



**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES FROM 06/25/2013**

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Board Meeting Minutes – June 25, 2013

6:41PM at Headhunters, 1930 K Street Sacramento CA

Board Members Present: Robert Collins, Jeff Davis (Treasurer), Emperor 40 Gerald Filice, Grand Duke 33 Spade Royal Gotti, Robyn Learned, Empress 38 Key Pears, Empress 21 Racine, Empress 40 Misha Rockafeller, Empress 22 Shondra, Emperor 13/37Terry Sidie, Empress 40 JoWana Piece St. James, Emperor 39 Clarmundo Sullivan (Secretary), Emperor 31 Gary Vickers (Vice President)

Board Members Absent Excused: Emperor 35Santos Rosales

Board Members Absent Unexcused: Emperor 39 Billy Ray, Melissa Allmond (aka Stella)

Others Present: Arch Duke 33 Palma, Cee Cee, Chris, Southern Kenny, Dean, Scott Selzam, ICP 40 Matt Bunch, Jeo, Jay, ICP 40 Devone, Empress 34 Deneka Ashley St. James, Emperor 34 Bruce Bedrich, Emperor 27/37 Michael Johnson, ICP 40 Rene Reynolds-Daley, Miguel

I. Meeting called to order at 6:41PM

II. Roll call was conducted by Clarmundo Sullivan

III. Board President

A. Opening Remarks

1. Terry shared how much he enjoyed his vacation to Miami, Florida. He shared that Jeff Davis has completed a lot of work on the financial books and he felt more confident about them.

IV. Report from the Court Imperial

A. From the Monarchy

1. Emperor Gerald shared that the Court has been very busy. He shared that the Court's Pride Float at Sacramento Pride was successful. He shared the Court obtained a lot of positive press. He shared they went to Reno's Coronation and despite a "glitch", there was a good CGNIE presence. He shared the E&E hosted the Gay Men's Chorus ExtrABBAanza show at the Crest Theater, which provided them a great opportunity to share information about CGNIE to the audience.
2. Emperor Gerald shared the Court was currently recruiting volunteers for the CGNIE SF Pride fundraiser. Terry asked how many volunteers they had do far. Gerald responded 24 to 40. Terry asked what CGNIE was committed to. Gerald shared that it was reimbursing people for gas expenses, food and snacks. He shared a training would take place tomorrow. Rene said there would be additional training for Bay Area CGNIE volunteers. Volunteers will sign in when they showed up for

their shifts. Rene shared each shift was four hours. Terry inquired about the dress code for volunteers. Gerald said clothing must be appropriate. Rene shared she would provide sunblock. Rene requested that volunteers bring as little bags as possible and to car pool. Terry volunteered his limo for transportation. Rene shared she was struggling for more volunteers and if anyone wanted to volunteer to please see her. Racine asked how many volunteers were needed. Rene shared we needed a minimum of 15 per day. She reminded us that the more volunteers we had, they more money CGNIE would raise. Gerald shared that the E&E would be involved with DOMA activities. Terry shared he was providing hoer doers. For more information about recent past or current Court activities, please see the "Report of the Court Imperial as of June 26, 2013" document attached to board packet.

V. Secretary's Report

A. Minute Review and Approval

1. Clarmundo distributed the board meeting packet which included the past meeting minutes. He asked board members to review them and share anything that needed changed for accuracy.
2. While they board was reviewing the past meeting minutes, Terry asked if anyone had any outstanding invoices from Coronation 40. Terry also asked Robyn to provide security to secure CGNIE fireworks products. Terry also asked Spade to provide him with itemization of how much money the Ducal Court raised to date. Terry shared that the tax return filing with the Board of Equalization was paid for.
3. During the minutes review, it was announced that ICP Ken Bennett-Gibson resigned this week.
4. Gary Vickers shared that Do Me Moore had the signed contracts for Emperor and Empress 40. In item VI.A the "gay" should read "gas". Item VIII.A the entrance fee should read \$30.
5. Empress Misha motioned to approve the minutes with the changes. Spade second. Motion carried.

B. Website Hosting

1. Michael Johnson and Scott Selzam have been looking into website hosting options. Michael shared that he was proposing the VPS option which included unlimited emails and record storage. Terry inquired how much it would cost. Scott shared the VPS option would cost \$15 a month. Emperor Gerald inquired about the security features the VPS option offered. Scott said we would have 50 GB of back ups and our website could be backed up on an external drive or server at Faces. Terry shared he would prefer that the data be stored in his safe at Faces. Michael Johnson shared that the Rainbow Pages has had control of our website and he has been working with Rich Jones to obtain our assets. Michael Johnson said if we go with the VPS option CGNIE would have complete control of our website. Terry complimented how much better the website looked. Michael Johnson shared that forms and packets were not available online and financial statements and board minutes would be uploaded soon. Devone shared that we may want to consider exploring the option of obtaining website hosting from his partner who hosts, designs and bills. Michael Johnson asked for a motion. Gary made a motion to approve payment of no more than \$250 for the new website host. Shondra second. Motioned carried. For more information about this item, please see the "Website Hosting Proposal" document attached to the board packet.

