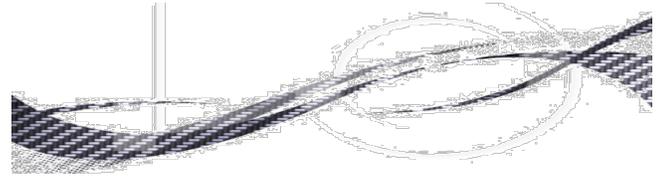


MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

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Board Meeting Minutes – January 27, 2015

6:40 PM at Kennedy Gallery, 1931 L Street, Sacramento CA

Board Members Present: Emperor 13/37 Terry Sidie (President), Emperor 38/40 Michael Kennedy (Vice President), Emperor 39 Clarmundo Sullivan (Secretary), Emperor Tony Southworth (Acting Treasurer), Empress 38 Key Pears (Lakish Scholarship Fund Director), Robyn Learned (Fireworks Booth Director), Laurie Bonifield (Rainbow Festival Director), Emperor 41 Matt Bunch, Empress 41 Kristara Chastain, Empress 41 Do Me Moore, Grand duke 35 Corey Hubert, Grand Duchess 35 Dime-u-Neek St. James, Empress 39 Alejandro Munguia Parra, Grand Duchess 25 Robert Collins

Board Members Absent (Excused): Emperor 40 Gerald Filice

Board Members Absent (Unexcused):

Guests: Tony Southworth, Kyle Lundquist, Ronnie Miranda, Michael Johnson, Palma St. James, Enrique, Vashon, Kristinn St. James, Stephan Christopher

I. Meeting was called to order by

II. Roll Call was called by 6:40PM. Quorum was established with twelve board members present

III. **Remarks from the President:**

A. **CGNIE Visibility:** Emperor Terry shared that CGNIE is being seen all over the court system. He complimented Emperor Tony Southworth on his visibility throughout the territories

B. **Incomplete Forms:** Emperor Terry shared he will seek Michael Johnson's assistance with completing fundraising forms. He showed an example of someone submitting monies from a fundraiser but with incomplete information about the fundraiser

C. **ICC Meeting:** He plans to go to San Diego with his cougar boys. He is going to the ICC meeting. He shared he is fifth in line to Mother Nicole. Empress Coco and Emperor Rob Surreal will be first in line of succession. Mother Nicole shared with him that she does not intent on leaving her post any time soon. She has done a great job and we all should be proud of her. She is trying to get Mother Jose into the California Hall of Fame. She has already got a street named after her and a plaque placed on the corner near the main library in San Francisco. She asked him if CGNIE would like to host the West Coast Convention, which would mean that the ICC would be here for our coronation. He hasn't responded to the request yet. We would have to host

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and pay for it. However, that would mean a lot of people would be in attendance for coronation. He asked the E&Es to get with him soon.

D. Le Femme Congrats: He congratulated Empress Michael Kennedy on the success of the Le Femme pageant.

E. Status of ICC Tickets: He asked for the ICC tickets. Empress Jowana, Empress Key and Grand Duchess Harmony needs to turn in tickets. He needs to take that money to San Diego. If those who have tickets don't turn in the money or tickets, he will be stuck with that bill.

F. January 2015 Communique Highlights

1. Mother Nicole has proclaimed the year 2015 as a yearlong celebration of our monarchy's "Golden Jubilee." All Courts are requested to celebrate and mark this historic Golden Jubilee Year in your respective empires.
2. At the September 2014 meeting of the ICC in Cincinnati, Ohio, the council members voted to name the future successors of Empress I Jose and Queen Mother 1 Nicole. Emperor Rob Surreal (Spokane, WA) and Empress Coco LaChine (NY) are the 1st in line of succession. Emperor Scott Selbert (Portland, OR) and Empress Nicole Diamond (KY) are heirs second in succession. Emperor Michael Gaffney (AZ) and Empress Verna Turbulence (Boston) are heirs 3rd in line of succession. Emperor John Robon (Toronto) and Empress Donna Sachet (San Francisco) are heirs 4th in line of succession. Emperor Terry Sidie (Sacramento) and Empress Madison Lane Weston (Seattle) are heirs 5th in line of succession
3. Queen Mother Nicole announced Regional Court Conferences will be conducted.
4. We have a new court called The Sovereign, Imperial Royal Court of Indiana
5. California State Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins will assist the ICC's ongoing campaign to induct Mother Jose into the prestigious California Hall of Fame. All courts are urged to write letters of support
6. Empress Chablis is in the process of filming a documentary about the Court of SFO entitled "50 Years of Fabulous"

