

COURT OF THE GREAT NORTHWEST IMPERIAL EMPIRE (CGNIE)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Held Tuesday, January 26, 2016
At Faces Nightclub, 200 K Street, Sacramento, CA

Minutes Prepared by Gerald Filice, Emperor XL, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Michael Jones. Other Board members attending were Treasurer Terry Sidie, Secretary Gerald Filice, Emperor 42 Santos Ashley St. James, Empress 42 Chris Brown (Harmony), Grand Duchess 36 Grace Lawrence-Rockefeller, Grand Duke 36 Tammy Marlow, David Marlow, Sr., Clarmundo Sullivan, Ronnie Miranda, Alex Munguia (Jowana), and Garret Reid.

Absent were the following directors: Palma Ashley St. James (not excused), Key Pears (not excused).

Treasurer Report:

The treasurer noted that the 501(c)(3) restoration was almost done. Linda Killick had sent information. The treasurer asked for (and made a motion for) an extension until the March Board meeting to complete the process. Garret asked why Rainbow Festival's tax ID number could not be used as it was essentially a part of CGNIE. The treasurer indicated not, but would consider the matter. Clarmundo expressed concern that this is a serious matter, and is committed to resolving this matter with Terry. Various documents have to be prepared. The secretary noted that he had dealt with the CA Attorney General on the issue and they had not contacted him back, and would provide a copy of the letter resolving it with that agency. The treasurer's motion for an extension was seconded (by person not recorded) and approved unanimously.

Other Matters:

There was a discussion that money had been spent on the 3M pageant without prior authorization. The secretary mentioned that of the 5 contestants, only one paid the \$10 entry fee. Emperor Santos moved to table this matter until the next Board meeting, Ronnie seconded, passed unanimously.

Minutes from the Special Meeting of the Board from December 9, 2015, were presented. Emperor Santos moved to accept them as written, Empress Harmony seconded, approved unanimously.

President Michael (Shondra) expressed to the monarchs that they need to exercise

greater control over court members' handling of event money and expenditures, and event paperwork.

Coronation:

A coronation budget was presented. The hotel (Marriott Courtyard) is \$3,900 rather than the previously approved \$3,000, because of a lack of tax exempt number. The Monarchs, however, had not yet explored options for using other tax exempt numbers to obtain discounts (to be ascertained as feasible). If Golden Rule Services' number is used, it was discussed that a reasonable sharing of proceeds would be appropriate.

The monarchs, the treasurer and the president are to meet to go over coronation planning.

Jowana moved to accept a budget of \$6,198, Terry seconded, the vote was 10 yes, while the secretary abstained.

Election:

The president offered to pay for materials for the emperor and empress election. He stated that February 15 applications would be published, March 15 will be the board of review, March 19 will be the candidate announcements, April 9 the voting. The secretary agreed to be in charge of the voting that day.

It was agreed that the vote should be counted by persons independent of the court. Santos suggested the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. Clarmundo wanted the counter to be a professional. Clarmundo moved that someone outside the LGBT community count the vote, seconded by Empress Harmony. The measure passed 8 in favor, 1 against, and 1 abstention.

Upcoming Events:

February 13 the Monarchs are holding a Valentines Day benefit at the Bolt.

February 14 the Ducal House is holding its annual Red & White Ball.

Grand Duke Tammy reported that there would be 2 fireworks booths this year, one in the 20th and K area, and 1 by the Sacramento Zoo. More details to follow. The Ducal House is organizing the fireworks booth effort.

Fairy Godfathers:

No report was available.

La Kish Scholarship:

No report was available.

New Business:

After discussion by the treasurer to appoint Robert Collins as assistant treasurer with a court title, the Secretary moved to appoint Mr. Collins as the Royal Baron Assistant Treasurer, to handle money at our events. Empress Harmony seconded. The measure passed 10 in favor, 1 abstention, none opposed.

Adjournment:

Harmony moved to adjourn, seconded, approved unanimously at 7:45 p.m.