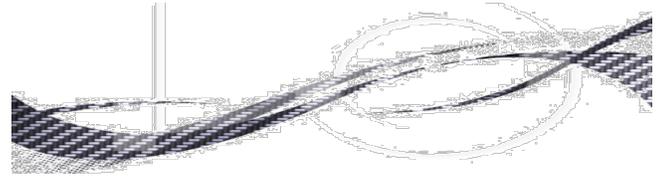


# **MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES**

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## Board Meeting Minutes – February 24, 2015

### 6:40 PM at Kennedy Gallery, 1931 L Street, Sacramento CA

**Board Members Present:** Emperor 13/37 Terry Sidie (President), Emperor 38/40 Michael Kennedy (Vice President), Emperor 39 Clarmundo Sullivan (Secretary), Emperor Tony Southworth (Acting Treasurer), Empress 38 Key Pears (Lakish Scholarship Fund Director), Grand Duke 34 Enrique Manjarrez (Fairy Godfather Director), Laurie Bonifield (Rainbow Festival Director), Emperor Gerald Filice, Emperor 41 Matt Bunch, Empress 41 Kristara Chastain, Empress 41 Do Me Moore, Grand Duke 35 Corey Hubert, Grand Duchess 35 Dime-u-Neek St. James, Empress 39 Alejandro Munguia Parra, Grand Duchess 25 Robert Collins

**Board Members Absent (Excused):** None

**Board Members Absent (Unexcused):** None

**Guests:** Empress Deneka, Emperor 35 Santos, ICP/Arch Duke Palma, Mz. Gay Monique, ICP Kyle, Emperor 37/27 Michael Johnston, Lifetime Title Holder Empress Hailey, ICP Ronnie, ICP Truffles, and Grand Duchess Harmony.

I. Meeting was called to order by Clarmundo Sullivan

II. Roll Call was called by 6:40PM. Quorum was established with twelve board members present

#### III. Remarks from the President:

A. **Protocol Submission:** Emperor Terry shared that whoever submits the CGNIE protocol must submit it under CGNIE not “Sacramento Court.”

B. **CGNIE Show at Faces:** Emperor Terry shared he was proud of the most recent shows. At one show Grand Duke Spade raised \$568 and that had a lot to do with Empress Michael working the door. In two or three days there was over \$800 raised for charity.

C. **Thank You:** Emperor Terry shared that in all the years Faces has been involved with hosting CGNIE events, rarely does he receive a thank you note. He said CGNIE should personally thank the bar owners every time they allow us to use their facility

D. **ICS:** Emperor Terry shared there was a lot of negative stuff on Facebook about Mother Nicole. She recently got rid of Heir Apparent 1. He discouraged CGNIE from getting involved with what’s going on.

E. **San Francisco Coronation:** Empress Kristara shared she received feedback that CGNIE attendees were very friendly and looked very nice. Emperor Matt received specific feedback about our Grand Duchess and Ms. Gay about how wonderful they were. Empress Key shared someone posted a picture of a person falling

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out of a cab drink with a caption, “Here comes Sacramento.” She shared there is a perception that CGNIE does a lot of drinking. Emperor Terry shared we normally look good when our court walks but we looked disorganized at San Francisco Coronation. Emperor Terry said they love us and will be coming to our coronation.

#### IV. Secretary’s Report

A. **Birthday Acknowledgement:** Emperor Clarmundo wished ICP Ronnie Miranda Sullivan a Happy Birthday. It was mentioned that it was Empress Racine’s birthday as well and to send her birthday wishes.

B. **Minutes:** Emperor Clarmundo asked for feedback on January 2015’s meeting minutes. Emperor Matt shared there was a typo on item 3.H.2 with Mother Jose’s name. Under guests, the 3Ms were not mentioned. Emperor Matt made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections. Grand Duke Enrique second. Motion carried.

C. **Scott Selzam:** Emperor Clarmundo shared that Mr. Selzam requested to be put on the agenda for the last board meeting but was not able to attend due to car trouble. He requested to be put on tonight’s agenda. When he was informed of the time he was allocated to share his concerns, he didn’t feel it was enough time so he will be requesting to be rescheduled for a future meeting.