IV. Secretary's Report

A. Minutes: Emperor Clarmundo shared he emailed board members a draft of the past meeting minutes and asked for any edits, corrections or feedback. Since he didn't receive any, he asked for a motion to be made to accept the meeting minutes. Empress Kristara made the motion. Empress Do Me second. 8 yeas, no nays, 2 abstentions. Motion carried. Emperor Clarmundo shared he was disappointed that some board members hadn't read the minutes. He shared he spends two days transcribing them. He said although he was disappointed, he will continue to transcribe them and upload them to the website.

B. Closed Session With Scott Selzam: Mr. Selzam was not present. Emperor Terry asked that this item be moved to the end of the meeting to allow him time to arrive.

C. Status of Board Member Attendance: Emperor Clarmundo shared that he keeps a record of board member participation at meetings. He was happy to report there were no major concerns with unexcused absences. There were, however, a lot of excused absences. He was concerned how participatory one could be when board members have several excused absences. He reminded the board members that our board member contract stipulates that we commit to attend at least one in town show and one out of town show per quarter. Because CGNIE doesn't micromanage board members, we are not sure if board members have kept this commitment. He suggested that in the future we may ask board members to present verification of this quarterly commitment (stubs, event receipts, photos). He apologizes for not being more on top of tracking board participation and will strive to do a better job documenting this.

D. Faces Event Forms: Emperor Clarmundo shared that Faces has been very supportive and generous with allowing CGNIE to hold board meeting and events in their venue. The problem is that somehow the Faces staff is not in the loop with our events at the venue. This creates a nightmare when they are informed on a

short notice there is an event in the venue. Faces needs time to schedule adequate staff, confirm there aren't any scheduling conflicts, there is a DJ, etc. The process should be that once someone from CGNIE wants to host an event at Faces, they should complete the appropriate forms, get it approved by the E&Es, and send a copy of the approved event to Faces. For now on, Faces is requiring that anyone wanting to conduct an event at Faces must complete a Faces Event Form. He is asking that a copy of the Faces form be completed and attached to the approved CGNIE event document and forwarded. The Faces form will be available on CGNIE and Faces websites. Emperor Clarmundo said it's only a one page document and isn't complicated. He said it is the least we can do to make sure we are communicating with Faces and ensure our events are double booked, as Faces has other events happening all the time. Emperor Michael Johnson said he has the forms available at the Faces office and on his flash drive. He asked that anyone doing an event at Faces is to obtain the CGNIE event packet, copy it once it's been sign off and approved, and put the Faces form on top. He will then provide the host a copy of the completed forms. There is an events binder at Faces. All of the events at Faces, including CGNIEs, will be in the binder. Grand Duke Enrique asked whether or not we should complete the Faces form first, which would confirm the venue, and then submit paperwork to the E&Es. Emperor Matt said the CGNIE form and the Faces form may be completed simultaneously. He shared that anyone who has turned in an event form was asked if they had talked to the bar to confirm the proposed event date is available and shared logistics with the bar. Empress Jowana said according to the Faces application, submitting the Faces application is the first step, then the CGNIE event forms are to be turned into the E&E. Emperor Terry shared that if one wants to host an event and one doesn't get a response from the E&Es within 24 hours, one can contact him and he will review the forms for approval.