VI. Treasurer's Report

A. Reports

1. Jeff directed board members to review the "Financial Report in Progress Prior Year at 4/30/14" which includes a Balance Sheet and P/L Sheet. He said he has made progress with the financial data but still needed to do research. He has created a suspense account that needs to be reconciled.
2. Jeff directed the board members to review the "Financial Statement as of 6/25/13" which includes a Balance Sheet and P/L Sheet. Court Imperial Report, Fairy Godfathers report, La Kish report, Rainbow Festival Report, College of Monarch's report, and bank statements. Gerald inquired if the bucket from last weekend was accounted for in the Fairy Godfathers Fund. Jeff said it is in the General Account and The Fairy Godfathers Fund did not include recent bucket runs. Jeff shared the balances will change as the books get reconciled. Jeff shared he discovered delayed deposits from the previous reign. Jeff shared we have only collected \$825 of the \$1,675 ad revenue from Coronation 40. Terry acknowledged he owes \$600 of that balance due. Terry said that he would go after anyone that owed CGNIE money. It was noted that 40117 did not print. Jeff shared he will revise the document and provide it to Empress Misha. Terry inquired the Reagle Security bill and the \$700 check from Tyler Edwards. Jeff shared Tyler's check had been deposited. Terry asked how much money was raised by Ducal Court. Grand Duke Spade said approximately \$5,000 and could provide receipts of monies raised from events. Terry encouraged all board members to not only look at the reports but to understand them as well to ensure their accuracy. Terry said that the reports will be suspended until next month in order to continue work on them. Robyn motioned to table the report until next month in order to allow more work to be done with them. JoWana second. The motion carried.

VII. Report from the Court Imperial

A. From the Monarchy

1. Empress Misha shared the E&E attended Drag Queen Bingo. Empress Misha shared that to date the Camellia Fund has over \$6,000 in donations and pledges. She said those that donate to the fund get their names added to a plaque. Emperor Gerald shared his platform to increase access to mental health services for the LGBTIQ community. His goal is to raise \$40,000 which will be used to pay the salary of full-time Mental Health Coordinator and \$20,000 for CGNIE. Emperor Gerald wants a secure a group of providers who can collaborate mental health services. He intends on securing corporate sponsors. Corey Hubert and Matt Bunch are planning fundraisers. Empress Misha shared that E&E attended the Gay Rodeo. Empress Misha publically thanked ICP Christina for donating costumes for the Sacramento Pride float contingent and Reno Coronation, the ICPs and those who helped with the bucket runs. She shared there was a great show of CGNIE unity at Sacramento Pride. Clarmundo asked how much money was raised at our booth's fundraiser. Robyn shared that CGNIE booth was shared with the Fringe organization. Since the Fringe organization secured all the raffles Robyn said they got the raffle money raised. Robyn shared that CGNIE materials were distributed.
2. Empress Misha shared the current most pressing need were volunteers for San Francisco Pride. Matt Bunch provided information about DOMA upcoming local DOMA/Proposition 8 activities including a press conference, volunteer gathering at the Gay and Lesbian Center for a rally at the State Capital, a celebration at 3 Fold Communications. Terry shared that Faces was providing hors do eves too. Matt shared if the Supreme Court's decision if favorable, we should plan on getting married too soon; it may take a month.

B. The Ducal House

1. Grand Duke Spade shared that he volunteered at Sacramento Pride. After Sacramento Pride, he conducted a fundraiser at Shenanigans. He expects a check from the fundraiser will be available July .

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2. Grand Duke Spade shared that good progress was being made with the Ducal Ball. Devon submitted an invoice from the security company they secured. Terry asked if more checks or receipts would be forthcoming. Devon said that S&L would be providing a quote for lighting. Terry asked who is providing the liquor license. Devon said he would be contacting Rich Jones. Empress Misha will get the liquor license for the event. Terry shared that liquor could be donated for the event. Spade shared that San Francisco and Alameda Courts will provide food and liquor during Saturday's Hospitality from 11AM to 2PM. Terry suggested that the Vagabond Hotel should be considered for Hospitality. Robert Collins and the Bolt will host Saturday Hospitality at the Kennedy Gallery. Terry will distribute free drink tickets and liquor for Coronation. Devon will also look into obtaining liquor from the Bolt. Emperor Daryl and Grand Duke Razz may do Friday's Hospitality. Devon said they may need to identify another DJ but if they keep Mr. Long, he won't DJ for under \$300, which doesn't include out of town DJ services. Terry agreed to provide the out of town DJ. Victory Brunch will be from 11AM to 2PM at Head Hunter's Annex. Terry asked if there was an estimate of how many people would be in attendance for Victory Brunch. Grand Duke Spade shared that there is a Ducal Weekend Package for \$40. He shared we also needed to add a one day hotel room stay to the budget for the Emcee, which will come out of the approved miscellaneous expense line item of the Ducal Ball budget. Grand Duke Spade shared that the approved Ducal Ball budget didn't include Victory Brunch expenses. Terry said he would donate the food for Victory Brunch. Grand Duke Spade wanted to acknowledge how he and Empress Misha were able to amicably resolve a scheduling conflict for the Hot August Nights date. They agreed to not charge an entrance fee for the event and sell raffle prizes instead. Empress Misha agreed to help secure raffle prizes as well. Michael Johnson reminded everyone that the Ducal Board of Review process is coming soon. He suggested that Ducal Candidate applications be posted as soon as possible.