D. **Faces Venue Request Form:** Emperor Clarmundo shared that last month we had a good dialog on how we can strengthen our event planning at Faces. Although a Faces event request form has been created, he and Laurie felt there were items that still needed to be included on the form including liability issues that CGNIE must be aware of. There are things that we may do during our events that can result in the loss of their liquor license or other liability. Emperor Terry shared that he has added CGNIE as additionally insured to assist with this. Laurie provided an example of a recent event where there were lit candles on the floor. If something was to catch fire, it would have been a problem. She shared we must be safer. Emperor Clarmundo suggested that maybe we should include a signature on the form from whoever is conducting a CGNIE fundraiser at Faces acknowledging responsibility of observing all liability concerns. Emperor Terry shared he loved the form.

E. **Fireworks Director Needed:** Emperor Clarmundo shared that last month Robyn Learned tendered a letter of resignation as Fireworks Director. She shared she had personal issues which would prevent her from continuing her obligation. However, she was encouraged at the same meeting to consider taking a leave of absence. Since then, she has shared with him she wanted to enforce her letter of resignation. As a result, there is a need to fill the director seat immediately as there are meetings and forms that need to be filed. Emperor Terry shared that someone who does not have a lot of money, cannot attend multiple fundraisers and travel a lot would be a great candidate for this. The fireworks fundraiser is a once a year event that raises several thousands of dollars. He added that it can be a lot of work since the director has to secure the stand, arrange shifts, attend meetings, and secure a location. Laurie shared we lost money last year because we switched fireworks companies. She said a lot of people dislike TNT because the fireworks are awful. She suggested with switch to Phantom Fireworks. Emperor Terry asked who would like to take the responsibility. He shared that in the past the Ducal House took responsibility of it and then the E&E took it over. Grand Duke Corey shared that he and Grand Duchess Dimeuneek discussed it and shared they had a lot of experience with facilitating the fireworks booth. However, he shared they were also designated as the coordinators of San Francisco Pride, which is within the same time frame. Empress Michael asked if each of them can take one event. Emperor Terry asked for a phone poll or something. Grand Duke Enrique suggested that the 3M may want to consider doing it. He felt that it would be a great opportunity for them to raise money for their charities and CGNIE would be happy to support them. Emperor Terry shared we would give the Grand Duke and Duchess a week to get back to him on their decision.

F. **3M Contracts:** Emperor Clarmundo shared that while we have 3Ms, they have not signed their contracts. He shared they contracts would be signed later in the meeting. The contract is the same contract that has been used in the past.

## V. Treasurer's Report

A. **Financial Report:** Emperor Terry shared that the Treasurer's report was included in the meeting packet tonight. He said he still needs to get to Whitney and Killick. He requested that everyone review the accounts to ensure the totals are in agreement with their totals. He said he is pretty current with check disbursements. He said if there is anything incorrect to see him. He said we are financially okay. He asked if we needed to approve the report. Emperor Clarmundo said during the last board meeting Emperor Matt noticed there were items missing from the last report. Emperor Clarmundo asked if Emperor Matt provided those missing items to Emperor Terry. If he did not, the report is incomplete. Emperor Matt said he wrote the missing items on a piece of paper and gave it back to Emperor Terry. Emperor Matt said he would need more time to review the current report to ensure the missing items were captured. Emperor Clarmundo suggested we table the report until we know it's complete. Empress Michael shared that we haven't transferred our money into the savings account. Completing this action would avoid penalties and accrue interest. Emperor Matt said we have \$17,000 sitting in our general account and are paying a service charge as long as there is a zero in the savings account. He said he is willing to transfer the funds from the master account to the savings. Emperor Terry reminded us that if someone gives him an invoice, he will cut a check within 24 hours. If one gives him money to deposit, he deposits it within 24 hours.

B. **Status of Dues:** Emperor Terry shared he has received outstanding dues as a result of the Assistant Treasurer reminding us to pay them. Emperor Clarmundo asked that anyone with outstanding dues to please discretely see Emperor Tony. Emperor Terry shared that there is a policy that if one doesn't pay their dues in full they don't walk. Emperor Tony said if we are enforcing this policy, there were still people that needed to settle up with him. Emperor Clarmundo asked Emperor Tony to send people with outstanding dues an email to pay their dues.

