



**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINUTES FROM 07/30/2013**

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## **Board Meeting Minutes – July 30, 2013**

### **6:31PM at Headhunters, 1930 K Street Sacramento CA**

**Board Members Present:** Emperor 31 Gary Vickers (Vice President), Emperor 39 Clarmundo Sullivan (Secretary), Jeff Davis (Treasurer), Emperor 35 Santos Rosales, Robyn Learned, Emperor 40 Emperor Gerald Filice, Empress 40 Misha Rockafeller, Grand Duke 33 Spade Royal Gotti, Empress 39 JoWana Piece St. James, Empress 38 Key Pears, Grand Duchess 25 Robert Collins, Emperor 29 Billy Ray, Empress 21 Racine, Empress 22 Shondra

**Board Members Absent Excused:** Emperor 13/37Terry Sidie

**Board Members Absent Unexcused:** Melissa Allmond (aka Stella)

**Others Present:** ICP 40 Kyle Lunquist, ICP 40 Matt Bunch, Grand Duchess Candidate Chris Brown, Rich Jones, ICP 40 Corey Hubert, ICP 40 Enrique Manjarrez, IP Kat, Scott Selzam, Jeo, Jay, ICP 40 Devon, Empress 34 Deneka Ashley St. James, Emperor 27/37 Michael Johnson, ICP 40 Reese Reynolds-Daly, Miguel

#### **I. Meeting called to order at 6:31PM**

#### **II. Roll call was conducted by Clarmundo Sullivan**

#### **III. Vice President**

##### **A. Opening Remarks**

1. Gary Vickers shared that Terry Sidie still has family visiting for his family reunion and therefore would not be in attendance. He asked for the E&E to provide an update on Tony Southworth. Emperor shared he took a fall and hit his head, requiring surgery. He's been in and out of consciousness. The nurse shared he was making a lot of progress and was aware of what was going on. Further tests were needed. Misha said they removed the breathing tubes, which was a good sign. A brain scan would be needed then he would ultimately be released. Michael Jones said Tony wanted to return to work. Misha said he attempted to contact his brother Ron and successfully contacted his employer. Misha shared an attempt was to keep things under wraps but there were too many inquiries from concerned family and friends. He said we all came together and came up with what to communicate. He asked that we respect his privacy. Clarmundo said to keep him in your thoughts and prayers. We love him and appreciate everything he has done. Misha shared we may want to consider providing the secretary with emergency contacts from board members. Misha said the best thing to do it posting something on Facebook and purchase a notebook to read well wishes. Devon shared that the Sunshine Fund used to do those kinds of things. He inquired if Do Me Moore could assist us.

B. Gary asked if the board members had an opportunity to review the financial statements that were distributed during the last board meeting.

#### IV. 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. Clarmundo shared that once the board minutes are approved they will be uploaded on the CGNIE website for anyone that may not have obtained a copy or needed to access them in the future
3. Robyn shared that on second line page two should read "clothing" not "clothing."
4. Grand Duke Spade motioned to approve the minutes with the changes. Michael second. Motion carried.

##### B. CGNIE Facebook Page

1. Clarmundo wanted to clarify who were administrators to the Facebook page. Clarmundo shared that Terry felt that it should be limited to Executive Committee members to avoid postings that aren't important or relevant. Clarmundo suggested that the administrators should be the current E&E, Grand Duke and Duchess and Executive Board Members. Misha shared that according to the Bylaws the Secretary is responsible for any communication properties of CGNIE. Clarmundo shared that anything that is posted on the Imperial Court Facebook and CGNIE website should be approved by the Secretary of the Board. JoWana asked if there was a restriction on Facebook that when someone posted something that someone needed to approve it before it is posted on Facebook. It was said it depends on how the settings were set up. One should be able to restrict anyone from posting things on a Facebook page, unless one is granted to do so. Scott Selzam said he set the settings and only administrators can post anything. Right now it's only Clarmundo and him. Michael Jones said now it's now only Secretary as indicated in the bylaws.