E. E&E and Board Candidate Applications: Emperor Clarmundo passed out the applications for candidacy for E&E 42 and Community At Large Board Seats. He shared he wanted the board to review the forms for possible feedback. He shared the E&E application contained the same information as last year. He asked them to pay close attention to item 12, which states the important dates and eligibility requirements and expectations for application submission. Empress Kristara noticed a typo in the heading of the application so it will need to be corrected before it is posted in the community. Emperor Matt noticed that item 15 was incomplete. Emperor Clarmundo shared he would correct that as well before making it available to the community. He shared that the missing information from item 15 was a list of events candidates are expected to attend with date, times and locations. There is a signature required on the form to confirm applicants are knowledgeable about these dates and activities. He shared the Community At Large Board application is also the same as last year. The filing fee is different than the E&E and there is no board of review for board candidates. Emperor Terry said we have one seat available. Emperor Matt shared the bylaws require us to have three Community At-Large board seats available for this election process. Emperor Clarmundo shared the application will be made available on line and at the next court meeting. The application needs to be posted in any gay or gay friendly venue for public notice and visibility. Making the application visible and available avoids complaints from the community. Grand Duchess Robert asked could a candidate who wasn't knowledgeable of all of the items on the application able to run. Emperor Terry shared that anyone can submit an application but may not be qualified to run. Grand Duchess Robert clarified his question by asking can someone submit an application if they go to shows but aren't a part of the court. Empress Michael said we have taken applications from people of all titles. Emperor Terry said one cannot run if someone hasn't paid dues for two years, unless the board exempts it. Emperor Terry shared we aren't going to accept an E&E application if we know they cannot run. Emperor Michael Johnson said the purpose of the candidate board of review is to determine if a person is qualified to run, not reign. He said current board members and monarchs can participate in the review of the candidates. Board of review is to determine whether the applicant is qualified to sit in an election. If you don't want an applicant to win, go to the voting poll and vote no.

F. Letter of Resignation: Emperor Clarmundo shared that Robyn Learned submitted to him a letter of resignation. Robyn shared due to personal reasons she will not be able to get things going with TNT and the

fireworks stand. Emperor Terry shared that he felt bad about the resignation because she has worked hard and raised money. He invited her to come back once she is able. He also suggested she consider taking a leave of absence. Empress Michael shared that we had a resignation submitted to the board and needed to vote on whether to accept it or not. Emperor Terry said he didn't think we should take a vote to approve her resignation because she indicated she may consider taking a leave of absence instead. Emperor Matthew said perhaps she should consider taking the letter back and consider taking a leave instead. Emperor Terry requested that she write him a request for a leave of absence.

V. Treasurer's Report

A. Processing Funds Raised: Emperor Terry asked Emperor Michael Johnson to discuss how funds are processed for deposit. He said we have had a form online that should be used to process funds raised during a fundraiser. There is a place on the form where people who count the money can sign off, detail how much was made, how much the hosts spent and what the net amount to CGNIE is. He urged everyone to complete the process upon the completion of a CGNIE fundraiser. The information CGNIE is getting back is incomplete. We have deposits that don't say who threw the event (Imperial, Ducal, 3M, Fairy Godfather), or if there is a benefitting agency. Grand Duke Corey requested that the count sheet be attached to the Event Proposal document. Emperor Michael Johnson said they were separate files due to the file size but that has been remedied. Emperor Tony Southworth shared that we should create the forms in triplicate. Anyone doing a CGNIE fundraiser from now on has 24 hours from the end of the event to turn the money to him. If you do not come and obtain your money for your designated charity after you have raised it, within a week, it will go into the General Fund. Empress Misha said if you can't find the form, record the information on the envelope legibly. Emperor Terry said he HAS to have the form with any money turned in.

B. Treasurer Status: Emperor Terry is not satisfied with Linda Killick. He said that we have accounted for everything that we have done. Emperor Michael Kennedy made a motion to accept Emperor Tony Southworth as Assistant Treasurer to President Terry Sidie. Empress Kristara second. 8 yeas, no nays, 1 abstintion. Motion carries.