C. **Outstanding Gala Raffle Tickets:** Empress Clarmundo asked what the status was of those who owed money to Emperor Terry for the San Francisco Gala raffle tickets. Empress Key submitted \$50 to pay in full. Grand Duchess Harmony paid \$50 and submitted unsold tickets.

## VI. Report from the Court Imperial

A. **Coronation Status:** Hailey shared that Patrick went back to the hotel today. The hotel will take Saturday bar proceeds and they will provide the bar plus serving staff in the ball room for Friday, Saturday and in the function room for Victory Brunch. We will also get 5 free rooms for Friday and Saturday nights and one extra large suite free for Saturday Hospitality. They will let us use their three large chairs from their lobby for the Dias. They are providing Catering and Bar Managers at each event. We will get \$11 per person free food for up to 60 people at Victory Brunch. All we have to pay for is service tax and tip which will total \$200. If it's more than 60 people, then we only pay \$11 per person. So the Brunch we are charging \$20 per person. Emperor Matt said the first 60 people are free. We make \$20 per person for 60 people. We only have to provide booze for Hospitality. Emperor Matt said we are being sponsored by AARP for \$2000. They are also providing give-a-ways such as bags and rainbow wristbands. Golden Rule Services is providing safer sex condom packets in all the rooms. Haley is getting wash rags for the gift bags and Grand Duke Enrique is securing candy. Grand Duke Enrique said anything in the gift bags need to be provided to him two weeks prior to coronation. Empress Kristara said she will need Grand Duke Enrique to arrange AARP materials to be picked up. Emperor Matt said SMUD has pledged \$1000. There are other sponsorships in the works. Empress Do Me is trying to get a \$200 donation. Haley said he needs a check for \$1180 for STL (spotlights and backdrop). Empress Do Me shared that there is a sign up list rotating for Coronation volunteers. Only a

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couple of people have signed up. She asked if people wanted to assist with Coronation to sign up at the upcoming pot luck court meeting. Emperor Matt said we have 7 tickets sold from Brown Paper Bags. Emperor Terry said several courts are coming including San Francisco, Fresno, Stockton, Modesto, Vancouver, and Canada. Emperor Terry said the 5 free rooms are going to Jack and Larry and the current reigning monarchs. The last room may go to Hailey. We have sold approximately 50 rooms from the hotel. Poster will go out soon. Flyers were out at Stockton and San Francisco. The new artwork acknowledging the sponsors has been created. Emperor Matt said it has been emailed to every court in the system 3 times. He said he will send it out again. The E&E are in process of posting coronation posters in the gayborhood. The 5, 10 and 20 year monarchs have been contacted via correspondence and email. Empress Do Me said there was a proclamation to honor the 5 year monarchs at coronation. Emperor Terry is the 5 are doing something he was honored to honor them at Coronation. The E&E are collecting photos for the program. Hailey said the only things left that needs ordering are the pins and the back drop (which is being rented). Grand Duchess asked what kind of back drop was needed. Hailey shared they are ordering one to rent from somewhere in New York. It's \$395 for the rental. Emperor Terry said the sound system will be secured from Robert at Faces. Emperor Terry said he would like to ask the E&E to ensure that there is plenty of food to feed our guests. He asked if we should add a \$1000-2000 more for food. He wants free booze tickets and candy also in the gift bags. Emperor Clarmundo asked if we have liquor donation from bars. The E&E have asked the Grand Duke and Grand Duchess to be working on Hospitality in exchange for future E&E will do the Grand Duke and Grand Duchess doing their Hospitality. Grand Duke Corey said they discussed this arrangement less than a week ago. He is going to start asking. Empress Michael said he had a couple of bottles he would donate from the gallery. Emperor Terry asked us to reach out to the Bolt and show them appreciation. Emperor Terry asked if we can honor the bars and larger HIV organizations with a free ticket. Emperor Gerald asked what the program is going to look like. The program person wasn't in attendance but they shared that it will look like the most recent coronation programs. Hailey said we haven't received any ads from any courts yet. Emperor Terry shared the E&E must contact all the courts, especially the ones they know, and all of the in town businesses. Emperor Tony said the ball script, which will be in the program, will not list the names of the Dias guests and commands. He also noted that he has set up an email address where everyone can electronically submit their protocol. It was suggested that people MP3 their music in advance. Jack and Larry will be taking protocol during Hospitality. Emperor Matt said in San Francisco all of their events for their coronation weekend were in different locations. He said our coronation will be in one location. Emperor Terry shared that he was looking forward to a great coronation and believes there will be a great turnout. He said Patrick Vath is a god send because he was able to get everything so cheap and achieve such great fundraising potential.