##### C. Event Planning Documents

1. Clarmundo asked for approval of forms that were created by the Imperial Court, including "Fundraising Event Proposal and Approval Package", "Fundraiser/Show Event Lineup Organizational Package", "Fundraiser Event Revenue Breakdown and Cash Count Sheet", "Fundraiser Event Financial Performance Review", "Contribution Acknowledgement Individual/Business" and "Request for Donation From Individual/Business" form. He shared the original purpose was to provide planning documents to individuals who may have had limited experience with planning a successful event. The Imperial Court feels like the documents are important because they are not only planning documents but a tracking mechanism for accountability and quality assurance. Emperor Gerald shared that these were created to ensure we produce quality products and are clear what is happening with the terms and arrangements are with fundraisers. Deneka said they are a great tool but too many of them. She suggested that we scale down the number of documents into one document. Racine said that these documents should be reviewed and approved at the Court level and brought to the board for approval. Enrique shared that he is currently working on the calendar. He requested that a finalized stamp of approval copy to be put on the calendar.

##### D. Copies of Bylaws

1. Clarmundo apologized for not providing a copy each board member a copy of of our bylaws. When board members were voted in, they should have received them. He said he would speak with Terry to see if we could get copies of the bylaws by the next board meeting. Racine shared that she was retying the bylaws because they were unorganized. She volunteered to provide Clarmundo with a clean copy.

##### E. Unexcused absences

1. Clarmundo shared that any board member with three unexcused absences will automatically be dismissed as a board member. He asked if a board member is not going to be present to please as a courtesy call him.

## V. Report from the Court Imperial

### A. From the Monarchy

1. Emperor Gerald shared that this month's report has been passed out. He shared that Misha, Kyle and he went to the Boise Coronation. There was a good presence at the Alameda Ducal coronation. He shared that he and the Empress participated in several events around DOMA's repeal including events at the Gay and Lesbian Center and at the State Capital. He shared that the San Francisco Pride event went well and the expenses were approximately \$250. He anticipates that a nice size check will be received as a result of CGNIE's participation.

2. The Ducal candidate shows have been going well. The candidates have been visible and raising money. He encouraged everyone to vote. Matt Bunch raised \$420.50, which will be turned in today. Scott and Harmony had a show but wasn't sure how much was raised. Robert Long raised a few hundred dollars. Enrique raised over \$2,000. The rest of their activities are in the report that was distributed during the meeting.

### B. The Ducal Court

1. Grand Duke Spade shared that the Ducal Ball weekend is approaching August 9-11, 2013. Out of Town Show is at Faces. Doors open at 6pm and show starts at 7pm. San Francisco and Alameda is hosting Hospitality on Saturday. The Ducal Ball location is at 2200 Front Street. Doors open at 5pm. Ball starts at 6PM. Over seven ads have been received and there are approximately twelve ads will be secured. Terry is providing liquor for Hospitality and Kenny is providing liquor for the Ball. We still have lots of stuff to do, such as the program. The person who was supposed to do the Ducal program dropped the ball three weeks before the ball. So he has to find someone to do it. The rooms at the Vagabond at ten for Friday and Saturday night. The goal was fifteen each day but we're almost there. He said at this time Deneka is stepping in to assist with Ducal planning with Devon.

2. Grand Duke Spade read a letter addressed to the board which can found with the Imperial Report document requesting that Archduchess Nicolette Royal Gotti Channel be elevated to Regent Grand Duchess 33. Robert shared that it was his understanding that if a Grand Duchess isn't elected that a Regent Grand Duchess is appointed by the board. Grand Duke Spade said that during the last reign that he had an opportunity to appoint a Regent Grand Duchess. Key said pass it because she said she has watched Nicolette and she would endorse anyone that doesn't deserve it. Grand Duke Spade said she has supported him all year and stepped in as Duchess. The duchess that was elected with her resigned her title and Nicolette was there to assist, escort him at coronations, and help fundraise all year. She has demonstrated Grand Duchess efforts without the accolades or the title of Regent Grand Duchess and is very deserving of it. Key motioned to elevate Archduchess 33 Nicolette to Regent Grand Duchess 33. Shondra second. Misha said she didn't have any problem with the motion. Devon asked that since a lot of planning has already been done, how we would plan for this action. Key shared that Nicolette's Archducal Ball was well planned and she had been visible out of town. Key added that Nicolette was going to run for Grand Duchess this year but decided to stick by Grand Duke Spade. JoWana agreed. The motioned passed.

