



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



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BOD Meeting Minutes  
UNM LGBTQ Resource Center  
10-03-2018

**In Attendance:**

- Board Members Reign XXVI
  - President: Ray Sierra-Lopez
  - Vice-President: Eric Christopher Garcia
  - Treasurer: Jake Segura
  - Membership Coordinator: Robert Sierra-Lopez
  - Emperor XXVI: Estevan Zamora
  - Empress XXVI: Jose Ogaz Munoz
- Guests:
  - Bryan Talbot (Ashleigh)
  - Armando Moreno (Frida)
  - Frankie (Lola)
  - Elijah
  - Chris (Topher)

**Opening**

The regular meeting of the United Court of the Sandias was called to order at 7:12pm on 10-03-2018 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 other issues or concerns at this time.

**Approval of Minutes**

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

## **Financials and Invoices**

- Moved 548.21 from back to school drive to holiday drive, that in In good faith Kiki and Armani have agreed to support the next monarchs in some way to support the next monarchs of reign 27, on their back to school drive. – Presented by Armani
  1. Motion: Armani
  2. Second: Kiki
  3. Vote: 4 in favor, 0 abstained, 1 opposed
  4. Result: Motion Carries
- Motion made to correct the financial entries of carwash benefiting the scholarship of Tyra– Presented by Armani
  5. Motion: Armani
  6. Second: Kiki
  7. Vote: All in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
  8. Result: Motion Carries
- Motion made to move 100% of the Sweet and Twisted show be moved to operations.– Presented by Kiki
  9. Motion: Kiki
  10. Second: Armani
  11. Vote: All in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
  12. Result: Motion Carries
  
- Motion for approving financials with the following amendments: Moving 548.21 moved from back to school to the holiday drive money over to the holiday drive, 100% of the 50 moved back to the scholarship fund, 100% of Sweet and twisted put into operations and approve the board financials with these corrections.
  1. Motion: Rob
  2. Second: Kiki
  3. Vote: All in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
  4. Result: Motion Carries
- Suspended motion to approve the financials at the last board meeting due to discrepancies needs to still be reconciled.
- Going to take more then two weeks to reconcile.
- Ray, Eric-Christopher and Jake will continue to work on reconciling reign 25 discrepancies.
  
- Motion: To approve August Financials With discrepancies being resolved in the month of October. – Presented by Sativa
  1. Motion: Kiki
  2. Second: Armani
  3. Vote: All in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
  4. Result: Motion Carries

## **Emergency Fund**

- One request for assistance, was approved by Eric- Christopher.
  - Suggested we develop more of a process/policy
  - Eric-Christopher will come up with some outlined requirements, how to apply criteria were looking for, and maximum amounts.

## **Board**

- Update on Financial Reconciling
  - Becoming a challenge
  - Ray has created a spreadsheet for reign 25's financials that shows what should have been in the account at what time.
  - Ray had a meeting with a banker with Bank of the West to obtain the financial records/Bank statements.
  - Account is closed
  - Kept being transferred, multiple times
  - Christopher (Seliah) was the only person on the account.
  - Took meeting minutes when there was an exchange of power.
  - Bank of the West is refusing to help with a closed account.
  - Ray wants to work and meet with Jake and Eric-Christopher to continue working on this.
- Board Insurance
  - Ray has contacted Cover Wallet for Board Insurance
  - Do not need Liability Insurance.
  - Down payment for Quote: \$126.60 for two months
    - Then 10 monthly installments of: \$ 62.86 after.
    - Insurance is a DNO
    - Covers the board in full or individually
- Appointment of Heir Apparent
  - ChisTopher Salas
    - Nicole Spoke with Topher and Armani in San Francisco
    - Asked if Topher would be an Heir again this year
    - Asked if the procedure was clear with board
    - Asked to have it added to Board Meeting Agenda
    - Reasons for wanted to accept her offer for Heir:
      - Wants to work on making the court more accessible for all court members.
      - Concerned with lack of accessibility at other coronations
      - Will continue to bring good attention to the organization
      - Second priority is to continue to have a voice at the table when power transitions from Nicole.
      - San Francisco will be voting if they are going to stay apart of the ICS.
      - Topher can round up the votes to keep them apart of ICS.
      - Wants to be a Liaison between UCS and ICS.
    - Ray spoke with Rob Serial about the process and advised Ray, that this is not an appointment and that the board is to just vote on it and write a letter.

- Ray spoke with Nicole as well had told Ray to have the Board submit a vote
- The vote doesn't necessarily entail selection
- Nominations by end of November with announcements to be in December at CourtCon during Las Vegas Coronation.
- Once board votes, Ray will send letter with the final vote and Topher's previous involvement with the court.
- Voting for Heir nomination will be done privately.
- Nicole is planning to attend Albuquerque Coronation.