C. Financial Report: Emperor Terry presented a report. He said he separates the report into specific accounts so everyone that raised money knows what they raised. He reminded board members that we are in this organization to be good members, to make the origination strong and proud, and to raise money. If you particularly don't want to raise money, help someone else raise it. We have very low amounts of money raised this year in certain accounts. We do have \$14,000-\$17,000, however, but that money wasn't raised this reign. Empress Misha shared that the La Kish Scholarship Fund had only \$287. Emperor Terry said Stockton called him to inform him that Empress Deneka promised that CGNIE would help pay for funeral costs. They also shared they weren't going to show the body until we paid the costs. There wasn't enough money in the Fairy Godfather's account to cover that person's final costs. He paid it with his credit card. The fund owes him reimbursement. Empress Kristara suggested that all monies raised during a reign should be held until the end of the reign for disbursement. This way, we would have money available to focus on the organizational expenditures. Emperor Terry said he agreed, however, but there have been sometimes where there was no money left to distribute at the end of some reigns. He said Rainbow raised \$30,000 and the current E&E gets credit for that. Those funds went to the Jose Sarria Memorial Scholarship Fund. Monies raised at this year's Rainbow Festival will also go to the scholarship fund as well. He is also restoring his 1984 El Dorado that Mother Jose drove and will put it online for auctioning. CGNIE will be the leader in donating money at the 50th anniversary in Portland, OR. Many of the other courts aren't stepping up to do anything. He is encouraging the other courts to help. Empress Key encouraged the board to consider doing fund raising for the La Kish Hayworth Memorial Scholarship Fund. She added that she accepted the director position and has personally donated funds to the fund and gave out a scholarship. However, shortly after this she experienced some major personal crisis which made it difficult for her to conduct fundraisers. Once she gets on her feet,

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she will continue raising funds. Emperor Terry asked us to encourage people who are making their final arrangements to please consider CGNIE as someone to donate to. We will use those funds to distribute to charity. Emperor Michael Johnson shared that when one is raising money for the court you have to be within the county territories of CGNIE. He said however that is not true for LaKish, Fairygodfathers or Rainbow. They are not restricted to court territories. Therefore, if someone comes to us and needs to be buried and live outside of our territories, funds from those accounts can be used. Emperor Terry shared that someone asked him if he wanted CGNIE to have Stockton. He said Stockton approached him first and said they possibly couldn't make it anymore and would like to return under our fold. He added that Charlie Preston had it written that we could always take Stockton back. He said we actually wants Stockton Court to do well by themselves. In summary, Emperor Terry concluded that our financial standing will only get better. There are some weak fundraising from some individuals clearly documented in the financial report and those numbers have to go up because we have a coronation to put on. He said if more fundraising doesn't occur from the current reign the coronation will be held at Sidetrax. Emperor Matt said the last page of the report and its far from complete as far as the money the E&Es has turned in. Emperor Matt shared there were at least two more events where they have turned in money. Emperor Terry asked him to write down what is missing.

D. Outstanding Dues: Emperor Clarmundo wanted to follow up with information Emperor Tony shared about outstanding due payments. He asked Emperor Tony to share an update. Emperor Tony shared that court members are not good at paying their dues. He brings a receipt book to the court meeting and an envelope to put payments in. He said board members haven't been paying as they should. Emperor Terry said that its \$3 a month or \$30 if one pays for the whole year at one time. Emperor Terry asked anyone who owes dues to please bring their money to the next board meeting. He said that a board member isn't supposed to be present at board meeting if one hasn't paid their dues. Emperor Clarmundo shared that if one is interested in running for E&E or a Community At Large Board seat must have their dues paid. Empress Michael said if one has a challenge with paying to please see Emperor Terry privately.