3. Grand Duke Spade asked the Devon to provide an update with Ducal planning. He said everything is done. The only thing is not done is paying the security. He said he is not sure what the status of the sets are. His only concern was with offering comps to volunteers. He said volunteers were originally to be fully comped volunteers but now are to pay \$20. There is a list of volunteers who have been contacted but some were added by Grand Duke Spade that haven't returned his calls. He felt that all volunteers who are being comped should set up and break down the Ducal Ball. Grand Duke Spade shared that he has individuals who are doing other duties that should be comped. His concern is that those who are setting up and breaking down may complain if others aren't doing the same level of work. Grand Duke Spade said he agreed to change the agreement from fully comped to paying \$20 in order to raise additional revenue. He said there are 10 individuals on the list to date to be comped. Robert said that the concern was that during Clarmundo and JoWana's reign, there were over 30 volunteers who were comped but did not fulfill their volunteer

commitment. He said he and only a few others were left to break down everything. So the last board decided that if someone was to volunteer their time they should pay the entrance fee and those that fulfilled their volunteer commitment would get their entrance fee back. Deneka said that it was later decided that Grand Duke Spade and Devon that volunteers would pay \$20. She proposed that we get 10 different arm bands from the bar so they are unique, that would be given to volunteers who are suppose to set up and break down. There are eight people on the list and two have question marks next to them because they have not confirmed yet. JoWana suggested that all volunteers should get the same color arm bands. Grand Duke Spade said he would make a commitment to ensure that no matter how many volunteers remain, he will be there to ensure everything is done. Misha shared Grand Duke Spade shouldn't be breaking down. Deneka asked how much money was spent so far from the approved Ducal Ball budget. Devon said there was still money left over from the venue. Security was \$102 so there is money left over. Stage and lighting there is \$200 left. Sets are wiped out. The DJ hasn't been paid for yet because there may be an offset as a result of which DJ is secured and his rate. We still have money for the liquor. Pins and awards went over budget. We still have money left for the program. Deneka said the person that was originally assigned to do it bowed out. So, they found someone who would format the program for \$100. Terry is going to charge the court \$300 for toner printer ink and would be putting the program together at Faces. Devon said he wanted to find out what the status of the liquor license was. He said Scott's name was on it and he was supposed to pick it up. Scott shared that he sent the completed forms off to Devon and then turned it over to Faces office. One form required Terry's signature for hospitality. We needed to get the signature from the owners of the Auto Museum as well. Once we received both signatures, he would deliver them to the police department to be reviewed and approved. Misha requested to review the applications because one cannot duplicate two licenses for the same day for two different things. He is hosting Hospitality and the Second Saturday effort. He doesn't want anything to mess up his Second Saturday license for that day. Rich confirmed that we needed two different one days for two different times and two different venues. He said that should be okay however the problem is ABC will not approve anything under fourteen days. He will try to call in a favor. Devon wanted to reiterate that the information about the license was brought to him at the beginning of the month and because someone's name was on the paperwork, that person had to take care of it. The paperwork has been in the Faces office for almost three weeks. Terry asked him to not touch the paperwork because it needed to be submitted by the person whose name was on the application. Rich shared that he received a text message two weeks ago from Faces asking if he was doing the license for Ducal Ball. He responded to the text that he hadn't been asked. Grand Duke Spade asked Scott who appointed him to put his signature on the liquor license. Clarmundo shared that in the last meeting minutes that Devon said he would be contacting Rich Jones about the liquor license. Devon shared that before he was able to contact Rich about the license he was contacted by Scott. It was confirmed that Sacramento Valley Veterans are doing the flags for Ducal Ball. It was clarified that the the Bolt are the bartenders for Ducal Ball.

4. Emperor Filice inquired about the check from Shenanigans from the Ducal Fundraiser. Grand Duke Spade said a total of \$250 was made from 5PM-7PM and CGNIE got 20% of the \$250 made. He said the check was mailed to 2000 K Street. Clarmundo said he didn't believe it was received to date. Grand Duke Spade was informed that Misha received a stack of mail. Grand Duke Spade asked if we checked this mail for the check. Misha said the only mail she receives from Terry, which were only packets from other cities from out of town. Misha shared she does not have a key to the CGNIE mailbox. Deneka said it hasn't come as of yet and Grand Duke Spade should follow up on it. The check was for liquor sales from 5pm to 7pm at the event

5. Grand Duke Spade shared that the Hot August Night Pageant would be held this Sunday at Faces at 6PM.

## **VI. Report from the Fairy Godfathers' Fund**

A. Clarmundo shared that fundraising ideas were being explored.

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## **VII. Ducal Voting**

A. Clarmundo shared that elections are going to be held on Saturday at 11am in the basement of the Gay and Lesbian Center. He asked for board members to sign up for a two hour shift to assist with verifying voter eligibility. The ballots will have candidate pictures on the ballots, accurate candidate names, and yes/no options. He said he would be consulting with monarchs to avoid the mistakes made during the Imperial voting process. Deneka said the ballots should read yes/no for Harmony for Grand Duchess, for Enrique, Scott and Robert it will say yes only. For board members at large will be yes. Enrique asked what time are candidates expected to be there to open the ballot box. Clarmundo shared candidates are expected to be at the Gay and Lesbian Center at 10:30am and 7:00pm for the box sealing. Key asked to inform them about the rules. Clarmundo shared that more information was on the orientation document and application. Misha asked if a an outside representative for a law firm to count the ballots and share results at Ducal Ball. Clarmundo confirmed that we were using the same person we've used in the past.

