



## Coalition of Rainbow Alliances

Monthly Meeting Minutes  
November 14, 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 5:00 PM.

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

5             The following members were in attendance: Jim Barr, Bert Morton, April Poole, Brian  
6             Sylvester, Rob Weis, Rex Schadow, Lori Carlsen, Karen Reynolds, Paula Harris,  
7             Timothy Bill, Lisa Cotton, Lee Korty

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9             A quorum was present.

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11            The following guests were present: Carol Kraus, Libby Feagans-King, Jane  
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14    **III.   Approval of the October 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

15            Timothy Bill submitted the minutes from the previous monthly meeting which had  
16            been shared electronically.

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18            **MOTION** by Brian:

19            Move to approve the minutes of the October 10, 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 shared the reports from September and October.

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26            **MOTION** by Paula:

27            Move to approve the September and October finance reports.

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29            This motion was seconded and approved without dissent.

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31    **V.     Executive Board Updates**

32            Jim shared the Executive Board met yesterday and discussed introductions with  
33            pronouns, the Thanksgiving event, the Ritz, the activities committee, coordinator  
34            responsibilities, and the strategic plan. The board will next meet on December 18<sup>th</sup> to  
35            continue work on the strategic plan. Jim also shared that CORAL's storage unit was  
36            broken into on October 5<sup>th</sup> and we lost our table saw, sound system, and the  
37            generator/cart. He shared that the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and  
38            Museum is hosting two exhibits: The State of Sound and Stories of Survivals.

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40    **VI.    Committee Reports and Business**



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### **A. Activities Committee**

Tim shared that he'll be sending out a request for meeting with the committee.  
Stay tuned for updates!

### **B. Finance Committee**

Brian shared that the committee has not met. The committee is looking for volunteers. Please let him know if you are interested in working with this committee.

### **C. Ritz Committee**

Bert shared that the committee met earlier today. The committee is beginning to work on sales for the event which will begin on Saturday. They are starting with table captains. Please let Bert or April know if you would like to captain a table or purchase a ticket for the event. More information will be forthcoming.

### **D. Social Media Committee**

Brian shared we will be posting about the Stetson Memorial soon.

### **E. Thanksgiving Dinner**

Brian shared that we will be holding a food drive on Saturday in lieu of our annual Thanksgiving Dinner. The event will happen between 11 and 2 PM on Saturday. CORAL will be providing hot cider, coffee, and cookies. Feel free to come by for a socially distanced gathering if you would like!

### **F. Ad Hoc Committee – CORAL Apparel**

Bert shared that the committee met and selected a design for t-shirts and polo shirts. He is working with the designer to finalize the design and get a formal proposal from them. The shirts will hopefully be available to us by later in January. We will post on social media once the shirts are available for purchase.

### **G. Ad Hoc Committee – Habitat for Humanity Project**

Jim shared that CORAL assisted with the house number 115 build here in Springfield. The house was officially dedicated on Wednesday night. CORAL received a certificate and a plaque as a thank you for our efforts on this project.

### **H. Historical Interview Project**

Jim shared that he is looking forward at moving the project forward and is glad that new folks are interested in getting involved. The group discussed the interview list.



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### I. Membership Committee

Brian shared that we have had a few new folks fill out the membership request form. He has been reaching out to those folks. The social media posts continue to generate traffic for the committee. Please let him know.

#### MOTION by Paula:

Move to accept all oral committee reports.

This motion was seconded and approved without dissent.

### VII. Other Business

#### A. Affirming Nursing Homes in Springfield

Lee shared that he and a few others went to the seminar at UIS on aging LGBTQ folks. He did a Google search and none of the local nursing homes have a statement affirming LGBTQ folks. This may be an issue CORAL wishes to investigate. The group discussed this issue and some of the challenges they have faced in long term care.

### VIII. Announcements, Updates, and Communication from Other Organizations

#### A. Transgender Day of Remembrance

Tim shared that Saturday is Transgender Day of Remembrance. The Phoenix Center will be holding a ceremony at 5 PM on Saturday at their OUT on Adams storefront. Please consider attending after the Thanksgiving Food Drive.

#### B. Harvard Park Holiday Wish List

April shared that First Church of the Brethren is supporting the Harvard Park Holiday Wish List to support the school. This drive includes clothing (hats, scarfs, gloves, socks, etc.), food/dry goods, and solid crew neck sweaters. You can reach out to April or First Church for more information about this event. Donations will be accepted through December 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### C. Thanksgiving Meals

April shared that for the 37<sup>th</sup> year, First Church of the Brethren will be providing holiday meals to fill the gap left by Meals on Wheels. Volunteers may be limited this year due to COVID guidelines, but you can contact April for more information. The group preps the meals on Wednesday and delivers on Thanksgiving. If you cannot due Thanksgiving but are interested, First Church does the same thing on Christmas.



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### D. HMCC 50/50 Drawing

Paula shared that Heartland MCC is holding a 50/50 drawing on December 10<sup>th</sup>. The profits are split between the winner and the church (500 to each if all tickets are sold). Tickets are \$10. You can contact Paula with any additional questions.

### E. Brothers and Sisters Holiday Dinner

Rob shared that Brothers and Sisters will be holding their Holiday Dinner at 7 PM on Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. You can find more information on their Facebook page. The event is limited to 30 people with 25% of the spaces already reserved.

## IX. Adjournment

Brian motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 6:04 PM.

### Dates to Remember

- November 14      CORAL Monthly Meeting                      5 PM
- November 20      CORAL Reverse Thanksgiving Dinner              11-2 PM
- November 20      Phoenix Center Trans Day of Remembrance      5 PM
- December 1        World AIDS Day
- December 12      CORAL Monthly Meeting                              5 PM
- December 18      Brothers and Sisters Holiday Dinner              7 PM
- March 26, 2022    The Ritz

Minutes Submitted By: Timothy Bill, Secretary