VI. Report from the Court Imperial

A. Board of Review: Emperor Clarmundo shared that every three months the E&E are asked to participate in a Board of Review to review their accomplishments during a three month period. He asked each E&E to present their activities, their individual and collective fundraising activities, and how much money has been raised to date. Emperor Terry shared this process is to review where they have been and what they have done for their community, even if it's not court related. Empress Kristara distributed a list of all of their activities to date. Empress Kristara shared upcoming events, including San Francisco Coronation. Emperor Terry expressed concern about ticket availability at Sa Francisco Coronation and the Gala at City Hall. He said we need to get the CGNIE table organized. He believed that CGNIE donated \$500 so we have 10 seats available. He wrote the names of those at the meeting wanting to obtain one of the seats including the three monarchs, Empress Key, Grand Duchess Dimeuneek, Grand Duke Corey, Empress Jowana, Empress Deneka, Ms. Gay Kristen, and Truffles. Empress Kristara asked if these ten already had a ticket. He said yes. Emperor Clarmundo called for a point of order. He asked the E&E please return to the review questions. Emperor Matt continued to share activates they completed during their reign. Empress DoMe shared that when they first stepped up, they understood they needed to raise money, however, they also wanted to be visible in the community and encourage people to learn more about CGNIE. Emperor Clarmundo asked the board members to share any comments or feedback with the E&Es. Grand Duke Corey requested that they work harder together on logistics for their events. Grand Duke Enrique shared that they need to delegate more people to assist them. Empress Michael shared he appreciated the efforts they are making with their attire. However, they still needed to raise money. He understands the need to be visible but raising money is very important as well. We can't expect those under us to raise money for us. Emperor Terry said they have ten weeks left. Empress DoMe said nothing against Clarmundo or Golden Rule, but a lot of the fundraising that has been

going on has been distributed to Golden Rules. Some of that money should be alternated amongst other charities or come to the E&E too. Every event the E&Es have seen is going to Golden Rule. Emperor Terry said everyone loves Emperor Clarmundo but wondered if there are other charities out there. Empress Michael said the E&E, not the rest of us, could remedy this by organizing three separate fundraisers for three separate charities by the end of their reign. He said he could guarantee all of us would support that. Emperor Terry said that he offered Sunday nights at Faces. That's \$1600 a month. Kristen said the 3M are raising funds for several charities including La Kish, the Gay and Lesbian Center and La Kish. Empress Key shared we can't be upset with where anyone designates as their charity. Golden Rule works every day and helps a lot of people. Emperor Clarmundo works hard for CGNIE and is distributing the funds they receive. Grand Duchess Robert wanted to give the E&E credit because it is hard to get things done without a lot of help. He also shared sometimes people take others for granted and don't give them their credit due. He said he didn't see a lot of love from Emperor Matt. He said he applauded them for sticking it out. Emperor Matt said he had one request of the board of directors and that was to obtain more hands-on help with events sponsored at all event. Grand Duke Corey shared that he was disappointed with not obtaining support to conduct buckets runs during this reign. Emperor Terry shared he heard negative things about how Emperor Matt didn't want to approve other people's fundraising proposals. Emperor Matt responded that there were only two things he didn't support and one of them was bucket runs. He said the E&E agreed to not do buckets runs due to the negative feedback he heard about how CGNIE is going out begging for money. The only other time he said no was to a proposed event that conflicted with another in-town event pre-approved. Emperor Terry said he signed several upcoming events that Emperor Matt didn't sign. Emperor Matt said no one presented the recent proposals to him for review and/or approval. Empress Michael said we made \$4,000 to \$6,000 in bucket runs during his reign. He wanted clarification on who didn't authorize the bucket runs, the board or the E&E. Emperor Terry said despite the complaints about the past buckets runs, the money raised were distributed back in the community. Grand Duke Corey said as board members we should all be doing at least one fundraiser each. Empress Jowana shared that during their court meetings is a good time to ask people to bring their fundraiser proposals. She added that the E&E should plan in advance who is responsible to taking money at the door and counting it. Emperor Michael Johnson shared there is a communication issue. He said he personally chased down every event that was upcoming in CGNIE, sat with the individuals involved with it, helped them complete the paperwork and made sure their events didn't conflict with anything. He said this is something the board needs to get more involved with. We need to help these folks who are coming into the organization for the first time and mentor them about the event process. He said there isn't a lot of mentoring with these individuals. He added that some of the monarchs aren't approaching Emperor Matt, who has never been an emperor before, and ensuring he knows certain things about reigning or the organization. As a result, very little fundraising has occurred. He encouraged everyone to communicate with each other. Laurie shared that one of the things about when we do a CGNIE shows and we have a door and are asking for donations, she has observed it has been a long time since anyone has come up with a bank and a door bag. As a result Faces is always providing it. She doesn't like doing this because of the perception of comingling Faces and CGNIE funds. Empress Kristara shared she came from a very small state and for one two- hour show she can raised \$6,000. She shared hundreds of people come out and support the fundraisers. She shared she raised \$100,000 in one of her reigns. However, she said it is difficult to raise money in Sacramento. Emperor Terry said it may be because people may be exhausted with drag queen shows. Mr. Gay Stefen shared a lot of our events are held at Faces, thus a target crown that may not understand the purpose or importance of our events. Empress Kristara shared 6pm is too early to conduct a show. However, some bars don't allow you to do shows or functions later than 8pm. She also share people don't want to come to a show on Sundays because it's a traditional day of rest. Laurie shared another problem is a lack of marketing and promotion of our events. She never sees flyers or posters, even in Faces, of upcoming CGNIE events. She says no one knows about our events. Empress Kristara said it's all about promotion events on social media. Laurie said people who are not

