

COURT OF THE GREAT NORTHWEST IMPERIAL EMPIRE (CGNIE)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Held Tuesday, July 28, 2015
At Kennedy Gallery, 1931 L Street, Sacramento, CA

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, Emperor 42 Santos Rosales (Santos Ashley St. James), Empress 42 Chris Brown (Harmony Envy), Grand Duke Corey Hubert, Clarmundo Sullivan, Tony Southworth, Ronnie Miranda, Alex Munguia (Jowana Piece), Key Pears, and Garrett Reid.

Board members absent: Palma Ashley St. James—not excused; Grand Duchess Levi Andrews—not excused.

Guests in attendance: Miss Gay Sacramento 2015 Jesse O'Reilly (Kristinn); Ms. Gay Sacramento 2015 Mo'Nique; Tammy Marlow; David Marlow; Grace F. Lawrence; Ms. Gay 2014 Apryl Rain; Mr. Gay Sacramento 2013 Jake Vance; ICP Luis (Miguel); Ulyses (surname not provided).

Remarks by the President:

The President offered brief remarks. He noted that preparation of corporate paperwork was underway with respect to restoring our nonprofit status. He congratulated the Monarchs for being out in the Community getting their jobs done, and there was a general consensus that things were going well.

Presentation of Minutes:

The Minutes from the public portion of the June 30, 2015, meeting were presented to the Board. After discussion Emperor Santos moved to approve the Minutes, seconded by Corey. 10 voted to approve, and there were two abstentions. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer Terry Sidie had not been able to prepare his report, but said one would be prepared and sent out tomorrow. Garrett asked when dues could be paid; the answer was given at either a Board or a Court meeting. The monies due from Enrique were discussed, and it was noted he had been asked to provide them by next is Friday.

Arrangements were made between Enrique and the Secretary to receive the funds. Disbursements from the 38th, 39th, and 40th Reigns are to be identified to Terry for check preparation. Terry asserted that in the future we would not go back in time to make disbursements after the Reigns. No Board vote was taken on that point. Terry also reported that no receipts had come in from the 41st Coronation program ads. Terry and Santos are to be collecting them.

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

Fairy Godfathers Fund Report:

Director Clarmundo, the Chair of this fund, made his report. He expressed how excited he was to chair the fund. He is planning a fundraiser for the fund in the form of a casino bus trip. His planning is in process. There was additional discussion pertaining to other fundraisers for the Fairy Godfathers Fund. This coming Friday there will be a celebration of life for Emperor Oscar Bautista, who recently deceased, and who had asked that donations be made in his name to the Fairy Godfathers Fund. Monarchs attending were asked to attend in regalia. Shondra was unable to attend, but donated \$100 toward the event. Terry agreed to match the monies raised at the event. It was emphasized how important CGNIE had been to Oscar. His family honored CGNIE at the funeral, and Oscar was buried wearing his Imperial sash.

It was also noted that Director Ronnie Miranda would be hosting a beer bust fundraiser at the Bolt to benefit the Fairy Godfathers Fund, August 14, 2015, 8:00 p.m.

La Kish Report:

The La Kish chair, Key Pears, gave her report. She has not arranged any fundraisers, but asked each Board member to donate \$10, and to divert funds which board members are raising toward the La Kish Fund. Garrett offered that he might be willing to divert some monies raised from his upcoming Roast fundraiser, but would decide that based upon the amounts raised at the event. Terry noted that at this point, Key has \$200 available for a scholarship. The President stated that procedures should be put in place to allow people in the Community to apply for the scholarship, to avoid any appearance of favoritism.

Rainbow Festival:

Terry Sidie reported that Rainbow Festival preparations were done, in the bag. He stated that Tyler Edwards had sold the name Rainbowfest to third parties in Asia, but that Terry had acquired the name rainbowfest.com.

The list of performers was discussed. All proceeds from the festival are to go to the Jose Sarria Scholarship. Terry through Faces is giving away a car at the Festival. The Secretary is to receive the artwork for the Festival to place on CGNIE's website. The

reigning Emperor and Empress, per our usual practice, will arrange to staff all the gates at the Festival. Terry concluded by noting that all money taken in will be kept secure, and that US Bank (our bank) is donating \$5,000 to the event.

Report of the Court Imperial:

Emperor Santos reported. The E&E attended the Alameda Ducal Coronation, and Emperor Oscar's funeral (Harmony had to work so Jowana substituted for her). They also attended the Archducal Ball but were late arriving. Harmony hosted her Lingerie Birthday party show, and raised \$265. The E&E plan to take several court members to the ICP Ball in Merced this coming weekend.

Report of the Ducal House:

Grand Duke Corey reported. He noted that the Archducal Ball when candidates were announced went well, with Emperor Santos' help and support. The show was amazing. Thank you to Archduke Johnny McMorris and Archduchess Mia Ho! The event raised \$204.

Corey went over the trifold and the various events of Ducal Ball weekend. The E&E are arranging for food and beverages at Saturday's hospitality. Corey reported that he expected to spend \$2,000 on the events (\$500 under budget), with the \$500 being available for emergencies or unexpected expenses. Rich Jones is getting the liquor license for the Ball. Garrett congratulated Corey for getting everything together. Cory thanked the Secretary for helping with putting things together. Other items noted: the deadline for program ads is August 12, and their Ball pins would be available in time. The President thanked Corey and Dimeuneek for working on the Ball.

3M Report:

Miss Gay Kristinn reported. She indicated she was somewhat at a standstill. She brought up the status of Ms. Gay, but the issue was tabled until the executive session. Kristinn plans to do a 3M tribute show of past 3Ms. Renee Valenciaga and Monique Moore are planning to emcee it. Kristinn also wants to do another Night of Elegance. Mr. Gay Sacramento Stephan would also be discussed in executive session.

College of Monarchs:

Dean of the College, Emperor 36 Tony Southworth, reported. The College had conducted its first quarterly review of the reigning Monarchs. Generally, the E&E received high marks for visibility, but low marks for fundraising. While some funds had been raised for the Norcal Aids Challenge (NCAC), their designated charity, they were reminded that they also must raise money to be able to have a Coronation Ball. The College also voted to host the hospitality parties for the 42nd Coronation, consisting of Friday daytime, Friday after the out of town show, Saturday daytime and Saturday after

the Coronation. However, in following years the Monarchs who stepped down the previous year would host all hospitality parties (with the help of the College). So that, for example, during the 43rd Coronation in 2017, the Emperor and Empress 42 would host the hospitality parties.

Corporate Compliance:

Secretary Gerald reported on this issue. A new application for nonprofit status is underway, and a new corporation has been formed in case needed.

Executive Session Business:

Issues relating to Mo'Nique, Stephan Christopher, and Scott Selzam were addressed in Executive Session, and will be reported separately and privately.

The meeting adjourned by unanimous approval (exact time wasn't noted).