**B. Ball Script:** Hailey said there is no ball script ready. She said that she has secured Pandora from Reno as floor director. Emperor Clarmundo shared we only have one board meeting left before coronation to have an opportunity to review the ball script. Hailey said he wasn't sure what the purpose of the board reviewing the ball script. Emperor Terry said we review it to ensure that things are in place. Emperor Terry said he minimally wants the E&E and he to review the ball script and any back up plans.

**C. Immediate Regent Empresses Elevation:** Emperor Terry acknowledged Emperor Matt's request to grant Empress DoMe and Empress Kristara full recognition as Empresses 41 of CGNIE. He said the answer to the question will not be provided until coronation.

## VII. Report from the Ducal House

A. Grand Duke Corey shared that they just completed a show yesterday that raised \$285. Emperor Terry shared that's \$1200 in the past four days raised for charity. He said that is a great example of what people can do if they invest some energy and do something. Grand Duke Corey said the community is getting fatigues with drag shows and people wanted to see something different. Emperor Terry would like to see the Gong Show every month. Laurie shared every month on a certain day of the month was good because if the show is

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held every other month people will forget. Emperor Terry shared he would donate \$50 every time the Ducals did it at Faces. Grand Duke Corey wants to do the Gong Show every two months. The Gay Men's Chorus is planning their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary event on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of May and is asking for CGNIE to come and do one of their songs. At the end of the show, they are doing "Dancing Queen." The event anticipates 3000-4000 people in attendance and would be good exposure for CGNIE. Raquella is one of their soloists. The Children's Chorus will also be there. Grand Duchess Dimeuneek shared that on Saturday, March 7 at 6pm she is doing the 80s Show at Faces. She had an interview at Sacramento Bee and they are going to run her flyer on their website. Emperor Terry shared he was impressed with them reaching out to the broader community. Emperor Michael J. shared how impressed he was with how many hours have been invested with getting CGNIE caught up with upcoming events. He complimented Grand Duchess Dimeuneek on her countless hours of event planning. Grand Duke Corey said he needs board support with our coronation's Hospitality. He will be calling everyone to solicit support. Grand Duchess Dimeuneek asked everyone to share ducal announcements on Facebook, which will increase the visibility of the events.

## VIII. Rainbow Festival Director Report – No Report

## IX. 3Ms Report

A. **Upcoming Events:** Miss Gay shared she secured a commitment from the Wax Bar to donate \$20 gift cards. She initially was given five, which she has been donating to CGNIE raffles. Once she runs out, she can return for more cards. She said on March 19 the 3Ms will have a Night of Elegance at the Kennedy Gallery. The tickets are \$25 and Kippy Marks is the entertainment. Golden Rule is purchasing 10 tickets. On March 28 there will be a Pool Party fundraiser at Faces from 3pm to 7pm. No cover at the door. Games will be played and an amateur Go Go contest. There will be a BBQ at that event and they will be selling plates to attendees. There will be bucket runs. Emperor Terry said he was proud Kristen because she presented herself very well.

## X. La Kish Hayworth Memorial Scholarship Fund:

A. **Donations Welcomed:** Empress Key shared that she welcomes any donations for the fund. She said \$25 and \$50 donations would be greatly appreciated. Emperor Michael shared he had a virtual show fundraiser where you can put a video clip online and raise money. Emperor Terry shared she should consider doing a show. He said everyone loves her and would come out and support her.

