



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



BOD Meeting Minutes
UNM LGBTQ Resource Center
07-11-2018

In Attendance:

- Board Members Reign XXVI
 - President: Ray Sierra-Lopez
 - Vice-President: Eric Christopher Garcia
 - Treasurer: Jake Segura
 - Secretary: Tim Winn
 - Membership Coordinator: Robert Sierra-Lopez
 - Emperor XXVI: Estevan Zamora
 - Empress XXVI: Jose Ogaz Munoz
- Guests:
 - Elijah
 - Tommy
 - Dahlia
 - Frida
 - Tidus
 - Candy
 - TJ
 - Beth
 - David

Opening

The regular meeting of the United Court of the Sandias was called to order at 7:02pm on 07-11-2018 at UNM LGBTQ Resource Center by President to Reign XXVI Ray Sierra-Lopez.

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. There were no issues or concerns at this time.

Approval of Minutes

- Approval of Board Minutes from previous meeting with changes to types on a few titles and Reign numbers – Presented by Tim
 1. Motion: Jose
 2. Second: Tim
 3. Vote: 6 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
 4. Result: Motion Carries, Minutes Approved

Financials and Invoices

- Jose and Estevan wanted to discuss moving to 100% payout to RAICES. President Ray voiced concern that the current operating account is very low and to consider upcoming expenses for the future events
- Motion to allocate 100% of funds raised to RAICES from the drag Bingo Event and the Car Wash.
 1. Motion: Jose
 2. Second: Estevan
 3. Vote: 6 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
 4. Result: Motion Carries, Monies will be moved.
- Approval of Financials with the changed totals – Presented by Jake
 1. Motion: Tim
 2. Second: Rob
 3. Vote: 6 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
 4. Result: Motion Carries, Financials Approved.

Emergency Fund

- Eric mentioned a few requests that came through the emergency fund and asked to define the parameters of what the fund is for. He also asked for clarification on requests to donate to GoFundMe accounts. Another questionable item was a request for “future” rent. We discussed that there is not an actual written process on how this should be done but President Ray explained how its been done in the past by not paying the person but rather the entity that needs the funds, i.e. PNM or Apartment Complex. President Ray also explained that this was for actual emergencies not just a lack of funds.
- Jose asked that he and Estevan be included in the approval process and that we should define and post the requirements of what this fund is meant to be used for. He also would like to see that we ask for a brief letter on how this will help the requestor.
- There was a discussion around who else should be included on the approval process as this has not been set in stone.
- The consensus is that there should be additional people for a check and balance and these requests will be added to the Facebook Chat/Page to inform of the request and ask for input. The Vice-President will still be the one to make the final decision.

Board

- Membership Discussion
 - Currently Membership is the general community and then the Lifetime titles.
 - Emperor would like to have it \$20 for active membership. Name tags can be purchased for additional cost for these members. He has been looking at the way Denver has their setup but there are some restrictions on voting. They do have a pool of benefits for Active members and also to entice new applicants.
 - As an alternative Rob had looked at Fans but they are somewhat pricey. Still need to pan out what the perks would be. The consensus is everyone would want to get this done sooner rather than later.
 - Motion made to have a defined paid membership with a \$20 annual fee. Benefits will be decided later.
 - Motion: Jose
 - Second: Tim
 - Vote: 6 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
 - Result: Motion Carries, Active Membership has been Approved.
 - Dues and Incentives
 - Will be defined in a separate committee and then brought for board approval. Deadline will be to have this done by the next board meeting. This will include current Membership coordinator and the monarchs as well as any that would be interested.
 - Rob is trying to round up all the current lifetimes and getting them to become active in a group chat similar to the College of Monarchs. There is a college of cardinal's page that has gone unused that he would like to repurpose for UCS lifetimes.
- Membership Newsletter
 - Voter cards are being compiled for who we can contact and what method they prefer
 - We will compile a list with the contacts that were gathered during the community meetings and with the Emperors new app that he utilizes to be able to distribute this newsletter
 - We will be changing this to monthly to allow us to distribute our show dates more often and to advertise/market other big events
 - A link to the financials and minutes can be on here to help with our transparency
 - Additional sections will be added to bring more value to those that are getting the newsletters
- Liability Insurance for UCS
 - President has worked with 2 possible companies to secure liability insurance for the UCS
 - Quotes are coming out to \$20/mo for general liability insurance.
 - Looking for Donor (possible lifetime) that could take this one so there is consistency from Reign to Reign or to setup a dedicated show to this to pay for the next Reign
 - This would only cover us for Errors and Omissions if the UCS was ever sued
- Allocation of Fundraisers