3. Michael Johnson shared that Ducal Candidate applications were available on the website. There are two "Community At Large" seats. However, if Stella is off the board, then there would be three vacancies.

VIII. Report from the Fairy Godfathers' Fund

A. Name New Director

1. Empress Misha nominated Clarmundo Sullivan to fill the Fairy Godfathers' Fund Director Vacancy. She shared that Clarmundo was the most qualified person to fill the seat. Clarmundo shared how the person nominated needed to understand the local HIV/AIDS service provider seen. Terry shared that applications to the fund are strictly confidential and private. The applications are carefully reviewed. Emperor Gerald shared that the Prime Timers group is excited about holding a fundraiser for the fund. Terry would like someone from the Prime Timers to be seated on the board.

IX. Report from the La Kish Hayworth Scholarship Fund

A. Report tabled

X. Report from the 3M

A. Fireworks Booth

1. Robyn shared that she has a signup sheet. She needs volunteers for July 3 and July 4. She has identified someone to drive the rental truck and felt renting a U-Hall truck would be the best option for transportation and storage of fireworks. Terry asked Robyn to contact him about the truck rental. It was said that CGNIE may not need a U-Hall truck if it gets a bin. Empress JoWana suggested that we pay the fireworks vendor to drop off the fireworks. The driver must possess a HazMat license.

Clarmundo asked how many spaces Terry will provide in the parking lot. He responded he would provide four spaces. Clarmundo asked if we secured the bank credit card machine. Jeff responded that U.S. Bank has been contacted about the credit card machine.

B. Other

2. Magenta, Cory, Scott and JoWana went to a Modesto Event and obtained some ideas for their ball. Magenta is planning a fundraiser called, "Sexxi Circus" scheduled for July 21, 2013 at Faces. Terry shared that we should encourage all of the bars to participate in Closet Ball. There was discussion about doing the La Cage event.

XI. Report from the College of Monarchs

A. Report

1. Michael Johnson shared that he was elected as the new Chair of the College of Monarchs. Do Me Moore was elected as the Vice Chair. He shared the meeting are open to the general public.
2. Billy Ray has submitted a fundraising proposal for the "1st Annual Monarchs Ball: A Military Ball" scheduled for November 15, 2013 at Tom's Building. The event will benefit the Sacramento Valley Veterans. Although the event has been approved by the College of Monarchs it still needs board approval. Michael Johnson asked the board to review the proposal, which is included in the board meeting packet, and be prepared to vote on it next board meeting. The E&E shared they appreciation of Billy Ray's efforts to fundraise.
3. Michael Johnson shared the Do Me Moore's recent event had a couple of glitches and was double booked. Terry shared every bit of fundraising helps.

XII. Announcements

A. Conduct of Board Members

1. Empress Key Pears shared she received calls about the misconduct of one of our board members. She encouraged the board members to remember that we should remain professional in public, especially when representing CGNIE. She shared that Mr. Gay Jake is acting inappropriately again. Terry reminded us that no one is perfect. It was proposed that the board should consider whether or not to host a complaint page on CGNIE's website.

B. Tyler Edward Investigation

1. The investigation is still open. Terry requested another 30-45 days to resolve.

C. Pink Pow Wow Event

1. Empress Misha announced her plans to host a "Pink Pow Wow" event in the future. She believes it may be the first CGNIE Native American gay event. She is exploring venues.

D. Lake Tahoe Board Activity

1. Terry wants the Court to explore the possibility of planning a fund activity in Lake Tahoe.

E. State Jewels

1. Empress JoWana shared that CGNIE has received a cashier's check for \$550 to replace the misplaced jewels.

F. State Flag

1. Clarmundo shared that he was informed that the recently purchased CGNIE flag may have the current reign's crest on it. He asked E&E to clarify if this was accurate. Emperor Gerald shared that the new flag has four panels, the fleur and a generic crown (to look like the Emperor's crown) in teal and gold. Emperor Gerald confirmed that the 40th reign's crest was not on the flag. Terry shared he would like to see CGNIE's initials on it (acronym?).

G. Guest Acknowledgement

1. Terry asked that all visitors be acknowledged, welcomed and noted in the minutes.

H. Grand Duke Crown

1. There was discussion about whether or not CGNIE provided the Grand Duke a crown at the completion of his/her reign. Grand Duke Spade shared that reign 39 approved money for the Grand Duke to receive a crown. Terry shared that he had possession of reign 13's Grand Duke Crown.

XIII. Meeting Adjourned