

COURT OF THE GREAT NORTHWEST IMPERIAL EMPIRE (CGNIE)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Held Tuesday, May 26, 2115
At The Spaghetti Factory, K Street, Sacramento

Minutes Prepared by Gerald Filice, Emperor XL, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President MICHAEL KENNEDY. Board members attending were Vice President Michael Jones (Shondra), Treasurer Terry Sidie, Secretary Gerald Filice, Clarmundo Sullivan, Tony Southworth, Ronnie Miranda, Key Pears, Grand Duke Corey Hubert, Emperor 42 Santos Rosales (Santos Ashley St. James), Empress 42 Chris Brown (Harmony Envy).

Board members absent: Grand Duchess Levi Andrews (Dimeuneek Ashley St. James)—absence excused; Garrett Reid—not excused; Palma Ashley St. James—excused; Alex Munguia (Jowana Piece)—not excused.

Guests in attendance: Miss Gay Sacramento, Jesse O'Reilly (Kristinn); Tammy Marlow; David Marlow.

Remarks by the President:

The president announced that Secretary Haley Ricardo (Dennis Seguin) had resigned from the Board for health reasons. The president and all members of the Board joined in wishing Haley well. Haley indicated that she would remain involved on a volunteer basis.

The president discussed that each Board member is strongly encourage to hold a fundraiser event during his or her term on the Board. The president plans to hold a picnic with other LGBT organizations, including competitions and sharing of funds raised, some time after Rainbow Festival.

The president also admonished the Board that public disparagement, on social media and in other media, of Board members, monarchs (past and present), and other members of CGNIE, should be avoided as being damaging to the individuals and to CGNIE. If that occurs, the person offending will be talked to in an attempt to achieve an end to such actions, but failing that, the offender will be asked to leave the organization. There was a general consensus agreement to this point.

Presentation of Minutes:

The Minutes from the April 28, 2015, meeting were presented to the Board. Santos

moved to accepted them, seconded by Corey. They were approved unanimously.

Selection of New Secretary:

In light of the resignation from the office of Secretary by Haley Ricardo, the president indicated that a new Secretary should be selected. Gerald Filice was nominated and Terry Sidie moved to approve him as Secretary, seconded by another Board member. A vote was taken with 9 voting yes, with 1 abstention (Santos).

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Terry Sidie reported. He noted that one of his objectives is to prepare a history of CGNIE, and requested the help of the Board and others to do so. This is for inclusion in the book being prepared for the 50th Anniversary Gala in Portland in October 2015.

Terry reported on progress made toward raising funds for the Jose Scholarship of the International Court Council, which Terry and CGNIE are heading up. In this regard, Terry mentioned the raffle of Jose's Cadillac, which is underway.

Terry is still attempting to collect from Grand Duke 34 Enrique monies collected by Enrique from a Fair Godfathers Fund fundraiser he hosted.

Terry has not yet secured a chair for the Rainbow Festival. He is considering and has spoken with Garrett Reid, Johnathon Cameron (Taryn Thru U) and Ronnie Scharfer.

Following up on the understandings reached at the April 28, 2015, Board meeting, Terry asked Monarchs from Reigns 38, 39 and 40 to specify their beneficiaries for the \$1,000 per monarch to be donated. Such specification is to be by the next Board meeting.

Terry discussed the status of CGNIE's 501(c)(3) tax exempt status. All overdue tax returns have been filed, and the officers are examining alternatives at this point to ensure continuation of our tax exempt status.

A treasurer's report was presented. Gerald moved to accept it, seconded by Tony. Approved unanimously.

Fairy Godfather's Fund Report:

The president announced he had appointed Director and Emperor 39 Clarmundo Sullivan to chair the Fairy Godfathers Fund. Clarmundo noted that he regretted that Enrique had stepped aside from this position. Clarmundo intends to undertake fundraising efforts, and will develop a clear statement of the purposes of the Fairy Godfathers Fund. He believes it should be expanded from being primarily for final expenses, and instead focus on helping people cope with their condition. Ronnie Miranda volunteered to assist Clarmiundo, in that he has been active in the Ryan White

fund.

La Kish Scholarship Report:

Key Pears, the chair of this fund, was unable to prepare a report. She wishes to maintain her chairmanship of the fund. Terry noted that special fund chairs (such as the La Kish chair and the Fairy Godfathers Fund chair) should commit to raising at least \$1,000 per year.

