



United Court of the Sandias, Inc.
Albuquerque, New Mexico USA



BOD Meeting Minutes
UNM LGBTQ Resource Center
01-09-2019

In Attendance:

- Board Members Reign XXVI
 - President: Eric-Christopher Garcia
 - Treasurer: Jake Segura
 - Secretary: Tim Winn
 - Membership Coordinator: Rob Sierra-Lopez
 - Emperor XXVI: Jose Ogaz Munoz
 - Empress XXVI: Estevan Zamora
- Guests:
 - Elijah
 - Reyes
 - Lola
 - Mikey
 - Fatima
 - Brandon
 - Topher

Opening

The regular meeting of the United Court of the Sandias was called to order at 07:02pm on 01-09-2019 at UNM LGBTQ Resource Center by President Eric-Christopher Garcia.

Distribution of Agenda

The agenda was distributed to all attendees.

Welcome Members

At this time the floor was opened up to the members to address any concerns.

Fatima asked to have time to present a proposal for the Red Ribbon Title Holder and EmpreX 1/3. This would be a partnership between the pageant and the UCS for raising money to go towards Common Bond that feeds monies into HIV/Aids programs. The proposal details events and shows and marketing ideas for how the money can be raised. Armani did raise some concerns since plans have already been made for the UCS Red Ball which is highlighted in the partnership. Additionally, the previous Red Ball title holders would need to be on board with this since they are the decision makers. Tim brought up the concern that if this does go forward that monies exchanged from MPower and UCS would have to be done via check or money order since both are non-profits. A decision was not made at this time to proceed.

Armani would like to congratulate Topher and Bunnie for being appointed by Nicole the Great to Heir Apparent.

Topher would like to announce that New Mexico will be selected for the ICC Summer meeting. This will also increase the number of attendees and courts walking by possibly 35. Bunnie and Topher would be responsible for raising the monies to host the Heirs and for the meeting room which would be funneled in to the UCS. They would also need to be added to the hotel contract to begin making arrangements. Eric-Christopher will coordinate with Topher outside of the meeting.

At this time Eric-Christopher shared a letter from Ray stating his resignation as Board President due to items in his personal life that would cause a conflict with many board events including our meetings. Motion was made to accept resignation without prejudice and to elevate Eric-Christopher from Vice-President to Board President.

1. Motion: Tim
2. Second: Rob
3. Vote: 5 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
4. Result: Motion Carries, Resignation Accepted

Approval of Agenda Items

- Approval of Agenda Items – Presented by Tim
 - There were no additional Agenda Items to be added

Approval of Minutes

- Approval of Board Minutes from previous meeting – Presented by Tim
 1. Motion: Rob
 2. Second: Jake
 3. Vote: 5 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
 4. Result: Motion Carries, Minutes Approved

Financials and Invoices

- Approval of Financials – Presented by Jake
 - Need to fix Effex collection on 12/15 on page 5. And change pride cookies to Armani donation on page 5 and page 10.
 1. Motion: Rob
 2. Second: Estevan
 3. Vote: 5 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
 4. Result: Motion Carries, Financials Approved with corrections
- Questions came up around the Spoy crown purchase and how that should be documented for the \$82. Ray was going to contribute \$32 to cover the excess amount since the budget was only for \$50. Eric-Christopher feels that we should just eat the cost and that asking Ray for the money isn't necessary. Jose feels that Nikko should pay the difference and Estevan brought up the fact that his crown is more expensive than what the PR's have. At this point we will refer back to the contract to determine if a crown was even to be offered and then discuss in board chat.

Emergency Fund

- Three requests were submitted but only two payouts were made for assistance with rent. Once we get thank you letters, they will be put in to the Newsletter now that it is up and running.

Board

- Status on Reconciliation
 - We need to get the documentation from Sativa in order to see where we stand. Request will be sent to Sativa with a deadline of January 31st
 - Once this has been received Jake and Eric-Christopher will take up the reconciliation and report to the rest of the board
- Filling Vacancy for Vice-President
 - It will be decided by the board to fill the vacancy by either elevating another board member or deciding to bring a new person in
 - Armani strongly recommends that we start getting nominations and appoint someone before next meeting
 - The appointment would only be to fill this year and election would be held as normal with the regular
 - Since there is more discussion that is needed, we will discuss this in board chat to determine if there is interest in a current board member stepping up and which position would need to be filled
- Rewrite of P&P's
 - Need to arrange a meeting with Lahrya and Tina and other members of the board to continue the rewrite process. Eric-Christopher will arrange a doodle to see what dates and times will work for everyone that is involved