B. Emperor Gerald asked for clarification on the number of member at large board seats. Emperor Gerald motioned that the board is resolving that there are three member at large board seats. Discussion followed to determine how many meetings Stella missed. It was established that today would be her third unexcused absence. Deneka and Key has shared that Stella has shared she was no longer interested in being a board member. Emperor Gerald revised his motion to confirm that Stella is no longer a member of the board and that three member at large seats will be available during the Ducal elections. Since Stella's removal was automatic, board members felt there was no need for a vote.

## **VIII. Report from the Fairy Godfather's Fund - Continued**

A. Clarmundo shared he is working with two individuals who are exploring fundraising ideas for the fund.

## **IX. Report from the La Kish Hayworth Scholarship Fund**

A. Santos shared that the Caribbean Pool Party was originally scheduled for August 24, but since that conflicted with Corey's event, he rescheduled it for August 25 at Faces.

## **X. Rainbow Festival Fund**

A. The headliners are booked including Christina Milian, Kat De Luna and Daniel Alexander. They have been working like crazy for getting liquor sponsorships. He is anticipating \$30,000 to \$40,000 in liquor sponsorships. The Rainbow account has been reopened and there is nothing in it at this time. He plans to get volunteer meetings set up. He needs help with the opening and closing of the festival. He confirmed that the E&E are covering the gates. Any ideas the board may have can be emailed to him at his email address.

## **XI. Report from the Fireworks Booth Director (Also 3M)**

A. Fireworks Booth

1. Robyn shared we grossed \$3,908. We have a total of \$3,261.55 for our net. She is debating some charges including \$500 for parking and a credit for 125 pieces of fireworks totaling around \$250-300. Jeff requested to meet with Robyn because he has not had a chance to go over the total he has received from the vendor. He said there are some discrepancies that he needs to review with her to ensure both their totals match.

B. San Francisco Pride

1. E&E said they worked it. Jeff shared that there are still some people that need to be cut reimbursement checks for. He asked Rene to facilitate the rest of the reimbursement process to ensure the appropriate people are reimbursed. Misha shared the Volunteer Appreciation Party needed to be switched to this Sunday due to resurfacing the pool. Rene we received great feedback from San Francisco Ducal saying they appreciated us. The Boys Club sent an email sharing how CGNIE was the most cooperative gate they have ever worked with and how every year they want to be partnered with us. Deneka said she received an email for Partners in Pride stating the CGNIE handled themselves professionally during the attempted robbery and how CGNIE helped save them \$3,000-\$5,000. Misha publically thanked Robert and Rene for their hard work. She also thanked the

Court and Board members who came out and supported the event. It made her proud to the Empress of CGNIE.

## **XII. Report from the College of Monarchs**

A. Michael Johnson shared during last meeting that plans were in the works to revive the Military Ball. He complimented Billy Ray for engaging the charity that he is raising money for. The event can raise a lot of money. The proposal is in the board packet. He is working with the VA. He is working with the Bolt boys to support the event too. The goal is to host it at the Sacramento library downtown. He would like to do a roundtable next month go get information out. Rich said one of his Sister in Law received Military Wife of the Year and she might be able to make an appearance and bring a lot of people. Billy introduced Michael, the President of the Sacramento Valley Veterans. He shared part of its mission is not to just to focus of our LGBTIQ veterans because they have straight allies and spouses. He said he tries to provide an inclusive environment for LGBTIQ and their allies. They are working with a number of different venues including the new Veterans Community Center and the Democratic Veterans Club. Michael Johnson shared the College of Monarch approved the proposal at the last meeting. It needs board approval because there is a budget attached. There is a possibility that the ticket price may be revisited. He shared if veterans and the VA support it and if the event is marketed will well to out of town Monarch and guests, it could be a very successful fundraiser. He requested to either approve the budget for the event today or get it approved ASAP. He wants to get the event out ASAP. Misha made a motion to approve the advertisement line item of the Military Ball and to review the proposal and vote on it later. Michael Johnson shared we may want to do a separate meeting because we can't advertise the event if we don't book the location. He said he would make a motion to approve the budget. The total projected expense is \$3,075. The total projected revenue is \$7,500. CGNIE keeps \$1,327 and the charity receives \$3,098. The date of the event is November 15, 2013. Emperor Gerald moved that we accept the budget for the Military Ball as presented. It was second by Empress Misha. The motion carried unanimously.

