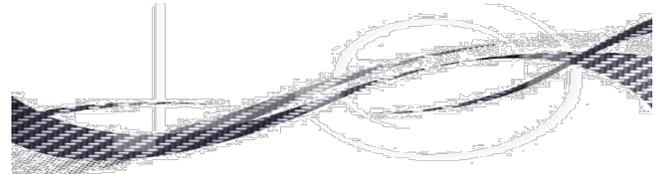


# **MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES**

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## Board Meeting Minutes – August 26, 2014

### 6:37PM at Faces, 2000 K Street, Sacramento CA

**Meeting called to order** Emperor 13/37 Terry Sidie (President), Empress 40 Michael Kennedy (Vice President), Emperor 39 Clarmundo Sullivan (Secretary), Jeff Davis (Treasurer), Laurie Bonifield (Rainbow Festival Director), Emperor 41 Matthew Bunch, Empress 41 Do Me Moore, Grand Duchess 34 Chris Brown (aka Harmony), Emperor 40 Gerald Filice, Empress 39 Alejandro Munguia-Para, Grand Duchess 25 Robert Collins, Corey Hubert

**Board Members Absent Excused:** Empress 41 Kristara Chastain, Empress 38 Key Pears (La Kish Scholarship Fund Director), Robyn Learned (Fireworks Booth Director) and Grand Duke 34 Enrique Manjarrez,

**Board Members Absent Unexcused:** None

**I. Meeting called to order at 6:37PM by Empress 40 Michael Kennedy**

**II. Roll Call was called by Emperor Clarmundo Sullivan.**

A. Quorum was established with X members present

**III. Remarks from the Vice President**

**A. CGNIE Sponsorship for Mother Jose Honors Scholarship Fund**

1. Empress Misha shared that another court had already raised thousands for the fund. The collective goal is to raise \$100,000. She added that Emperor Terry has asked CGNIE to step up to the plate and raise a huge chunk of the monetary goal. She asked if anyone had any fundraising ideas to let President Terry know.

**B. Status of ICC Ball Tickets**

1. Empress Misha shared she was not aware of the status of the ticket sales. Emperor Matt shared he sold the tickets the E&E were issues and turned in the money. Grand Duchess Harmony mentioned she still had some tickets to sell.

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### **C. Status of Bayard Rustin Letters**

1. Empress Misha said we needed help with writing and obtaining legislative letters. Emperor Matt said he was still waiting for the template letter to be provided to him by Emperor Terry so he would have more detailed information about the stamp effort. During a previous board meeting Emperor Terry said he would get it to him but hadn't yet.

## **IV. Secretary's Report**

### **A. Minute Approval**

1. Emperor Clarmundo distributed the July 29, 2014 board meeting minutes and asked that board members present review. He apologized for them not being as thorough as they normally are. Some board members appreciated the minutes being more concise. Emperor Gerald motioned to accept the meeting minutes. It was second by Corey Hubert. The motioned was passed.

### **B. Ducal Election Summary**

1. Emperor Clarmundo thanked all the board members and volunteers who assisted him with the Ducal Election process. He shared things went very well with little to no issues. He thanked Faces and the Bolt for offering well drinks to those who presented their bars with voting stubs. He shared this has encouraged people to vote. Ducal Voting.

### **C. Seating of the New Grand Duke/Grand Duchess**

1. Empress Misha thanked Grand Duchess Harmony and Grand Duke Enrique for their participation on the board member. She excused both of them from the board. Empress Misha then extended an invitation to serve on the board to Grand Duke 35 Corey Hubert. He accepted. The board voted and he was seated (9 years). Empress Misha then extended an invitation to serve on the board to Grand Duchess Dime-u-Neek Andrews St. James. She accepted. The board voted and she was seated (9 years). Emperor Clarmundo issued the board contract to each of them and they signed them.