- These can be made in advance of the shows, so advertising can be done correctly. The Emperor would like to have this done to assist with Transparency for where the monies are being used
- The Secretary did caution that always doing 100% or 90% instead of the normal 60/40 will make it more difficult to get things done later when we need to pay upfront for a hotel or put a deposit. Also, by changing this allocation it creates a trend for others to think it can always be changed if they ask
- The Emperor would suggest that Investitures be dedicated to the Operations Fund instead of a split. His research indicated that non-profits that keep over 20% are at a C or D level and He would like us to be at an A+. His idea is to only do 10% towards Operating account not the 40% we have done traditionally.
- After this discussion it is decided that more research is needed to be able to decide which way is the best approach and what course of action to take. The President will work with the Treasurer to project out the numbers and a budget of what the typical expenses are for the UCS annually

Rewrite of PNP's

- The momentum of the rewrite needs to be renewed so this can be done quicker, then a membership meeting can be called to get the official process done.
- Secretary needs to get the most recent copy of the PNP's as they currently stand and to upload these to the rewrite folder.
 - Need to remove previous reign access to Google forms
 - Add all current board members to be able to review these documents
- Need to have a rough Draft of the PNP's and a Final Revised copy of the Bylaws by the next meeting.
- Removing the restriction of only voted members to work on this project and for this committee to meet 2 weeks. Still would want to limit the invitation to a select number and not a large group. Aleah and Tsunami would like to continue working on this so the option to have 2 additional College of Monarchs on the rewrite, as well as the current Board.

Events

- Investitures
 - Lines are picked and have been notified
 - President recommend reaching out to Bill and Ken for set design and see if it can be donated.
 - There is a shortage of crowns so a call out to all formers will be needed to try and secure these for the ceremony.
 - Frida has arranged for everything else for the show
- Fire and Ice Ball
 - Need to reach out to King Fathers and Queen Mothers to start getting their commands and then a poster can be designed.
- Back to School Drive
 - Combined with TGRC and Pride to raise a total of \$3000 by August 4th
 - Schedule for collecting outside of Effex
 - Pride will cover whatever amount is not raised to equal \$3000

- UCS will collect as many supplies as possible by August 4th in addition to funds that can be raised
 - A paypal link has been created to use for donations
 - Title 1 school to be selected for the donations
- Bunnie is selecting queer students for a shopping event and a total of 15 kids will be taken shopping on August 5th at Wal-Mart for back to school. If any of these students have siblings, they will be added to the list as well.
- SPOY
 - Monarchs will be moving back to single performer not a Mr/Ms
 - Seliah has sent the previous packet for review and the set list
 - Packet will need to be rewritten since the pageant is being changed back to a single winner
 - President encourages Monarchs to reach out to the current titleholders to inform of this
 - Mr Spoy still needs to turn in \$314
 - Must sell tables 1 and 2 (16 tickets) to get a payout from Soch
- Monarch Itinerary
 - Jose going to Austin from August 10th – 12th
 - Estevan going to Nebraska from July 13th – 15th and possibly going to Austin
 - Both Monarchs going to Indiana August 31st – Sept 2nd

Board Chat

There were no chat items at this time

Board Reports

- Ray – There was a person that mentioned the UCS is not supporting other events by having representation there. He just wants to clear the air that it is not up to the President to dictate this, it is up to the Monarchs. Rob had let them know that the only required shows for line members to attend are the UCS state functions.
- Robert – Had a question on membership cards and will check back with Soch to make sure we still have arrangement to utilize their card laminators.
- Eric – None
- Tim – Please reach out to him if there are any items that need to be done or worked on especially if it is any type of documentation that the UCS will be published.
- Jake – Need access to accounts.
- Jose – He is working on the website and would like to transfer the website to another one. If this cannot be done he will use this site as the current Reign Website. He is also donating the cost of rebranding the mobile app until donors can be secured. The President will talk to the Emperor separately since this is a donated website
- Estevan – None

Parking Lot

- Membership Definition by Next meeting
- Rough draft of PNPs for the college and a final revised copy of the Bylaws by the next meeting
- Rewrite committee to meet within 2 weeks

- Website discussion for next meeting
- Financial Projections for Fundraiser Allocation Change

Next Meeting

- The next Board meeting will be August 8th, 2018 at the UNM LGBTQ Resource Center

Adjournment of the meeting

1. Motion: Tim
2. Second: Eric
3. Vote: 6 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
4. Result: Motion Carries, Meeting was adjourned at 08:54pm by President Ray Sierra Lopez.