B. The next College of Monarchs meeting is Monday, August 5 at 6:30PM at Headhunters. It is open to the public. The agenda will include working on crowning ceremonies and policies for coronation.

## **XIII. Treasurer Report**

### **A. Reports**

1. Jeff distributed the Financial Statement as of June 25, 2013. He shared that he to meet with four individuals to discuss how he can better get what he needed from them. One event that he was concerned about was the candidate show. He counted and verified a \$200 bank loaned from Faces. What was turned in was a \$150 bank and \$43 raised from the event, which is \$7 less than what he gave. The other event he was concerned about was Enrique's event at Sidetracks. He said \$2,023 was raised. He has no information, no record or no money turned into him. Misha shared that Enrique came to a previous board meeting and shared this event was booked over a year ago. When he became a candidate he asked Breaking Barriers if they would share some of the money from the event. Jeff said he understanding was not aware of a board action to allow Breaking Barriers to take in all the money and cut us a check later. He felt this cut CGNIE out of the equation of knowing all of the finances that were taken in at that event. As the Treasurer, he was not comfortable with that taking place without board approval. Emperor Gerald shared that Enrique was at tonight's meeting and was prepared to address this matter. He shared Enrique shared with him that he made a number of attempts to contact board members to know how the money was supposed to be handles but didn't get a clear response. Jeff shared that he is trying very hard that the books are accurate and every penny is accounted for. Misha suggested that Enrique should schedule a meeting to clarify this matter. Grand Duke Spade shared that at the last meeting that it was shared that it was a 70-30 split for the event. He said it was stated that CGNIE was supposed to collect all the money and give them the 70%. Emperor Gerald said that we would be receiving our share in two disbursements; one \$600 check almost immediately and the balance later.

2. Jeff shared his concern about the complaints he is hearing about his availability. He has heard that people don't have his number or his email address. This concerned him because a board roster was distributed which included his contact information.
3. He said a key part of him completing his financial records for 2012 is completing the Tyler Edwards investigation. He said he needed for the committee to meet with him so he can resolve it. He said if at the end of the investigation he find any wrongdoing, he plans to press charges. He wanted to make a motion to be added to the Tyler Edwards investigations so he can be included in the process so we can move forward and complete the investigation. Clarmundo shared that Terry extended the completion date of the investigation at the last board meeting.
4. Jeff shared that after tomorrow he would be taking a leave of absence to rest. Therefore, Thursday and Friday we will not be accessible.
5. Michael Johnson offered a suggestion. He suggested that we take everything that has been raised since May 1 that is targeted to a specific charity, and transfer all of that money into a savings account. That would take the money out of the general account to avoid comingling funds and spending restricted funds. It would also raise the balance of the savings account past the threshold where we are paying a \$10 service fee. Jeff made the motion to take everything raised since May 1 that was targeted to a specific charity and transfer all of that money into a savings account. Misha second. The motion carried.
6. Jeff shared the board approved a couple of transfers. He needed to know what they were so he can ensure they are done.
7. Misha shared she would like to issue a check from the Camilia Fund monies to be given to the Gay and Lesbian Center during Rainbow Festival. She also shared that in the past we have distributed a check for the La Kish Scholarship Fund. Jeff said typically the Gay and Lesbian Center has been a beneficiary of the Rainbow Festival. The Gay and Lesbian Center has requested to not be a beneficiary of the Rainbow Festival this year. As a result, we have changed the beneficiaries to be Fairy Godfathers' Fund, WEAVE, UC Davis Children's Hospital, and Sunburst Project.
8. Robert asked Jeff if board members were supposed to hold money and count it during raffles and whether there should be a designated area to purchase tickets to avoid walking around with the money. Jeff said he understood that money collection has always been done by at least one member of the board. Michael Johnson said that anyone can do a raffle but a board member must be present at all fundraisers so there is someone there to supervise. At the end of the process, that board member is to complete the paperwork, sign it, seal the money and turn it over to the Treasurer or the Treasurer's designated representative. You can drop off monies at Faces to be entered into its safe.
9. Emperor Gerald turned in the \$420 that Matt Bunch raised at his event last Friday. The designated charity was the Emperor's mental health fund. Terry gave Rich a \$50 check for the permit, which was given to the City.
10. Enrique wanted to respond to his fundraiser. He asked board members to assist him to collect the funds at the event. He said none of them responded. Deneka, E&E, the Breaking Barriers President, and Enrique counted all the money together and it Breaking Barriers took it since he wasn't clear where the money was to be turned into. Breaking Barriers will be presenting a check for \$600, that was just approved, to CGNIE. That is the 30% of the \$2,023 that was raised. Jeff asked Enrique to confirm that he couldn't find a member of the board to be present to collect the money. Enrique said he couldn't get a straight answer on whether or not there was a CGNIE credit card machine or a square account available. Jeff shared that anything with a credit card, we would usually use our CGNIE credit card machine. Unfortunately two of our machines have not been