### **D. Name Change of the Organization**

1. Emperor Clarmundo shared that in a previous board meeting the proposition of adding the word Incorporated to the organization's name. It was discussed but no one ever made a motion to make the change. He shared he went to the Secretary of State's office to better understand the process and learned that the process was simple. If we wanted to amend (change, add or delete) provisions in our Article of Incorporation, it would be necessary to prepare and file with the California Secretary of State a Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation (Note: This is in compliance with California Corporations Code sections 5810-5820, sections 7810-7820, and sections 12500-12510). He shared that once we voted to change the name and composed the amendment, we would have to either mail it in with a \$30 filing fee and \$15 special handling fee for processing documents delivered in person. Gerald said this corporation has never used the word incorporated in its name. Empress Misha asked to entertain a motion to change the name before we discussed it any further. Emperor Matt motioned to formally change the name of CGNIE to "The Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Incorporated." Empress Do Me Moore second. Discussion continued.. Grand Duke Corey said he didn't feel it was necessary since there was no benefit. Emperor Gerald agreed and shared he didn't believe there was no substantive value at all to making the change. Emperor Matt said our letterhead in the past has used the word incorporated. Emperor Tony Southworth noted that he, Emperor Terry and several other older reigns used to always use the word incorporated in our organization's name. Empress Misha called for the vote. The motion passed with 6 yeas and 2 nays.

## **V. Report from the Ducal House**

### **A. Ducal Ball Weekend Review/ Final Thoughts of Grand Duke and Grand Duchess 35**

1. Grand Duke Enrique apologized for not being physically present but appreciated an opportunity to share some remarks via telephone. He thanked everyone who had supported him and Grand Duchess

Harmony during their reign and shared how much they both enjoyed it. He especially wanted to thank the board for its support. He shared he looked forward to serving the board. Grand Duchess Harmony also thanked everyone who stepped up to the plate. She especially thanked Sandre for being their Ball Coordinator. She too expressed an interest in serving on the board.

## **B. Remarks from Reign 35**

1. Grand Duke Corey introduced his Ducal House. The Ducal House will be called the House of the Lyrical Diamonds. It will be on the CGNIE website and on the Ducal House website. He said he will be known as the Mischievous Lyrical Grand Duke. Grand Duchess Dime-u-neek will be known as the Double Diamond Dragon. Their colors are black and pink. Ducal Installments will take place on September 14 at Faces. Their theme will be "Once Upon a Time". Time of the event is 5 door open, show at 6pm. The event is on the Ducal page. Empress Misha asked Grand Duke Corey to please remember to put the CGNIE logo, website and tax ID number on all Ducal event materials. Emperor Matt asked him to complete an event form for Installments. Grand Duke Corey shared that \$75 was raised during the Ducal Water Party. He shared he was the only board member there. He shared that a check will be sent from Vegas to CGNIE in the amount of \$75. He said \$175 was raised at the event but because the alcohol was not secured, they had to pay for the alcohol. Emperor Terry shared he felt more money was spent. Grand Duke Enrique offered clarification and said the \$100 was being returned and a check will get the full \$175. Grand Duke Corey shared that more shows are in the works. Emperor Gerald asked if the Ducal House had identified a proposed date for their Ducal Ball. Grand Duke Corey has identified 14-16 August 2015 as Ducal Ball Weekend. Empress Misha requested they consult the ICC calendar to avoid any scheduling conflicts with other events. Grand Duke Corey said his goal was to plan all of the Ducal House events well in advance. Empress Misha said he should consider placing a "Save the Date" Ducal House ad in the upcoming San Francisco Ducal program. Emperor Tony said the Eugene Coronation may be a conflict for the proposed Ducal House Weekend date. It was mentioned that the Arch Ducal Ball is 4-5 weeks before Ducal Ball. Emperor Gerald said Alameda's Ball date may be in conflict with our Arch Ducal Ball. Emperor Gerald suggested if both events are on the same weekend, to not have it on the same day. Empress Misha asked the E&E to work it out so there is no conflict.

## **VI. Report from the Court Imperial**

### **A. Quarterly Board of Review of E&E**

1. Empress Misha suggested that we postpone the review out of respect of Empress Kristara don't being present.

### **B. Coronation Planning**

1. Emperor Matt said an event happened at the Bolt and it was fun. \$171 was turned in. He managed to keep track of their costs. The E&E haven't spent any of their marketing allocation. Empress Do Me Moore said while they haven't been doing much, they were encouraging the community to get involved with CGNIE activities. She added they have a lot in store in the next upcoming months and progress is already being made with coronation planning. Emperor Matt announced that their three ball coordinators are Haley Ricardo, Chris Taylor and Patrick Vath. The location of coronation will be announced later. Empress Do Me Moore said they are planning to have as many coronation weekend events in one location as possible. They shared that once they get things in writing they will present it to the board and start developing a trifold. Emperor Matt said they were determined to keep the coronation ticket costs at \$40 each and hotel accommodations between \$70-75. Coronation tickets sells will start as soon as things are approved by the board. The coronation date was approved by the board already and has already put out "Save the Date" information. Empress Misha thanked the E&E for their visibility. Emperor Matt said Empress Kristara is in Alaska.

