

COURT OF THE GREAT NORTHWEST IMPERIAL EMPIRE (CGNIE)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Held Tuesday, August 25, 2015
At Faces Nightclub, 2000 K Street, Sacramento, CA

Minutes Prepared by Gerald Filice, Emperor XL, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:52 p.m. by Secretary GERALD FILICE (as all other officers were absent). Board members attending were Secretary Gerald Filice, Emperor 42 Santos Rosales (Santos Ashley St. James), Empress 42 Chris Brown (Harmony Envy), Grand Duke Corey Hubert, Tony Southworth, Ronnie Miranda, Alex Munguia (Jowana Piece), Key Pears, Garrett Reid, and Palma Ashley St. James. We also welcomed new Board members David Marlow Sr., Tammy Marlow, and Grace F. Lawrence (see below).

Board members absent: Terry Sidie (excused), Michael Kennedy (excused), Michael Jones (Shondra)(excused), Clarmundo Sullivan (excused), and Grand Duchess Levi Andrews (Dimeuneek)(not excused).

Guest in attendance: Emperor and Past President Willie Anderson.

Presentation of Minutes:

The Minutes from the July 28, 2015, meeting were presented to the Board. After discussion Corey Hubert moved to approve the Minutes as presented, seconded by Garrett Reid. 10 voted to approve. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer Terry Sidie was absent and there was no Treasurer's report. In his absence Tony Southworth presented a report on the financial performance of the Ducal Ball. The weekend grossed \$2,481, and less the \$300 bank which had been provided, and expenses, the events should result in net profits of \$907, if all unpaid amounts are collected.

As there was no Treasurer's report, there was no motion to approve one.

Report on Garrett's Event:

Garrett reported that his roast netted about \$600. Great job Garrett!!

La Kish Scholarship Report:

Key Pears reported on the La Kish Scholarship. In general, funds are needed to be placed into this fund. David Marlow pledged \$100. Alex Munguia (Jowana Piece) indicated he was directing his disbursement as Empress 39 of \$1,000 to La Kish. Key's disbursement as Empress 38 is being directed to the Jose Sarria Scholarship. Tony noted that we need to save money in the fund for future scholarships, not pay out everything as we put it in. Board member Garrett Reid moved and Corey seconded that we approve a \$500.00 scholarship to be given out at Rainbow Festival. Discussion ensued, and the chair noted (as has the President at past meetings) that it was important to publish the availability of the scholarship and invite applications, and follow procedures in selecting the recipient to ensure there is no appearance of favoritism. Emperor Santos stated the intent to assist with getting out notices about the scholarship. On a vote being taken, the motion was approved, 8 yes, 1 abstained.

Rainbow Festival Report:

Emperor Santos called for volunteers to handle the gates at the upcoming Rainbow Festival. He needs 40 volunteers, has 15 so far. Garrett offered to supply three additional volunteers.

The Imperial Check Distribution at Rainbow Festival would be at 1:45 p.m. on the Main Stage.

E&E Report:

The E&E reported that the Ducal Ball was awesome. They also mentioned that there is a Closet Ball October 11 at Faces, and a pub crawl September 18.

Discussion about Coronation 42 ensued. Tony advocated for the venue the Red Lion in its indoor ballroom for financial and other reasons. Harmony objected, and it was tabled. It was agreed that Tony, Harmony, and Santos would meet separately, and would report at the next Board meeting.

Report of the Ducal House:

All congratulated Grand Duke Corey and Grand Duchess Dimeuneek on a successful and very fun Ducal Ball Weekend! And thanked them for their service on the Board of Directors, which is now concluded.

Installation of New Directors:

It was noted by parliamentarian Tony that as a Community elected Board member, David Marlow Sr. is automatically on the Board, so he was welcomed to the Board. Grand Duke 36 Tammy Marlow St. James was asked if he were willing to be on the

Board, and answering "yes," a vote was taken and he was unanimously approved. Then, Grand Duchess 36 Grace F. Lawrence-Rockefeller was asked if she were willing to be on the Board, and answering "yes," a vote was taken and she was unanimously approved. Welcome to all new Board members!

Other Business:

Santos and Corey agreed to check on possible fundraising opportunities for our Court in connection with the Folsom Street Festival and Castro Street Fair in San Francisco, and report at a future meeting.

There was also a request for \$100 from Latasha Rose Keyes, an aspiring model, for financial support to attend the New York fashion week. Emperor Santos asked that she be allowed to address the Board, and she was permitted to do so. Following her departure from the room, there was discussion of her application. Emperor and Past President Willie Anderson stated he would personally provide her the money she was requesting, and accordingly the Board did not vote on the matter and it was resolved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.