

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

COURT OF THE GREAT NORTHWEST IMPERIAL EMPIRE (CGNIE)

Meeting Held Monday, October 29, 2018

At Sidetrax, 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 12 currently seated Board members, the following additional Board members attended: Vice president Jeo Treto, Treasurer Jake Bradley-Rowe, Secretary Gerald Filice, Regent Emperor Devon Musgrow, Robert Collins (Empress Jena Un Dunt), Paul Crouch, Enrique Manjarrez, Brett Anderson, Hillary Glueck-Pratali, and Garrett Reid.

Absent was member Michael Kennedy (excused).

Mr. Gay Sacramento Clint Harders attended.

We had a quorum.

President's Remarks

The President thanked everyone for a "spectacular month." Good amounts of money were raised, and a lot of hard work was put in. The president observed that most of the Board members had been on the Board at least three Reigns, and that we had a good working relationship with lots of give and take.

Secretary Report:

The Secretary did not present the Minutes of the September meeting for review and approval.

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer Jake presented an extensive written report of the corporation's finances. We continue to do well financially. Closet Ball raised an excellent \$3,474.17 (all applauded!). Of that amount, \$1,000 went to the Sacramento Gay Mens Chorus and the LGBT Center; the balance was earmarked for the Matthew Shepard Foundation.

The President announced that CGNIE's share from the Miller Beer summer fundraiser was \$4,836. Bravo!

Monarchs' Court Report:

Empress Jena (Robert) and Regent Emperor Devon Musgrow reported.

December 28 there will be a beer bust at the Bolt (Devon's birthday event).

November 16 we would have a bake sale.

There are possible monies from the Rodeo fireworks booth in which CGNIE participated; specifics to come.

The Hawaii Coronation was attended by the Monarchs. It was a good time.

Drag Queens on Ice is approaching. We should prepare a raffle prize, and have tickets preprinted. We need to get the word out in social media. The time is 6-9 p.m. We need 5 people to attend and handle the table. The issue of insurance was raised; the President said he would check with the promoter, Fred Palmer.

A toy or fundraising drive or other such event is planned for Mustard Seed School in November or December.

At Liquid Therapy at Badlands in December we intend to perform and raise funds.

The Sacramento Bears will not be participating in our Thanksgiving dinner for the community.

Empress Jena thanked the Board for the work putting on Closet Ball.

MOTION:

Gerald moved to change Devon's title to Emperor (dropping "Regent"). Jake seconded. Gerald explained that Devon's work as Regent had been excellent and he deserved the full title. On a vote being taken, the motion was approved unanimously. Congratulations Emperor Devon!

Mr. and Miss Gay Sacramento Report

Clint reported to the Board. Clint is starting a raffle fundraiser. He is donating a 2-night stay at his B&B in Somerset, El Dorado County, plus a wine tasting experience and 3 bottles of wine. He will be running the raffle through the night of the Gay Pageant, and will sell tickets at CGNIE events.

The Mr and Miss Gay Pageant is tentatively set for February 17 at Faces.

Clint is likely also taking over the Out in Amador event, an LGBT-themed wine tasting event in Amador County. He plans for CGNIE to be the sole charity. It will likely be in May. More details to come.

Clint responded to an inquiry that he was not yet able to discuss a joint fundraiser with Miss Gay, Apple Adams. (A joint fundraiser is their contractual obligation.)

Finally, Clint noted that the San Francisco Mr and Miss Gay event was great.

Scholarships

Chair Garrett reported.

With fundraiser earnings, we have re-filled the Larry Macy fund (which had been depleted with scholarships paid out).

Garrett is working on scheduling more events.

There was discussion about sharing some of the Court's earnings from the Rainbow Festival Gate with the Scholarship Funds, given Garrett's involvement and the history of the scholarship running of gates.

MOTION:

Gerald moved to allocated \$500 from the Court's proceeds from Rainbow Festival to the Scholarship Funds, Jake seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business

1. The president noted that we had intended to allocate proceeds of a Casino Night to the Matthew Shepard Foundation, but that we had postponed that event and determined to allocate funds from the Closet Ball. This change needed to be ratified by the Board.

MOTION:

Jeo moved to allocate \$2,443.17 from Closet Ball to the Matthew Shepard Foundation. Devon seconded. All voted in favor, other than Robert, who abstained.

2. Chico territory. Claudette from Chico sent an offensive communique' to Emperor I of the Americas, Terry Sidie, objecting to CGNIE recovering the Chico territory. As we know, the Chico Court has discontinued servicing the Community there and wasn't fulfilling its obligations under its contract with CGNIE.

MOTION:

Jake moved that CGNIE recover the Chico territory (consisting of Butte County, and two adjacent Counties), and to notify the ICC accordingly. Garrett seconded. The basis for the motion is that the Chico Court is not fulfilling its contractual obligations and duties, since it has ceased for all intents and purposes to function. Jeo called the question. On a vote being taken, the motion was approved unanimously.

Appropriate means of recognizing past Chico Monarchs at Coronations will be arranged.

3. Stockton territory. Emperor I Terry continues to encourage CGNIE to recover the Stockton territory (the Delta Empire). They have not had a Coronation or elected Monarchs for two years, which is more than enough to entitle CGNIE to recover the territory. We agreed to table the matter and discuss it at the November meeting.

4. Possible name change. The Board initially favored "Imperial Court of Sacramento." However, some members believe that fails to recognize the greater geographical scope of our territory. The president had the insight to suggest "Greater Northern California Imperial Court." Gerald moved to table the discussion, Jake seconded, unanimously approved.

5. Thanksgiving Dinner preparations underway. November 18. Faces supplying turkeys. Board members assigned various food items and tasks. Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence are being asked to help. Leathermen are invited to attend.

6. Casino Royale possibly January 7.

Closed Session

There was an unreported closed session.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34.