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involved with CGNIE don't know where to look on social media and if they don't see flyers and posters, they aren't going to know. Empress Michael said board members need to do a better job checking in with the E&E and so how we can help or support them. He encouraged Empress Kristara to show CGNIE how to raise the money she did in Alaska and Emperor Matt to show us how he markets campaigns like he does for his job.

B. Hotel Contract: Hailey passed out the hotel contract. Emperor Matt shared we got everything at the hotel for three days for \$2,500 which included all venue, stage, tables, and chairs. However, they will not be providing a sound system. We have their ballroom for Friday night for the Out of Town Show. They will be providing the bar that night so we won't make money from the bar that night. For Hospitality on Saturday, we either will use one of their upstairs rooms or access to one of their suites rooms. We will be providing food and alcohol from the court members. During Coronation, we will have the ballroom again and will have the bar that night. We will have to provide the bar tenders, liquor, and liquor license. On Sunday we will be using a conference room for Victory Brunch. In the course of three days, we have to make the \$2500 in food and drinks in order to get the hotel free. However, if we have not raised \$2500 by Sunday from food and beverages, we will then be able to purchase gift cards to that hotel for the remainder of the \$2500. The contract said we may have a \$3000 sudden jump in price if we don't make that, however, the contract allows us to buy gift cards up to that \$2500 that we can use in the future. Emperor Terry asked how much food we are buying. Emperor Matt will meet with them on what food we will be providing and how much based on our projected ticket sales. Emperor Matt shared we have been given specific approval to bring in food and beverage for Hospitality and bring in beverage to sell during Coronation. Emperor Tony said his understanding was CGNIE doesn't have to buy \$2500 worth of food. Our guests, if they buy food that becomes part of the \$2500. Emperor Matt said CGNIE will provide some food for free, however, guests are allowed to purchase additional food, which deducts from our \$2500 charge. Emperor Terry wanted to confirm the arrangement is the whole thing is \$2500 if we don't buy anything. So instead of paying \$2500, we can order \$2500 in food and liquor. Empress Jowana asked if food has to be purchased by our guests. Emperor Matt said no, food will be provided by us, that is our only cost for the tables, chairs and venue space for three days. Emperor Terry observed that if we did the bars for the whole weekend, we would raise \$2500 in revenue. Hailey shared he was going to look into that option. Emperor Matt reported that we have already sold 20 rooms. We have 50 blocked. Emperor Clarmundo asked is there a comp room if we sell the 50 block. Emperor Matt said no because they are already giving us complimentary rooms. There is no penalty if we don't sell the full block of 50 rooms. Emperor Terry said Robert can get us a sound system from Faces. He added that he thinks the hotel packet is a steal.

