



Coalition of Rainbow Alliances

Monthly Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2020

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

I. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Jim Barr at 5:01 PM.

II. **Introduction of Guests**

No guests were present

III. **Approval of the August 9th, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Timothy Bill submitted the minutes from the August 9th, 2020 meeting. April moved to accept the minutes. Rex seconded. The motion passed.

IV. **Committee Reports**

A. **Finance Committee**

Brian Sylvester provided the treasurer's report orally. The balance for August was reported which includes the insurance payment. We still need to pay First Church of the Brethren. Brian will pay the church for the rest of the year. Rex moved to accept the report. Lee seconded. The motion passed.

B. **Bylaws Committee**

Roz reported that the committee hopes to have a draft at the next meeting. The meetings have gone well. The committee will present the bylaws draft at the next meeting and the vote will take place at the meeting following that one. The next committee meeting will be September 22nd at 5:30 PM at Lincoln Park Pavilion number 4. The committee consists of Roz, Tim, Linda, Jim, and Lee.

C. **Ritz 2021 Committee**

No report

D. **Thanksgiving Dinner Committee**

Brian reported that he has tried to contact the Park District but has not gotten ahold of Jill yet.

Brian also reported that he is trying to work to setup our Facebook donation button. There was a short discussion of the information they are asking for.

The Thanksgiving Dinner Committee has not met yet. Brian will reach out

to Roz, Ann, Jim, and Bert. Roz will reach out to Lisa Badger.

E. Trivia Nights Committee

No report

F. Pridefest Committee

No report

G. Membership Committee

Rob provided a report for the membership committee (it is included below). The committee last met on August 14th. The committee wants to focus on two areas: an involvement registration form on the website and a video library of CORAL's history. Paula brought this information to the Executive Board. The committee is also working on a better name. The next meeting will be September 17th at 7:00 PM by conference call.

V. Old Business

A. Professionals in the Springfield Metro Update

No report

B. Social Media Update

No report

C. Board Training Update

Jim is working to get a letter written and sent to Rob. There was a discussion about who will be invited to participate. The maximum number of participants is capped at 20.

Lee motioned to offer the training session for free. Ann seconded the motion. There was a short discussion. The motion carried.

D. Partner Organizations and Contacts

Please send contact information to Tim for our partner organizations.

E. Permanent Council Updates

Jim reported that Springfield Call 2 Action will be asking the Park Board to change the name of Douglas Park to Douglass Park. They will also be asking the Park Board to review the other park names and to ask the public for input on any potential name changes. Springfield Call 2 Action is asking their members to attend the Park Board meeting held on Wednesday at the Park District Headquarters.

F. Website for CORAL

Tim has been working on the website, but the new semester has taken precedence this past month.

G. AIDS Walk Springfield

Rex reported that the SARA Center will have a virtual AIDS Walk scheduled for December 1st at Lincoln Park. They are working on solidifying the details.

VI. New Business

A. Junior League Walk

Rob sent information to the Executive Board via email about this walk. It will take place virtually. The link for this walk is:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/IL/Springfield/JuniorLeagueSangaRun>

B. Fifth Street Renaissance

Rob reported that Fifth Street is working on a grant to help with community needs. Next Sunday, they will be doing a household goods and items drive at their main office from noon and 4 PM. October 10th and 11th will be the campout for veterans. They will also be doing their catalogue.

MB Heating & Cooling Campout for the Homeless hosted by Fifth Street Renaissance/SARA Center, 3 p.m. on Oct. 10 at MB Heating & Cooling, 1555 W. Jefferson St. in Springfield. The goal is to raise \$10,000 or more to help homeless veterans by spending one night in a cardboard shelter at MB. MB Heating & Cooling is also collecting non-perishable food items for Fifth Street's shelves. Bring items to 1555 W. Jefferson St. between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

C. Phoenix Center

Rex mentioned that the Phoenix Center is doing their No Go Gayla on October 16th. There was a discussion as to how CORAL can support the Phoenix Center.

April moved to give the Phoenix Center \$500 for the Fund-a-Need program. Brian seconded. There was a discussion of this motion. The motion carried.

VII. Communication from Other Organizations

No additional announcements were made.

VIII. Adjournment

Brian motioned to adjourn. Rex seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:14 PM.

Dates to Remember

- September 24th – First Day of Early Voting for the November 3rd Election - also first day for receiving mail in ballots – request one from your local county clerk if you plan to vote by mail – no matter by mail or in person – please vote
- September 30th – Census 2020 Deadline
- October 4th – Permanent Council Meeting – 3 PM at Heartland MCC
- October 10th – MB Heating & Cooling Campout for the Homeless – 3 PM
- October 11th – CORAL Monthly Meeting – 5 PM
- October 16th – Phoenix Center No Go Gayla – 5 PM
- November 3rd – Election Day – Please Vote
- November 8th – CORAL Monthly Meeting – 5 PM
- December 13th – CORAL Monthly Meeting – 5 PM
- March 27, 2021 – The Ritz

Minutes Submitted By: Timothy Bill, Secretary

Report for (Engagement, Participant, Involvement) name yet to be established committee

09/13/20

Committee met via conference call 8/14/20

Attendee's were Julie Koon, Rodney Shoemaker, Paula Harris, Rob Weis, and Buff Carmichael

Topics discussed revolved around two areas;

1. Creation of an involvement registration form on the new and improved webpage which can be used as a reference point when encouraging participants to engage. This is a means for interested parties to become more involved and help direct those in need to appropriate resources when necessary.
2. Create a video library for retaining history and achievements of the community. This would be made accessible through the new and improved webpage.

Paula Harris consulted with the Executive Board to discuss the viability of both of these efforts. Both have been encouraged from the Executive Board. The sub-committee has been encouraged to select a name for the working group.

This committee will reconvene Thursday, September 17th at 7:00 PM via conference call. We will focus on dividing committee tasks and selecting a committee name.

By Rob Weis, Committee Co-Chair