### **C. SF Pride**

1. Truffles announced she went to the SF Pride check disbursement. It was well attended. She reported that the hosts gave out bags from Whole Foods items and was also catered by Whole Foods. Grand Corey read the letter that was presented with the check. It thanked CGNIE for its participation and said CGNIE received \$3,467.51. Emperor Corey is going to apply early and would be interested in volunteering to be the new contact for SF Pride. Emperor Matt motioned to make the SF Pride fundraiser an activity of the Ducal House. Empress Do Me Moore second. Emperor Terry felt it was a great idea. Emperor Gerald asked if the Ducal House would get the credit for the event. Empress Misha said all the money raised is Imperial money. Emperor Matt said he couldn't have done SF Pride without the Ducal House. He shared that the Ducal House has been very involved with planning the event for the past two years. Empress Jowana said it was her understanding that all monies were to be deposited into the General Fund unless otherwise designated. Empress Misha said last year Emperor Terry asked to track the SF Pride funds. The motion to place the responsibility of coordinating future SF Pride activities with Ducal House was restated. The board voted and the motion was approved (9 yeas and 1 abstention). Emperor Terry asked how many people from CGNIE participated in SF Pride. Grand Duke Corey reported there were 30 volunteers. Emperor Terry said he paid \$800 out of his pocket for hotel costs. Emperor Matt questioned whether the 30 volunteers per day was worth the amount of money. He added that the money CGNIE received was based on the number of hours we worked. If all of the 30 volunteers worked all day we may have received more. Nevertheless Emperor Matt thanked everyone for helping with the event, especially Emperor Terry for donating food and hotel accommodations and Grand Duke Corey, truffles and Grand Duchess Dime-u-neek.

### **D. New ICP Appointment**

1. Empress Do Me Moore announced that they have appointed Grand Duchess Harmony as a new ICP.

## **VII. Treasurer's Report**

### **A. Ducal Ball Weekend**

1. Jeff distributed financial information about Ducal Ball Weekend. The "Profit and Loss Ducal Report" breaks Ducal Ball Weekend down by event. It shows that the total income was \$5149.56. This figure did not include \$228.69 in Pay Pal revenue. At the end of their reign, the Ducal House ended with a \$1694 profit. Emperor Gerald shared he thought the ballroom was \$2500 not \$3000. Jeff said replied that the \$3000 included a \$500 deposit that would be returned. Jeff anticipated more ad revenue was coming. Sandre also said there should be more checks coming in.

### **B. Tax Returns**

1. Jeff reported that he met with Linda Kellick. She informed him that CGNIE was okay and wasn't in any trouble. She was able to locate prior financial data over what we believed to have had. Jeff and Linda will combine both books (year 2008 to present). The only year that isn't complete is 2012. Once all the book work is completed, he will back the financial books up and give Clarmundo a copy. The current taxes are being worked on and things look good. Emperor Terry was happy to note that we have distributed a lot of charity disbursements this year and STILL had money in the bank. He said he was proud of us all. Empress Misha said shared this was in part to board donations to save money, including the Ducal Ball sets, pins and program printing. Terry shared how beautiful the program was. Jeff said until all monies have been turned in, we should not do any more check disbursements. Grand Duke Corey motioned to accept the financial report. Emperor Matt second. The motion carried ( 9 yeas, 1 abstention).

## **VIII. Rainbow Festival Director Report**

A. Lori said the volunteer schedule and gate staffing was coordinated by Grand Duke Corey. Corey is the gate point of contact day of. She said he was going to schedule time slots based on number of volunteers available. She said she has already taken care of set up activities and a tear down crew was being assigned. She said we are reaching out to the Gay Rodeo group by offering them a free booth in exchange for volunteer help. Posters will be put up on the stage to ensure the performers know when they are performing. Empress Do Me Moore wanted to know how formal they should dress for the event. Lori said the E&E should be dressed in full regalia. Empress Misha said her gallery would be available for anyone needing a dressing area. Lori shared how elated she was with the energy this year. Empress Misha asked who the beneficiaries of this year's event were. Emperor Terry said the Jose Sarria Memorial Scholarship Fund was this year's beneficiary. Emperor Terry shared that \$19,000 has already been raised for the fund. He anticipated that there may collectively \$50,000 raised by October since CGNIE's goal was to raise \$30,000 at Rainbow Festival. He is also asking other courts to donate \$1,000 and individuals to donate \$500 annually. He added that CGNIE is becoming more and more well thought of. He said anticipated that Stockton would be returning to CGNIE territory. Grand Duke Corey thanked Lori for coordinating Rainbow Festival. She shared she has been doing it for over 20 years. Grand Duke Corey is calling a Rainbow Festival planning meeting this Thursday at Mangos at 630pm. Emperor Terry said he would arrange to provide a buffet for those in attendance. The agenda for the meeting included reviewing the roles of the volunteers. Grand Duke Corey will be calling the volunteers to remind them of the meeting. Kyle shared we should use Google calendar to notify the volunteers and announce the event. Lastly, Emperor Terry suggested we announce charity disbursements for Ducal House.