## XI. Fairy Godfather's Fund

- A. **Proposed Crest and Award.** Grand Duke Enrique shared he has begun designing a crest for the fund. He is proposing a fleur de leaf wrapped with an AIDS ribbon, circled by two fairy wings. He is proposing to give out a crest medallion award during future coronations to acknowledge someone who is doing local HIV/AIDS work.
- B. **Webpage:** He has been designing a Fairy Godfathers page which will have a brief history of the fund and an online request for funds application. When someone completes the application it will be emailed to him. This email address will only be accessible to him and someone else who is HIPPA certification.
- C. **Bachelor Auction:** He is planning a bachelor's auction. This fundraiser raises a lot of money. He is in talks with the Grand Duke and Grand Duchess. It will be on August 8-9 at the Bolt. He has already started recruiting bachelors. He wants to expand the fund from just an emergency fund to a fund that can provide mini-grants to local HIV/AIDS efforts. Emperor Gerald asked how soon will he submit a proposal for his idea. Grand Duke Enrique shared he plans to submit something to the board after coronation. Emperor Michael J. said that although the board can review the proposal, it is Emperor Terry who ultimately has to sign off on it because Fairy Godfather and Rainbow Festival are trusts held by CGNIE under contract.

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They are the property of Emperor Terry. Emperor Terry shared that the group that started the fund at the Western thought it was important to help people with HIV/AIDS.

- D. **Choir Show:** He is working on a Transgender Choir Show.
- E. **PrEP Panel:** He is planning a PrEP panel to raise awareness about HIV prevention and Truvada.
- F. **Beer Busts:** He is planning several beer busts at the Bolt.

XII. **Jose Julio Sarria Memorial Scholarship Fund.** Emperor Terry shared he received a call from Empress CoCo and she said she was going to ask the board to approve adding Mother Nicole's name on the scholarship fund. He said he had already raised over \$50,000 specifically for Mother Jose's fund. He told Mother Jose that while she deserves such an honor because of her good work and her ability to keep the organization together, however, he raised the money for Mother Jose. He said it would be like him adding his name to the scholarship. He felt it wasn't fair Emperor Rob told him she really wanted her name on that scholarship fund. He said he is the chair of a specific scholarship fund for a specific person and questioned was it fair to those who gave money with the understanding that it was going to a specific person. Empress Michael shared that it was illegal for him to secure funds for one purpose and change the purpose. He would have to go back to each person and announce the purpose changed. He told Mother Nicole that while he loved her that he felt obligated to honor Mother Jose first. She made a suggestion that if he were to step aside she wouldn't be upset with him. He replied if he did he would have to take CGNIE's money with him. Empress Key said this is a memorial fund and a memorial fund is in honor of someone who is deceased. The board firmly believes that funds were secured to honor Mother Jose. Emperor Gerald shared that Mother Nicole's time will come where she will be acknowledged by either a memorial fund or some other honor. Emperor Terry suggested he could do a scholarship in honor of Mother Jose and maybe later combine them.

XIII. **College of Monarchs:** Emperor Gerald shared there was a College of Monarchs meeting next Monday at the Kennedy Gallery at 6pm. He encouraged monarchs and others to attend.

XIV. **Upcoming Events:**

A. **Big Hair Ball:** Hailey announced her Big Hair Ball, March 14 at Faces. Doors open at 6pm. Show at 7pm. There will be a contest for biggest, tallest, best color. Open to all entertainers. Raffles too.

B. **ICP Ball:** Truffles announced that this Saturday is the ICP Ball at Sidetrax. Doors open at 6:30. There is a \$5 suggested donation at the door and there will be raffles. Empress Michael shared that it is also the Announcement of Candidates for E&E. The Board of Review is Thursday at 7pm. Those eligible to sit on the review are current board members, lifetime title holders and past monarchs. Grand Duchess Robert asked if he was not able to attend the review, could he still submit a question. Empress Michael said she should submit the question to Emperor Terry or him.

XV. **Acknowledgement of Guests:**

A. Empress Michael acknowledged Empress Deneka, Emperor 35 Santos, ICP/Arch Duke Palma, Mz. Gay Monique, ICP Kyle, Emperor 37/27 Michael Johnston, Lifetime Title Holder Empress Hailey, ICP Ronnie, ICP Truffles, Grand Duchess Harmony.

**The meeting was adjourned by Empress Michael the meeting at 7:30pm.**