C. Coronation Budget: Projected income from In Town Show is 30 guests at \$5 each for a total of \$150. The Projected expense will be for a DJ for \$50. So the projected income of the In-town Show minus expense is \$100. Projected income from the Out of Town Show is 100 guests at \$10 each for a total of \$1,000. We will not have any bar. Projected expenses are \$200 for a DJ and 2 MC comp tickets at \$20. Total projected income minus expenses is \$780. Emperor Terry questioned why the DJ fee for the night is \$200. Emperor Terry said the DJ is charging \$400 for the whole weekend but Hailey split up his expense into the three events. Empress Michael said the DJ fees in the budget add up to \$450. Hailey replied she wasn't sure about the \$50 DJ charge for the In Town Show. The Coronation projected income is 200 guests at \$40 each for a total of \$8,000. They expected bar sales for the night \$1000. Projected expenses including the DJ, center pieces, set, lights and sound, liquor license, and MC ticket comps totals \$505. Emperor Tony shared he did not see the MC room expense in the budget. Total project income minus expenses is \$8,495. Projected income from Victory Brunch is 50 guests at \$20 each for a total of \$1000. No project expenses. Miscellaneous expenses are projected at \$5,384. Out of this Emperor Terry reduced the proposed pins from 400 to 200. Projected income from program ad placements is \$2,300. Expected expenses from the coronation program are \$350. Total projected income minus expenses all categories is \$5,341. He is asking for a board member to take that piece. Emperor Terry wanted to ensure that everyone acknowledged Emperor Gary Vicker's decade. Emperor Matthew said they send all the decades and five year monarchs were sent invitations. Emperor Terry said all

monarchs get in free. He acknowledged Empress Do Me Moore for her proclamation that honors past monarchs by allowing them free admission to coronation. Grand Duchess suggested doing a large door prize. Emperor Terry asked if the E&E were okay with cutting the pin line item. Emperor Clarmundo asked how many tickets have been sold to date. Emperor Matt shared there were two tickets sold online from Chicago for whole weekend packages. Emperor Terry shared he was leaving Friday morning and if they provided him 300 beautiful trifolds, he would get them to everyone and get the microphone to announce our coronation information. He asked Michael Johnson to put coronation on Faces website. Emperor Matt said he would send the trifold to Floppys to print 300 copies. Emperor Terry confirmed what was changed to the proposed budget before making a motion to approve it. He said there was only one change and it was the number of pins. Emperor Clarmundo shared we needed to be clear on the DJ costs. Emperor Terry said it would be a steal if Robert Long agrees to dejay and bring all of the sound equipment for \$400. He said that Laurie confirmed we have the sound equipment at Faces and to ask him to bring it and use it for coronation. Emperor Terry said \$2000 for the sets is a little high. Hailey said the pipe and drapes were the highest expense for the set line item. He said he already have curtains that he is using for both nights. They are renting a backdrop. Empress Kristara suggested \$1500 versus \$2000 for the set line item. He said this budget was the nicest budget he's seen in a long time. Empress Michael made a motion to accept the budget with revisions mentioned, Empress Key second. Nine yeas, no nays, and one abstentions. The motion carries.

D. Advertising: Emperor Terry said we need funds for advertising. We have a nice hotel, good room price, free food, and a coronation ticket cost is only \$40. He said that people won't come if they don't know what they are getting and how wonderful everything is. They need to know specifically what they are getting and the value (food, alcohol, beautiful rooms, etc). Empress Kristara suggested we place an ad in the Sacramento Bee. Emperor Terry said most of our coronation attendees are not local. Emperor Matt said he sent a tri-fold to every court. Emperor Terry shared he has traveled quite a bit but didn't have the tri-folds to share. Empress Michael suggested we consider Facebook boosting and a cute ad campaign that catches one's eyes. Emperor Terry suggested we get Fred to write an article in Outword. Grand Duke Enrique suggested we create a dedicated website or webpage. Emperor Matt shared all coronation information is up on our website, listed on the ICS Imcourt.org with a direct link for ticket purchasing. Tickets are now available on Brown Paper Tickets. Emperor Terry requested 400 color trifolds to take to San Diego. Empress Jowana suggested we advertise on the ICC website. Emperor Terry said he will try to get Go Go boys from San Francisco and Faces that can be used as waiters. He also asked if we can see if we can get them to take back the liquor on Saturday night.