- Board Insurance
 - Will need to wait for the policy to be turned in so we can setup payment. This is part of the requested information to Ray to have that turned in

Campaign

- Campaign Timelines
 - We will mimic last year with the exception of campaign Closure
 - Armani would like Campaign closure to be before Voting starts. Tim brought up the concern that if we close campaign before voting that this will cause confusion for those involved on if they are allowed to still solicit for votes. Eric-Christopher mentioned that in previous years people were still campaigning and securing votes during the voting time frames. Armani explained that he just means the show for campaign closure should be before voting starts but candidates would still be encouraged to campaign while voting was ongoing. Rob talked about in the past this was done that way but isn't sure why.
 - Looking at the timeline we could possibly do campaign closure on a Friday but we would need to change the final board interview as well. Since all funds are required to be turned in on that day there wouldn't be a worry on fundraising after
 - March 15th – 17th Packet pickup
 - April 1st Packet turn in
 - April 3rd First Board Interview
 - April 7th Campaign kick off
 - May 12th Lifetime Member Q&A
 - May 13th Final Board Interview
 - May 24th Campaign Closure
 - May 24th – 26th Voting
 - May 30th Intown show
 - May 31st Out of town show
 - June 1st Coronation
- Candidate Requirements
 - Rob wanted to ask if by raising the amount needed to fundraise that it would discourage some from becoming candidates. Historically candidates always exceeded the minimum and the consensus of the board is that the bar should be raised to continue getting better candidates.

Coronation

- Timeline and Checklist
 - This was handed out to board members so we can start assigning tasks to individuals who will be working specific items and to make sure we are on target
 - In the interest of time we will be setting up committees to go over each item and to discuss topics as needed. Any official decisions will still be made via the board

- Hotel Contract
 - Will need to reach out to hotel and see about adding Eric-Christopher and if contract needs to be re-signed with him or how that will work
- Ticket Prices & Sponsorship Levels
 - Discussion was if the previously discussed prices cover the current projections for coronation. Jose will send a document he was working on so we can determine what prices we need to set and will finalize and approve the prices in the board chat.
- EventBrite & Ticket Sale
 - Due to a price increase Jose does not want to use their service. He has found an alternative that charges \$0.99 per ticket sold and 2.99% of credit sales. We can avoid the credit sales fee by taking cash. Additionally, we would have to close the online sales to do the day of cash sales
 - Additional conversation will need to be had regarding how day of sales will work since there is a large number of attendees that do wait until the day of

Events

- Youth Ball
 - To be determined
- Red Ball
 - Rescheduled for May since Lahrya will be planning this one and was unavailable for Feb
- ICP Ball
 - To be determined
- Mr. and Miss Sandias
 - Planning will start in March
- Monarch Itinerary
 - Jose going to Las Vegas 18th and 19th
 - Jose and Estevan going to Colorado for the I25 show

Board Chat

Jose called for a motion to approve early bird prices for Coronation. These are needed to secure the bid to have Nicole the Great in attendance.

Prices will be as follows until May 3rd:

Coronation: \$75
 Brunch: \$25
 Bus Tour: \$40
 Package price: \$135

Prices after May 3rd will increase to:

Coronation: \$85

Brunch: \$30
Bus Tour: \$45
Package price: \$155

1. Motion: Jose
2. Second: Estevan
3. Vote: 4 in favor, 0 abstained, 1 opposed
4. Result: Motion Carries, Prices Approved

Rob made a motion to approve Coronation ticket price for youth members to be \$50.

1. Motion: Rob
2. Second: Tim
3. Vote: 5 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
4. Result: Motion Carries, Prices Approved

Board Reports

- Eric-Christopher – asks that any committee items be reported back to the Board, so everyone is on the same page.
- Tim – None
- Rob – Newsletter is out, form is working now to log who wants to order nametags.
- Jake – None
- Jose – Aleah is organizing a bingo on Jan 26th. Funds are going to help build a food pantry for a teacher. Also, Brandon and Jose are working on a show at the Kimo that could provide some additional funds towards coronation.
- Estevan – None

Parking Lot

- None

Next Meeting

- The next Board meeting will be February 6th, 2019 at the UNM LGBTQ Resource Center

Adjournment of the meeting

1. Motion: Tim
2. Second: Jake
3. Vote: 5 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
4. Result: Motion Carries, Meeting was adjourned at 09:12pm by President Eric-Christopher Garcia.