45		Welcome and Expectations
9:00		Faith Community Panel
10:00		Service Providers and Education Panel
11:00		Volunteer Organizations and Regional Partners Panel
12:00		Next Steps/Wrap-up
12:30		Adjournment

Any organization invited to be a part of the panel discussions would be invited to be present for the entire morning session. Breakfast, including coffee, would be served before the panels begin and would remain available during the panel presentations. Each panel session would last about 45 minutes. Each organization on the panel would receive a short amount of time (5-8 minutes) to present their information to those assembled with the remaining time left for questions and conversation.

Registration is available for the event using the following code:



Submitted by Rob Weis and Timothy Bill
January 12, 2020.

Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Center

These are the updates for Lincoln Prairie (LPBH) for the January Board meeting;

Furnishing the LGBT lounge with appropriate furniture, etc. to make the room feel like a place the kids can socialize;

- 1) Painting Room – Completed 12/30/19.
- 2) Floor covering – April Poole has a flooring option for 2/3 of the floor to make the space feel more like home.
- 3) Furnishings – Tara McVary from AFAR Interiors has agreed to design some bean bag chairs for the space. Rob Weis is looking in to some game chairs. Lincoln Prairie has agreed to provide other furnishings.
- 4) Wall coverings – TBD
- 5) Light coverings - TBD

Respectfully Submitted

Rob Weis

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