



Coalition of Rainbow Alliances

Monthly Meeting Minutes
December 2019

Attendees: Brian Sylvester, Rob Weis, Julie Koon, Randy Kaw, Rex Schadow, Jim Barr, Timothy Bill, Paula Harris, Gary Kessler, April Poole

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM by Jim Barr.

III. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from November were submitted by Paula Harris.

Brian made a motion to approve. Rex seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.

Jim thanked Paula for stepping in and taking minutes for the past few meetings.

Jim introduced Timothy Bill as the new Secretary on the Executive Board.

IV. Treasurer Report

Brian reported the current account balance. \$2900.00 has been pledged to the Support for Children Project, \$2750.00 has been pledged for the Ritz, and \$1200.00 has been set aside for the Junior League Grant.

Paula moved to accept. Rex seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.

II. Introduction of Guests

Jim introduced two guests: Julie Koon and Gary Kessler

V. Old Business

A. PRISM Update

Tim provided a report about PRISM (see the attached report). PRISM has approved a new mission statement. They will be hosting a Holiday Open House on December 18th, 2019 from 5:00-7:00 PM at The Incubator. PRISM asks that individuals attending the event bring a menstrual hygiene product as a donation (products will be available for sale at the door). Products and

proceeds will be donated to Fifth Street Renaissance. PRISM will be providing a full listing of spring events for 2020 soon.

- B. Social media
no report

VI. New Business

- B. Springfield AIDS Walk

Rex reported that a t-shirt contest will be held for the AIDS walk. The designs/entries are due by December 31st. If you want more information, contact the SARA Center. Next year's AIDS walk will be September 19th later in the morning (a Saturday). The winner of the t-shirt contest receives \$200. There was a short discussion about the deadline for submissions for the shirt contest. The Phoenix Center will also be a part of the AIDS walk.

V. Old Business

- C. Decatur Pride

Jim reported that Decatur Pride met last Monday night. Rob Weis was present. They are looking at September 12th as the next Decatur Pridefest at Central Park in Decatur. There was discussion about food vendors, which are being lined up early for this event.

- D. Insurance Update

Paula reported that they are currently arranging to make an appointment to complete the paperwork with Troxell. Next, CORAL will receive quotes. April noted that the park board required insurance for the World AIDS Day event. Jim thanked Paula for making progress on this item.

- E. Junior League Grant

Rob reported that every organization and individual who participated in the survey has been contacted about the community forum. Just about all of the organizations (except two) have committed to having someone present at the forum. The handout (see the attached report) has an SRQ code to register for the event. There will be three panels (faith community, service providers and education, and volunteer organizations and regional partners). The morning will be the community forum. The afternoon will be a training session for the executive board. You can sign up for the event with the SRQ code or by signing up via a signup sheet with Rob.

Paula asked if someone who is not part of an organization could attend. Rob and Tim said that anyone can attend even if not a member of an organization.

April noted that First Church of the Brethren could serve as a host for the afternoon. Paula asked if there was a charge for using UUC. Brian responded that we are giving them a \$200 deposit. We are registered to use the sanctuary, kitchen, and common areas. The charges would be a \$50 custodial fee, \$200 fee for use of the facility, and a \$15 per hour custodial fee.

Paula asked if we should consider moving to UIS. Jim noted the contract was not signed. Brian noted we get the \$200 back as a deposit. We would owe \$110 for the event. There was a discussion about using UIS versus UUC, but Rob noted we have already discussed the location with the partner organizations.

Paula moved a \$200 check be written for the February 8th deposit. Rex seconded. April asked about who is responsible for snow being removed for the event and whether insurance would cover the event. Rob will check on snow removal and the church insurance should cover the event. Motion passed.

F. Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Health

Rob reported that CORAL is in a position to move forward with the painting of the room (see the attached report). However, the organization wants to turn the space into a group space for the floor. It would be more accessible and would get more traffic and use. The room would be half the size previously discussed. Tentatively, we could get in and paint the room at December 30th. We have a memorandum of understanding that if Lincoln Prairie cancels the room within the next six months, CORAL gets the furnishing back. Jim signed the memo. April noted they have had a good meeting including with the interior designer.

Paula asked about First Presbyterian. Brian noted they gave \$700. Paula asked if the money collected was enough since the room is now smaller. Rob says we work with what we have and see if it covers the space. Lincoln Prairie may assist with some of the costs. There was a short discussion about what furniture was available. April noted that iBid had furniture that may work for this project. Rob noted that the interior designer has offered to make some beanbag chairs for a small fee. April also noted that the furniture must be able to accommodate a variety of audiences.

Rob asked about shifts for painting. He asked if people could sign up via email or on Facebook. April noted that we only need 4-5 per painting shifts. Rob will draft an email which Jim can send out to CORAL.

G. Ritz 2020

Jim noted the committee met last Tuesday and the next meeting will be the 17th at 6:30 PM at the Church of the Brethren. There was a discussion of what the cover of the brochure will look like. That image can then be used as promotional material.

April announced that Designer Landscape will be a presenting sponsor for the event. A presenting sponsor receives a two-page spread, eight tickets, listed first in all promotional materials both in print and on radio, a table with eight tickets, listed in the Illinois Times, and their logo will be on materials around the event.

Jim noted: GLAD and Decatur Pride will be doing an ad and will be a Bronze sponsor respectively.

There was a discussion about award submissions. Brian noted that many names have been submitted.

Jim presented a tentative logo design. Bert is currently working on some changes.

