

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

COURT OF THE GREAT NORTHWEST IMPERIAL EMPIRE (CGNIE)

Meeting Held Monday, October 30, 2017
At Sidetrax Sacramento, 2007 K Street, Sacramento, CA
Minutes Prepared by Gerald Filice, Emperor XL, Secretary

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Johnathan Cameron, who presided at the meeting. Of the total of 13 currently seated Board members, the following additional Board members attended: Vice President Jeo Treto, Treasurer Jake Bradley-Rowe, Secretary Gerald Filice, Rocky Citi, Brett Anderson, Garret Reid, and Paul Crouch.

Absent were members Blake Holloway, Dennis Seguin, Robert Collins, Hillary Glueck-Pratali, and Matt Theroux (all excused for work or other obligations).

President's Remarks

The President thanked CGNIE as a whole for the amount of fundraising accomplished this past month. That's what it's all about. We may quarrel, but in the end come together to raise money. We are friends outside of the meetings, and we talk, but no one should feel there is back door politicking going on. If there are any concerns or conflicts, let's talk and work it out.

We are fundraising in different directions. Whether that is good or should be modified is a matter to be discussed in the future.

The President noted that each Board member should adopt a particular focus of his or her efforts as a Board member.

Our Board is very strong. I also want to congratulate Rocky and Betty (Brett) for their out-of-town representation.

Secretary Report:

The Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on September 25, 2017, were presented.

MOTION:

On motion of Garrett, seconded by Treasurer Jake, the Minutes of the meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer Report:

The Treasurer presented his written report. To summarize his comments:

We are donating the Ducal House funds of \$1,000 to Golden Rule Services. However, Golden Rule Services also owes us \$100 for the Ducal program ad. Attempts to contact Clarmundo of GRS had been made without response, and accordingly the \$100 would be deducted from the donation, and the balance of \$900 paid to them.

The commitment of each Board member to raise \$1,000 is behind schedule.

The President noted that the Miller Lite fundraising program (providing a portion of each beer sale at the midtown clubs to CGNIE) would provide us with a donation of \$4,550. Yay!

The Treasurer went on to note that the Emperor and Empress had raised over \$12,000 this reign. Congratulations!

We are getting a small dividend back from insurance. Also, if we keep the Rainbow Festival on the insurance policy, it lowers the cost of the combined insurance for the two organizations. The Treasurer would look into it further.

Monarchs' Court Report:

Funds were raised by the monarchs and CGNIE as follows: \$120 from Jello shots, \$691 from the bake sale, \$700 from Monster Bash. \$1,952 was raised the weekend of October 27-29.

A coronation budget will be presented at November's Board meeting. The president is working on liquor sponsorships. The cost of the Jose Honors Award program will be included in the budget (per the President and Treasurer Jake).

3 M Report:

President Johnathan asked Paul Crouch to take over and revamp the 3M program. Paul agreed. The President urged consideration of creating a true transgender position. The President would like the new program to be presented and decided at the January 2018 Board meeting, with the pageant in March to start the Coronation celebrations.

La Kish Scholarship Fund Report:

The President announced that he is reappointing Garrett as the Scholarship Chair. He noted that Garrett had taken the program far beyond where it had been. Congratulations Garrett!

Garrett then reported:

No Sunday Fund-day occurred in October due to time conflicts. Garrett and the monarchs will schedule a Jello shot event for the Scholarships and for the E&E fundraising.

Drag Queen Bingo to benefit the Scholarship is upcoming. Garrett asked for some extra volunteers, and thanked all for sharing the event on Facebook.

Fairy Godfathers Fund Report:

Chair Dennis Seguin was absent. However, the President reported:

Fairy Godfathers Fund (FGF) is a division of CGNIE which was originally given to CGNIE by Terry Sidie. The President would like to return it to Terry. It is intended as an HIV/AIDS crisis fund. Terry is willing to take it back, is not requesting any of the funds CGNIE has raised or set aside for FGF, which is \$3,174.04. Terry advocates we use it to support a film about Jose. Extensive discussion was had about whether it was appropriate to use the funds for a film, when they had been raised specifically for FGF and HIV/AIDS expenses. The President indicated a desire to eliminate the FGF Board position, but would not do so until at least the November meeting, in order to elicit comments from Dennis, the current FGF chair.

Old Business:

A. Name of the La Kish Scholarship. The President took up the issue of QM Nicole's request to add Terry Sidie's name to the La Kish Scholarship, and had contacted Terry. Terry does not wish his name to be on the Scholarship; it was Nicole's idea. Terry will ask Nicole to withdraw that particular request.

The motion of Rocky regarding scholarship naming was reopened.

Gerald proposed that the "general" scholarship created several years ago be named for Emperor 8, Larry Macy, who lost his life on October 21 to gunfire in Tijuana. Paul supported the concept. Larry has been an inspiration to CGNIE and all of us, and deserves this honor. Subject to getting family approval.

MOTION:

Rocky amended his motion to name the general scholarship as the "Larry Macy Memorial Scholarship," subject to approval by the family of Larry. Garrett seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

The President asked Garrett to ensure we had at least \$1,000 in the Larry Macy Memorial Scholarship at the Coronation. He will ask to match the funds raised.

B. The Grievance Board should meet within 2 weeks to resolve those issues.

C. Jose Honors Award program. Various Board members have had discussions with a representative of Surrey, B.C., which hosted the last Jose Honors, with Empress and Heir Apparent Coco LaChine, and Queen Mother Nicole, regarding the event. In essence, CGNIE is responsible for planning and paying for the event, with a few exceptions. Arrangements are subject to approval of Coco LaChine. Jake volunteered to chair the event. Gerald, Jeo, and Paul are on the committee, and Johnathan will appear as needed.

Johnathan recommends Turn Verein – we keep the liquor proceeds. Marshall Calloway and others will volunteer at the event. We may be able to use special martini glasses which were previously acquired as a fundraiser/cocktail.

D. The Charity Disbursements event will be at Badlands on November 10. There will be a later disbursement event as well.

New Business:

A. Gerald announced his event on February 2, 2018, at the Guild Theater, doors at 7:00, show at 8:00. The event would benefit first the CGNIE Board expenses (\$1,000), and the balance the Scholarship funds, with the objective of starting an endowment. The program will be entirely live singing and music, with a silent auction. Jake volunteered himself and Robert to collect tickets and money at the door.

B. The President announced that he would give a Lifetime Achievement Award at Coronation. The Board members may nominate candidates, to be decided by the President. Nominations to be made at the January Board meeting.

C. The Thanksgiving dinner will be November 19, including a show by the monarchs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.