turned in. However, we have a Paypal account as well that will accept credit card payments. Empress Misha apologized that it wasn't on her radar to accept the money and turn it in to Faces.

11. Jeff distributed a memo dated July 17, 2013 regarding money drops from events.

12. Clarmundo made a motion to accept the Financial Statements dated 6/25/13.

#### **XIV. Imperial Review**

A. Clarmundo shared the purpose of the review is to evaluate the performance of the current E&E, ask questions and raise concerns. The E&E provided a written first quarter Review.

1. Empress Misha shared it has been an exciting first quarter as reigning Empress 40. She shared she is required to attend two out of town event and organize two in town fundraisers. She is asked to be at Sacramento Pride and as many local events as possible. She asked that her request documents that she is in compliance with her first quarter goals. She shared she and Clarmundo are in the process of drafting a follow-up letter to obtain the pledges for the Camilia fund. She wanted to thank the past empresses for their support with wardrobe and attending events with her. Robyn shared that she left out one show on her list, which raised a significant amount of money.

2. Emperor Gerald shared it has been a tremendous amount of fund a lot of work being Emperor 40. He and Misha have established a substantial court this year. They have 12 ICPs and other titles and a great pool of volunteers. He has had discussions with the Gay and Lesbian Center and developed his charitable program this year, which is to raise money to increase access to mental health services for the LGBT community. The objective is to allow the Gay and Lesbian Center to hire a full time coordinator for mental health services. He thanked his ICP Matt Bunch for raising \$420. Kyle is doing his fundraising in October to benefit the mental health fund. Emperor Gerald is planning to host a concert in January 2014 to raise a substantial amount of money. He is also planning to submit grant requests and donations from his friends. He's attended several out of town events. Michael Johnson said that he spoken with him privately about the need for him to raise fund. To date, he has not done that. Emperor Gerald responded that the essence of leadership is delegation. He said he has ICP to help him do these events and there is no requirement. Michael Johnson shared that our organization develop leaders by taking them off the streets, putting them in this environment and hold them hands and help them do it through demonstration. The contract says that he will personally host two fundraisers. The issue is that it's nice to make speeches, nice to be the Emperor. He has done a phenomenal job out of town, representing this reign to outside charities and supporting other volunteers at their own fundraisers. He said Emperor Gerald needs to do a fundraiser and do it now. The community has expressed concerns about how everyone else has done fundraisers including the Empress, Grand Duke and monarchs but he has not. He said the board is here to support his fundraising efforts. Emperor Gerald responded that he doesn't understand the language of the contract. Gary shared that he too shared the concern that there has been in the past the Emperors and Empresses have obtained their title but didn't raise any money and they expected to get their crown or title at the end of the year. It's frustrating to the monarchs who have busted the behinds to raise money. It's not fair. Emperor Gerald shared there are other ways to raise money and his expertise is raising money other ways. He agrees if he doesn't raise money he shouldn't get a title. He expressed how difficult it is to schedule an event when so many others are hosting local fundraisers too. JoWana said events can be hosted different days of the week and at different times of the day. Clarmundo summarized that Emperor Gerald has been very visible as Emperor locally and out of town but next quarter we see more fundraising from him. Empress Misha shared that Emperor Gerald has been very supportive of her and her events but he needs to do things on a personal level as well.

#### **IV. Other Items**

A. Jowana asked that when Rainbow Festival ended last year, that the seat for Rainbow Fest was vacated. Does this Presidential seat expire in May? The answer was yes.

**Meeting adjourned 8:49PM**