H. Springfield Call 2 Action

Jim reported they had a meeting about a city ordinance regarding sick/family leave. The state is working on statewide legislation.

I. Springfield Sliders Event

Rex reported that he met with Brian (from Springfield Sliders) to discuss expenses. Uniforms run \$400-\$500 per event for a one-time event, which may be prohibitive. Rex would like to know how much money we want to spend on this event (including funding from partners or grant providers). We can still sell tickets for a profit. The question was asked about what budget are we comfortable for the event?

Rob asked about timeline. Rex noted the event would be over the summer (pride month), coordinated with the pride picnic.

Rex noted we can do a voter registration drive at the event. Jim noted that the pride picnic is tentatively scheduled for June 20th (the third Saturday in June).

Rex mentioned that we can get up to \$1000 from Equality Illinois for a civic focused event. ACORN Equality also had grants available. Other organizations could also be involved without an issue.

Brian and Paula asked if the full list of expenses and income (with grant

application deadlines) could be presented to CORAL. Rex agreed.

Paula moved to table until we have the information in writing. Brian seconded. Motion passes by two votes.

J. Communication from Other Organizations

First Church of the Brethren – April reported that First Church of the Brethren will be doing the holiday meals on Christmas again this year. Food preparation begins at 8:15 AM on Christmas. Preparation day is December 23rd at 5:30 PM. First Church of the Brethren, MCC Church, and CORAL have worked together on this event in the past.

World AIDS Day – Rex noted that we had a nice attendance for the World AIDS Day remembrance. The weather was wet and cold. There was a nice write up in the Illinois Times. April noted that all of the speakers receive a thank you for participating in the event.

Brothers and Sisters Together – Rob reminded everyone that the Brothers and Sisters Together Christmas Dinner will be 6:00 PM at Bacardi Italian Imports. Registration numbers are a bit lower this year. There are a variety of entre options available.

K. Thanksgiving Dinner

Jim noted the Thanksgiving Dinner went really well. Brian noted we have the space reserved for next year (November 21st).

VI. New Business

A. Trivia Night (Junior League)

Jim reported that the Junior Women's League will have a trivia night February 8th, 2020 (7-10 PM, doors open at 6 and you can bring your own food and beverages). Jim asked if CORAL wanted to have a table. April suggested we find out the price and decide at the January meeting. Paula asked if they can hold us one pending price. After a bit of research, April noted tickets are \$10 (\$12.24 with fees) per person. Tables are \$100 (\$107.72 with fees). Paula asked if they will accept a check. There was a discussion of different possible payment methods. Rex will sponsor CORAL's table and pay Rex for their individual tickets.

C. CORAL Membership Directory

Rob asked about a membership listing or listing of people who participates in event and possibly begin tracking that data. He asked if he can do this or how he should proceed?

Rex asked about data protections. Paula asked if he would be compiling data we already have. Rob agreed. April noted that this could be an outcome of February 8th. Brian noted that this has been discussed before that committees for membership and events be created to provide opportunities for volunteering and leadership development. Paula suggested working with what we have for right now.

A. Trivia Night (Junior League)

We returned to the trivia night. Paula motioned that Rex be allowed to get a table for trivia night. Rob seconded. There was a brief discussion of payment options. Motion passed.

VII. Dates to Remember

Jim announced the following dates to remember:

- December 9th at 6:00 PM – Phoenix Center Ugly Sweater Party – Magic Kitchen on Peoria Road
- December 14th at 6:00 PM – GLAD Social at UU Church, Decatur
- December 21st – Brothers and Sisters Together Holiday Dinner
- January 8th (TBA) – PRISM Meeting (TBA)
- 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
- 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

VIII. Adjournment

Brian moved that we adjourn. Rex seconded. Motion passed.

Minutes Submitted By: Timothy Bill, Secretary



December 8, 2019

PRISM has the following updates to report:

Updated Mission Statement

The leadership team of PRISM has voted to approve an updated mission statement:

Professionals in the Springfield Metro (PRISM) is an organization of equality affirming individuals and businesses dedicated to establishing and elevating the Springfield, IL LGBT+ professional community through effective networking, service, and professional development events.

We will begin to formalize our bylaws and officer positions in the new year.

December Event

PRISM's Holiday Open House
Wednesday, December 18, 2019
5:00 - 7:00 PM
The Incubator
11 W Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, IL

Stop by to learn more about PRISM, meet our leadership team, and help us celebrate the holiday season. Light snacks will be provided and a cash bar is available.

Please note this event serves as our organization's first service project. PRISM is asking that each attendee bring one unopened package of menstrual hygiene items (tampons, pads, etc.). Products will be available for purchase at the door and donations are welcome. All funds and items will be donated to 5th Street Renaissance.

Spring Events

The following events are in the early planning stages for the spring of 2020:

January - Workout/Yoga Class
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 Update

Updates

The written report has been shared with all interview participants and with all partner organizations. The report should be posted on Facebook soon.

The Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation church has been confirmed as the location for the community forum on February 8th, 2020.

Tentative 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
December 8, 2019

Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Center

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

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

- 1) As of 12/8/2019, \$2410.00 has been raised towards this effort. This does not include CORAL's commitment of \$300.00 to paint the room.
- 2) The room we are sponsoring may have changed.
- 3) December 30th is the tentative date for painting the room; 2 shifts with 4 people each maximum.
- 4) April report –
- 5) Bert report -

Respectfully Submitted

Rob Weis

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