### **Holiday Drive**

- **Bunnie Talk**
  - Bunnie could not meet, had a family emergency
  - Ray Presented conversation with her: Talked to Jake and Eric
    - To make sure were at side effect for set up party and the party – to be in attendance to take account of donations.
- **Timelines**
  - Deadline for Thanksgiving donations is Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Food baskets on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Deliver food baskets Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>
  - December 14<sup>th</sup> have a final amount needed
  - Shopping will be December 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Party is the 17<sup>th</sup> of December
- **Expectations**
  - Bunnie needs someone from the board available with Court Card to have access of funds to help with holiday drive purchases.
    - Card issues in the past
    - Card has a thousand dollar limit and wont make exceptions with raising the amount till we have been with Rio Grande Credit Union for a year.
    - Ray is working with trying to get a manager to approve a higher limit
  - Bunnie wants cash on hand from the court.
  - Monarchs need board available
- **Strategies**
  - Have an actual total that we are able to spend by the 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> of December.
  - Target school is Pajarito Elementary
- **Thanksgiving Drive**
  - ABOL will donate Gravy for all baskets
  - Frida is donating all Canned green Beans
  - Cleveland Middle School is donating for Can Corn
  - TGRC is donating Stuffing
  - The LGBTQ resource center Mash potatoes
  - Frankie will donate the Cranberries
  - Still need funding for Turkeys
    - Kiki may have sponsors
  - 60 Baskets in total for thanksgiving
- **Christmas Drive**
  - Will be doing 400 of each to have enough for Christmas food baskets.

## Coronation

- Hotel
  - Coronation will be at the Hyatt, want 30 Rooms sold
  - Rates: Single \$99, Double \$99, King \$99
  - Sweet will need to be rented for hospitality
    - Monarchs will have to share sweet
  - Hotel needs \$1250 down payment by tomorrow
  - The cost will be almost the same
  - Ball Room is free
  - Parking may not be free.
  - Must sell \$5,000 in food and Beverage.
  - We will get vender space

## Events

- Softball Tournament
  - Going well, pushing for people to sign up on line
  - Check list is almost done
  - Needs trucks, reach out to Kiki
  - Cash Box
    - Ray has one at office that can be used
  - First Aid Kit from Modern Eyes
  - Umpires, Joann and Roman Philistine's father/Brother
    - Needs a third
  - Scratching Runners for the games, will have the youth do it
  - Julie will be the main score keeper
  - Suggested Jesse Contreras to help with brackets
  - Frida is working on the cash Terri, Betty working on the food
  - Armani and Kiki will sign up the teams
  - Ray will be doing waver sign up
  - Rob will be doing membership sign up
  - Youth will be doing performances between games
  - Ray will be DJing
  - Raffles will be done at the end of game
  - Rob is lending out PA
- Show on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October
  - Produced by Calie
- Harvest Show
  - Just scheduled
- Monarch Ball
  - Date to be announced
- Red Ball
  - LahRya will be planning it.
  - PRs will be helping her
  - Armani will coordinate with her to get more details
- Monarch Itinerary

- Monarchs going to Dallas
- Monarchs will be going to Colorado Springs
- Monarchs will be going to Las Vegas
  - Suggested to attend Court Con

### **Board Chat**

There were no chat items at this time

### **Board Reports**

- Ray – Thanked Topher for notifying board on heir selection. Congratulated monarchs and board on doing a great job. Silver Bells holiday event: the participants are not wanting to have gifts. They loved the sense of community and want to plan a joint event to fundraise for the holiday drive. Ray will be having a meeting next week to plan the event. MP3's: for the youth line it takes time, makes it easier to have music converted.
- Rob – Several DJ's have felt disrespected by the performers when approached when asked to have MP3s converted. Going to be signing up membership at the softball tournament. Not attending springs or Las Vegas. Everything else is going well.
- Eric – He is getting over a sprained ankle and the flu and grateful to be here.
- Jake – October is tax time for us, it is still on hold due to financial discrepancies. Will follow up with this in the chat. Seliah's cousin did the taxes last year. They will not be involved this year.
  - Board suggested to reach out to Raven.
  - Ray will file an extension
  - If Raven does not work out, we will look at other options
- Jose – Scheduled a Bingo at Side Effex, Nov 4<sup>th</sup> For the holiday drive, Khoi is donating 250 dollars because a house sale closed. Sause is having an event October 9<sup>th</sup>, 50% of sales is going to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. – Armani will find out the time. He is offering to set up a day for us as well.
- Estevan – Frida is spear heading the collections at effex sign up. It is being treated like a job, if someone cancels they need to find a replacement. Please reach out to Frida to help get all spots filled, We still have October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - Topher will sponsor a flight to a line member who wins, every line member can get a ticket and for every 20 can good they donate to the food drive.
    - For San Diego or San Francisco

### **Parking Lot**

### **Next Meeting**

- The next Board meeting will be November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the UNM LGBTQ Resource Center

### **Adjournment of the meeting**

1. Motion: Rob
2. Second: Kiki
3. Vote: All in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed

4. Result: Motion Carries, Meeting was adjourned at 08:41pm by President Ray Sierra Lopez.