



## Coalition of Rainbow Alliances

Monthly Meeting Minutes  
August 8, 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 5:02 PM.

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

5     The following members were in attendance: Jim Barr, Bert Morton, Lee Korty, April  
6     Poole, Jan Thompson, Brian Sylvester, Lisa Cotton, Tim Bill, Roz Stein, Mike  
7     Johnson, Paula Harris, Rex Schadow, Rob Weis

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9     A quorum was present.

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11    The following guests were present: *None*

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13    **III. Approval of the July 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

14    Timothy Bill submitted the minutes from the July 11, 2021 annual meeting which had  
15    been shared electronically.

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17    **MOTION** by Paula:

18    Move to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2021 meeting.

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20    This motion was seconded and approved without dissent.

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22    **IV. Officer Reports and Executive Board Updates**

23    **A. Treasurer's Report**

24    Brian presented the report from June including the account balance from the  
25    June bank statement (we have not received a July statement yet). For June,  
26    expenses were \$1,092 and income was \$100. Currently, \$15,000 is pledged for  
27    the Ritz and the Sliders game. The insurance will be paid soon which totals  
28    \$1,021.00.

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30    **MOTION** by Rex:

31    Move to approve the June treasurer's reports.

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33    This motion was seconded and approved without dissent.

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35    **B. Other Officer Reports**

36    *There were no other officer reports.*

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38    **C. Executive Board Updates**

39    Jim shared updates from the executive board retreat which took place yesterday.  
40    The board discussed the budget, creating a strategic plan, mission/vision/values,



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41 and new outreach efforts. The board will meet again on September 11<sup>th</sup> to  
42 continue working on the strategic plan. The board also discussed current and  
43 future committees, fundraising, additional outreach and advocacy efforts,  
44 coordinator job descriptions, and future community forums.

### 45 46 **V. Committee Reports**

#### 47 **A. Finance Committee**

48 Brian noted that this committee will meet again before our next monthly meeting  
49 to discuss fundraising efforts.

#### 50 51 **B. Ritz Committee**

52 Bert reported that communications with our partners are ongoing and that  
53 everyone's support is appreciated for this fundraiser. The Ritz will be taking place  
54 on March 26<sup>th</sup> in 2022. Please start reaching out to sponsorships, especially if  
55 they require a request quite a while in advance.

#### 56 57 **C. Empowerment Committee**

58 Brian reported that the committee would like to reach out to our Facebook  
59 followers and members to get them more involved in the organization. The  
60 volunteer form is being posted every three weeks. The committee responds  
61 within 48 hours to new volunteer requests.

#### 62 63 **D. Social Media Committee**

64 Brian shared that the committee has created a social media policy which he  
65 presented. The policy will be shared with the group for approval at the next  
66 meeting. The group discussed the language concerning derogatory comments.

#### 67 68 **E. Thanksgiving Dinner**

69 Brian shared that the pandemic is a concern for this committee, but they are  
70 hoping the event can happen as it usually does this November.

#### 71 72 **F. Habitat for Humanity Build**

73 Jim shared an updated on this project. Habitat is looking for volunteers to help  
74 paint the build. This event has been rescheduled for the 20<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM due to the  
75 drywall not being ready. The build is located at 2037 E Cedar in Springfield.  
76 Lunch will be provided. Please contact Jim Barr if you are interested in  
77 participating.

#### 78 79 **G. Bylaws Committee**

80 Roz shared the four proposed bylaw amendments which were introduced at the



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81 previous month's meeting.

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83 **MOTION** by Brian:

84 Move to approve the four amendments to the organization bylaws.

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86 This motion was seconded and approved without dissent.

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88 Tim will include the amended bylaws when sending out these draft minutes.

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### 90 VI. Old Business

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#### 91 A. Update on LGBTQIA History Project

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92 Tim shared that the interview has been posted for Robert Robbins. You can find  
93 this interview on our social media pages and on our website.

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#### 95 B. NPR Campaign

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96 The group discussed donations to the NPR campaign in May. Tim will follow-up  
97 with NPR about whether the ten advertisements run all in the same day or over a  
98 period of time.

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#### 100 C. Recognition

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101 Roz suggested that the organization consider recognizing an individual who has  
102 contributed to the growth of CORAL. The board will follow-up on this recognition  
103 suggestion.

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### 105 VII. New Business

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#### 106 A. Activities Committee

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107 Tim shared that the board has created an activities committee to provide monthly  
108 volunteering opportunities for people who are interested. He will chair the  
109 committee and Brian has already volunteered to be a member. Roz, Bert, April,  
110 and Lee also volunteered to join this committee.

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#### 112 B. Decatur Pride

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113 Jim shared that Decatur Pride is moving forward on September 18<sup>th</sup> at The  
114 Venue off East Pershing. Decatur Pride is asking CORAL to be a sponsor at the  
115 rate of \$100. This includes listing CORAL as a sponsor on advertising. Family  
116 oriented activities will run from 1-5 PM. The event will then transition to a drag  
117 show for adults only.

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119 **MOTION** by Lee:

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120 Move to sponsor Decatur Pride at the cost of \$100.



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This motion was seconded and approved without dissent.

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

### A. Womxn Group

Paula shared that the group has updated its name to LGBTQ+ Women of Springfield.

### B. Church Announcements

April shared the First Church of the Brethren is a Compass for Kids site. They are looking for volunteers, usually from 3-6 PM. If you cannot make the full three hours, even an hour is helpful. If you are interested, April has applications. There are also background checks for those involved.

Paula shared the Heartland MCC is finalizing its moving plans and should know by the end of the month where they are moving. The pastor is also back from his sabbatical.

## IX. Adjournment

Brian motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM.

### Dates to Remember

- August 7                      CORAL Executive Board Retreat                      10 AM
- August 7                      Chix With Stix Golf Outing, Lincoln Greens
- August 8                      CORAL Monthly Meeting                      5 PM
- August 20                      Habitat for Humanity Painting Day
- September 12                      CORAL Monthly Meeting                      5 PM
- September 18                      Decatur PrideFest                      12 PM
- October 9                      CORAL Executive Board Meeting                      10 AM
- October 10                      CORAL Monthly Meeting                      5 PM
- October 15                      Phoenix Center Fall Gayla
- November 20                      CORAL Thanksgiving Dinner
  
- March 26, 2022                      The Ritz

Minutes Submitted By: Timothy Bill, Secretary