

COURT OF THE GREAT NORTHWEST IMPERIAL EMPIRE (CGNIE)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Held Tuesday, September 29, 2015
At Kennedy Gallery, Sacramento, CA

Minutes Prepared by Gerald Filice, Emperor XL, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President MICHAEL KENNEDY. Board members attending were President Kennedy, Vice President Michael Jones, Secretary Gerald Filice, Treasurer Terry Sidie, Grand Duke Tammy Marlow, Grand Duchess Grace Lawrence, Clarmundo Sullivan, David Marlow, Sr., Ronnie Miranda, Garrett Reid, and Palma Ashley St. James.

Absent were the following directors: Key Pears (not excused), Alex Munguia (not excused), Santos Ashley St. James (excused), Chris Brown (Harmony)(not excused), Tony Southworth (excused).

Visitors: Apryl Raine, Jake Vance

President's Remarks:

The president remarked that he was disappointed with certain aspects of the August Board meeting, and once again admonished all members to leave their personal disputes out of the Board meeting and conduct themselves in a professional, business-like manner so that the Board and the organization can be effective. Further, a reminder to all that if anyone is handling money on behalf of the organization, that person is NOT to be consuming alcohol – the Community is watching.

On a positive note, the out of town presentations of the E&E and the Ducals have been impressive, with good interactions, generating lots of good feedback from other Courts. Bravo!

The president noted that we received \$1,900 from our volunteering at San Francisco Pride – a good amount, not as much as we hoped for. Thanks to Clarmundo and Spade for attending the check disbursement ceremony.

The president directed that the Monarchs present a draft budget for their Coronation 42 at the October Board meeting.

Secretary's Report:

The Minutes from the August 25, 2015, meeting were presented to the Board. Terry Sidie moved to accept them, Palma seconded, they were approved 9 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention (Clarmundo).

The Secretary reported on the progress of the federal nonprofit status. The secretary indicated he hadn't received the financial information necessary to complete the application. The Secretary indicated that if he received all the necessary supporting documents, he would be able to complete the nonprofit renewal application by October 16.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Terry Sidie continued the discussion regarding the tax returns. He stated he planned to file a complaint against the CPA, Linda Killick, for failing to get our tax returns filed. Clarmundo asked that the Secretary discuss with Terry what was known about the tax return/nonprofit issue, before pursuing Killick. The president asked Clarmundo to provide specific details of what he meant to the Secretary outside the meeting.

The Treasurer presented a written report on the finances of the corporation. Rainbow Festival went well – we brought in \$25,000 at the gates. The Latin stage was disappointing, but the main entertainers were great. The Treasurer stated that we would be presenting a check for \$60,000 to the Jose Sarria Scholarship at the 50th Anniversary Gala in Portland in October.

Clarmundo questioned the amount allocated to Fairy Godfathers in the report. He believes it should be \$1,500 rather than \$1,100. The Treasurer will check into it.

The Treasurer's report was approved.

Report of the Court Imperial:

As the Monarchs were not present, there was no report. However, it was noted that the review of the Monarchs would be held at the October meeting of the College of Monarchs. The Closet Ball, an event to be run by the Monarchs scheduled for October 11, was also discussed. Garret is to check with the Monarchs on the date, which also coincides with National Coming Out Day and the dedication of the Rainbow crosswalks at 20th and K Streets.

Report of the Ducal House:

Grand Duchess Grace initially reported. Events attended by the Ducals in Merced, Chico and San Francisco were great. CGNIE is respected in the other Courts. However, Grace pointed out that Sacramento's protocol was delayed at the San Francisco Ducal Coronation, and some concerns were created as a result. Grace proposed that the

protocol be emailed in advance to the president and the secretary. The president point out, however, that if the event is an Imperial one, the Emperor and Empress are responsible for getting the protocol done, and the Ducals are if it's a Ducal event. The president and secretary aren't in charge of the protocols.

Grand Duke Tammy suggested that all the Ducal events during the balance of the Ducal reign be planned out. The Secretary recommended that the Ducals meet with the president and secretary once they have roughed out their intended events, so as to coordinate dates on the calendar.

Terry noted that the Ducals could operate the Faces barbeque, and charge something for the food. Terry would supply everything, all we had to do was the work and we could keep the proceeds. All thanked Terry for his generous offer.

3M Report:

As none of the 3M's were in attendance, there was no report. However, it was noted that the 3M Pageant, Phase 1, would be at the Holiday Show, which will be the second Sunday in December, i.e., December 13, at Sidetrax.

The president noted that we needed fresh faces for the 3M pageant, and suggested advertising in Outword. The secretary moved that \$500 be authorized for advertising in Outword or other publications. David seconded, and it was approved unanimously. Grace asked about the qualifications for the 3M positions. The president agreed to convene a committee to discuss and determine qualifications.

Other Business:

It was discussed that several members planned to go to the Hawaii and Portland Coronations.

The meeting adjourned.