E. ICC Convention Hosting: Emperor Michael said we may want to consider to approving the budget provisionally since CGNIE is considering hosting the West Coast ICC Convention. He said there is a lot involved with if we do it. He said if we do it, it would be great for coronation attendance. Since we have the whole hotel for the whole weekend and nothing else is booked there, we could do the convention.

F. Sponsorships: Empress Kristara shared they are trying to get some sponsorships from large corporations. Emperor Matt said the letters have already began to be sent. Emperor Tony shared that Rich Jones is working on securing SMUD and AARP as sponsors. However, he doesn't want to be the contact for that for CGNIE.

G. Transportation: Empress Kristara asked if we can have a pick up transportation service for visiting monarchs. It's more personal than a shuttle service.

H. Ball Script: Emperor Clarmundo asked if there was a ball script ready and where is it so the board can preview it. Emperor Matt said it hasn't been prepared yet. Emperor Terry shared that have had several weeks to prepare one. Emperor Matt shared all of his guests to the Dias and will still get confirmation of the performers. Emperor Clarmundo asked if we can obtain that by the next board meetings, especially since we only have so few board meetings left for the reign. Emperor Terry asked for it by the next board meeting.

VII. Report from the Ducal House

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A. Grand Duke Corey shared they had a successful holiday show. He also went to Reno's coronation. Grand Duke Corey and Empress Jowana sang national anthems. He said Sacramento stepped up and provided a lot of help during the coronation. He was awarded a Grand Duke to Grand award and Grand Duchess Dimeuneek received a Duchess to Duchess award. He announced an upcoming ducal Kareoki Gong Show at Faces on February 23, 2015. Grand Duchess shared she is doing an 80s Bash on March 7, 2015 at Faces. Grand Duke Corey also shared he is conducting his annual "Caberet Show" on June 18, 2015. There will only be live performers. He needs to set up online tickets sales. Tickets are \$25-35 per tickets. It will be fully catered. The chorus is his beneficiary.

VIII. Rainbow Festival Director Report – No Report

IX. 3Ms Report

A. Emperor Clarmundo acknowledged our new 3Ms. Mr. Gay Stephen shared he is conducting a fundraiser on March 19 fundraiser at the Kennedy Gallery. Kippy Marks will be the entertainment. Tickets will be \$25. Everyone will receive a signature glass. Ms. Gay Kristen is working on a Cinco De May show. Arch Duchess Mia Ho will be hosting. Raquella will be performing. The 3Ms are also planning a pool party on March 28. That is the same day as Stockton's Coronation. Mr. Gay wants to host events at venues where people under 21 can come. Emperor Clarmundo said the 3Ms will be signing their contracts at the next board meeting. He shared the are still, however, obligated observe the roles and responsibilities assigned to their titles.

X. La Kish Hayworth Memorial Scholarship Fund: No Report. Emperor Clarmundo shared that Turnabout was a good turn out and monies were raised. He shared his understanding that the money raised for that event is going to the La Kish fund. Emperor Tony shared that that fundraiser was always done for the LaKish fund because Rich Jones always did it and ran it. He had the LaKish seat so that's why it was always done for La Kish. Emperor Terry said they will put the funds in the La Kish account

XI. Fairy Godfather's Fund

A. **Proposed New Director.** Emperor Clarmundo shared the director seat has been vacant for almost a year. He said we have put out several requests during board meetings that we were looking for someone that's qualified. We received a letter of intent from Grand Duke Enrique. He read his letter of intent to the board. Emperor Terry appointed him as the new Fairy Godfather Director.

XII. Le Femm Summary: Empress Michael said he and Matt met to review the numbers. He said there were two outstanding sponsorships to pick up tomorrow. There is a check from the Crest. He said we netted \$1,698. Not only will CGNIE get its \$2000 back but also \$500 donated to CGNIE. He personally thanked Emperor Matt Bunch for helping with marketing and judging and Empress Kristara for co-emceeing. He also thanked Grand Duke Corey, Emperor Michael Johnston and everyone else that supported the pageant. Empress Misha shared she was going to make a donation to Mother Jose's scholarship fund and Golden Rule Services.

A motion was made by Emperor Tony to close the meeting. Empress Jowana second. The meeting ended at 9:03PM.