Gerald announced that Kyle Lundquist, who had received a \$500 scholarship from the La Kish Fund toward completing his GED, in fact had completed his GED. Also, that Johnathon Dean, who received \$500 to secure his place in graduate school, had now obtained an excellent job and was beginning to do volunteer work in Southern California. Everyone gave them a big round of applause!

Rainbow Festival:

[see above]

Fireworks Booth:

Dimeuneek was excused from attending the Board meeting due to a family problem. Dimeuneek will head up the fireworks booth fundraiser. The president noted that we need more marketing of the booth to take place. Corey reported that he will ascertain where the booth can be located, and which vendor (TNT or Phantom) we are using this year.

Sacramento Pride:

Empress Harmony stated that CGNIE would not be having a booth at the festival, or its own float in the parade. Instead, CGNIE members may ride on Faces' float. The Emperor and Empress will ride in Terry's convertible in the parade. All forms have been submitted to the Pride committee for CGNIE's participation in the parade.

San Francisco Pride Fundraising:

Corey Hubert is chairing the event for CGNIE again this year. He reported that all paperwork for our participation in the gate volunteering was in. SF Pride is June 27-28; he estimated we needed 15 volunteers for June 27, and 30 for June 28. He was organizing carpools, and with the E&E was selecting shift supervisors. Near the event he will hold two training sessions here in Sacramento, and get the waivers signed by each volunteer per our normal practice. He was also seeking gas card donations in order to help pay for transportation in the carpools. CGNIE will not be providing accommodations during the event – volunteers may go down and back each day, or arrange their own accommodations.

Terry promised to donate 20 cases of bottled water. We would also seek to obtain snacks and fruit juices. Clarmundo offered to help obtain Safeway gift card donations to pay for the snacks and juices.

Corey agreed to promptly create a Facebook event page for this event.

Report of the Court Imperial:

Emperor Santos and Empress Harmony reminded that Investitures would be Sunday, May 31, 11am-2pm, at Mangos annex. No cover, but a \$100 donation had already been pledged and there would be a raffle. The theme would be "Grease."

VP Shondra mentioned he would be unable to attend Investitures due to work commitments.

The coronation 42 weekend is planned for April 15-17, 2016. The E&E are checking venues; Harmony prefers the Library Galleria.

Drag Queen Bingo:

Tony reported that Empress Do-Me had arranged for the June 4 Drag Queen Bingo to benefit CGNIE. Board members need to attend and assist given that we are the beneficiary. The president reminded everyone to invite people to the event.

Report of the Ducal House:

Grand Duke Corey noted the following upcoming dates: June 22, 2015, the applications for Ducal candidates needed to be published. The Archducal Ball would be July 25 or 26, hosted by Archduke Johnny McMorris and Archduchess Mia Ho. (No venue yet selected.) The Board of Review for the Ducal candidates would be July 23. The Ducal Ball is August 22.

Corey presented a verbal budget. Various venues were discussed, including the hall next to St. Johns Lutheran Church on L St. Corey has verified we can sell liquor, as well as beer and wine, at the church hall, and we would keep all the proceeds. The total expenditures suggested was \$2,883. Several suggestions were made by Board members to reduce the cost, particularly in the area of sets for the stage.

It was agreed that a written budget would be prepared and presented at the earliest opportunity. Corey, the President, and the E&E would work on it together.

3M Report:

Miss Gay Kristinn noted that the Cinco de Mayo event raised \$310 for the NCAC. She attended Fresno's coronation and had lots of fun. On May 31, 10:00 pm at Faces, she was hosting an event to raise funds for the rainbow colored crosswalks at 20th and K

streets. Ronnie Miranda agreed to handle the door. A \$5 donation was going to be requested.

It was emphasized that all persons attending should pay the \$5 donation at this and any other event CGNIE holds. This includes Board members and CGNIE members generally. Only out of town emcees should not pay.

Ms. Gay Mo'Nique has resigned from CGNIE per her Facebook post.

College of Monarchs:

Gerald, the Dean of the College of Monarchs, announced that the College of Monarchs would meet on June 8 to elect officers and address any other business.

Santos asked why some monarchs had received rings and others not. The president responded that he had given gifts of rings at his expense to some friends, but that any monarch from reign 35 forward was free to purchase his or her own ring.

Other Business:

Community Director Ronnie Miranda wanted to caution people about how they post on Facebook to avoid creating drama.

All present thanked Emperor Terry Sidie for hosting our meeting at the Spaghetti Factory. Thank you Terry!

The meeting adjourned by unanimous approval at 8:45 p.m.