#### **IX. Report from the 3Ms**

A. Emperor Gerald shared that April has a gospel fundraiser coming up at Faces on September 21 at 10pm. The paperwork has been submitted and approved. It doesn't compete with SF Ducal weekend. He added there are tentative dates for the holiday show (candidates will do talent portion that day) which includes the holiday feed. At that point the 3M candidates will be given tickets to sell as part of their campaign. The applications will go out end of October. The candidates will be scheduled to meet with the Officers to ensure they are aware of the process. Tentative dates for the first leg of the competition/holiday show are December 14 or 20th. Empress Misha suggested December 14 because the later date would conflict with holiday plans. She suggested January 11 for the event date of the second portion of the competition.

#### **X. La Kish Hayworth Memorial Scholarship Fund**

A. This report was tabled. Empress Misha shared the LaKish was friends with Wayland Jennings and created his puppet Madame from her image. Empress Do Me Moore asked Jeff if the Lakish Fund had any money to give out during Rainbow Festival. Empress Misha said we'd have to move money from the General Fund and to date, there were no scholarship nominees.

#### **XI. Fairy Godfather's Fund**

A. Emperor Terry shared he has someone in mind. Empress Misha said that due to the sensitive nature of the fund, she strongly encouraged only appointing the seat to someone who is knowledgeable of local HIV/AIDS services, HIPPA laws and the Ryan White CARE Act. Empress Misha said she, Emperor Clarmundo and Grand Duke Enrique are the only board members who have that experience. It was suggested that the fund needed to be developed to ensure that people understood it was for People Living with HIV/AIDS and was a "payee of last resort." There also needed to be some guidelines in place to avoid clients from accessing our funds and other local HIV/AIDS resources (double dipping). Emperor Terry said whoever is interested in that Director position needed to submit to him a statement why they wanted it and how much they propose to raise within the next two weeks.

## **XII. College of Monarchs**

- A. Nothing to report. Emperor Gerald was recently elected the Chair and Tony Southworth the Vice Chair. Empress Do Me Moore said she would like to see past monarch participate. Emperor Gerald shared the college is an advisory board for the reigning monarchs and is responsible for state regalia and coronation fundraising. Grand Duke Corey mentioned his crown is in need of repair.
- B. Empress Misha said that CGNIE titles belong to CGNIE. If we discover that people are falsely using titles not bestowed upon them they will be suspended and/or removed from CGNIE. She said we have received letters that someone is doing this.

## **XIII. Upcoming Events**

- A. Empress Do Me Moore said next court meeting is Tuesday at 6:00pm. All sectors of the community are invited to attend. She said the court's goal is to raise money and be a happy family. She has been involved with CGNIE for over 20 years. She encouraged attendees to bring a friend. Immediately after the meeting they go to a bar to socialize.
- B. Hailey said Jackie's AIDS fundraiser is in November. She wants to put on a number together for that show. She and Grand Duke Corey will coordinate it.
- C. Alameda's coronation is September 13. Empress Do Me Moore said two of our past empresses is celebrating their decade anniversary at that event. She encouraged us to support their decade.
- D. SF Ducal Ball is September 20. Anyone attending should turn in their protocol to Tony Southworth. If you don't get it in on time, you don't walk
- E. Past ICPR Rich Jones is having a pool party at Faces.

## **XIV. Introduction of Guests**

- A. Guests in attendance included Sandre, Kyle, David (Mr. Truffles), Ronnie Miranda, Pat, Miguel, Scott, Grand Duke Spade, Grand Duchess Nick, and Tony Southworth.

## **XV. Meeting Adjournment**

Emperor Matt motioned to Adjourn. Empress Do Me Moore second. Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm