

Pride San Antonio
October 15, 2014
General Membership Meeting Agenda

Meeting called to order: 7:35AM

Attendees: Phillip_x__, Michael_x__, James_x__, Mary Jo_x__, Minda_x__, Autumn____,
Paul_x__

Secretary's Report- Motion was made by Derrick to table August and September minutes since they were not up online yet.

Treasurer's Report- Mary Jo reports that the bank balance was \$10,756.19. There were expenditures such as out of town travel to Fort Worth Pride, bills to Leo's Party Rental, and payment for the auto insurance deductible for the car accident. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by Autumn and seconded by Michael Anderson. Motion passes.

Business From The Board- The Board of Directors approved \$120 donation to TGRA for a set of Rodeo Tickets for the TGRA annual raffle. The Board of Directors approved the 2014-2015 Beneficiary Applications. And approval was given to repair or replace JoAnn Lord's crown due to damage. The Board is doing a promotion with the Woodlawn Theatre.

Old Business-

1. Out of Town Promotions-Autumn reported that Pride SA left San Antonio on Friday, September 19 for a weekend-long trip to Austin Pride and Dallas Pride .

Austin Pride-The festival in Austin was \$20 per person admission. The stage had a huge digital screen that was displaying images and videos throughout the day. The screen ran roughly the length of the performance stage. The entertainment lineup included Lucia, Taylor Dayne, Crystal Waters, two RuPaul Drag Racers and Michelle Visage. They had a very long line at the gate that went down the street and around the corner. Derrick asked why or what justified the high cost of admission at the gate. He wanted to know if there was really anything that would attract people to stand in line and pay \$20 per person. James indicated that the entertainment lineup was a huge investment upwards of \$50,000 or more that Austin makes every year and it pays off for them. Phillip asked how much the beer prices were. It was reported that beer at Austin Pride was \$5.

James indicated that Austin had been pushing and building things or almost 35 years. And this year Fort Worth Pride in 2014 celebrated 33 years of Pride. Mary Helen asked why Pride is going out of town on these trips anyway. James indicated that the San Antonio Convention and Visitors Bureau provides Pride San Antonio monies to use to promote the San Antonio LGBT community to other areas and cities. Phillip reported that Pride gets money specifically to travel out of town and we need to designate and earmark the monies as soon as they are received so that there will be no questions about it when the expenses arise. Autumn stated that Fort Worth is celebrating 33 years of Pride and they do not get one cent from the City of Fort Worth. The burden of putting on Fort Worth's Pride Festival and Parade is entirely on the Pride organization.

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Autumn reported that there was a lot of starts and stops in the Austin parade and several spots where the parade appeared bottlenecked and delayed. When we got to the lineup area asked one of the marshals where were supposed to be they told us to just pick a spot. The Pride of San Antonio Showband was not able to find their spot either and they asked the marshals where they were supposed to be and the response to the Pride of San Antonio Showband was, "Just pick a spot and get there and get in." That night after the parade we were going to depart Austin and go to Dallas for Dallas Pride.

*Dallas Pride-*By the time we got finished with the parade and got the car situated it was almost midnight and we headed out towards Dallas. About an hour outside of Austin we realized that we would not physically be able to endure the trip to Dallas at that time of the night and we looked to find an economical place to stay. Since the car is loaded with equipment we were concerned with staying in the safest place possible while keeping costs down for lodging. We chose a place that had a very cheap rate but it turned out to be a very rough place and we were concerned all night about not only the safety of the Pride volunteers but the safety of the vehicle and the equipment. For Austin there was room charges for one hotel and for Dallas due to us stopping and having to find lodging at the last minute there was a charge for lodging.

The lodging for Dallas was initially going to be covered by Hyatt Regency as a sponsor but we had not planned on having to stop and not being able to physically complete the trip on Saturday night. So we got a few hours rest and sleep and then headed out to Dallas in the morning on September 21. In Dallas we were comped a room at the Dallas Hyatt Regency-Reunion Plaza as part of the sponsorship package with Hyatt. Dallas Pride Festival is held in a park on a large hill. There was no designated parking for vendors. James went and checked the Pride team in at the hotel and then returned to the festival site and the closest parking was 2.5 miles from the festival site. Dallas ended up comping a room for another night for Sunday night so that we would not have to come back the same night and we could have rest and be able to head out in the morning.

Fort Worth Pride- Anthony reported on Fort Worth Pride. Anthony reported that we got to the reserved hotel on Friday night, October 3. Anthony reported that there were a lot of shady people and broken windows and people standing around in the parking lot and it was definitely dark. Derrick asked why a hotel was paid for if Hyatt was sponsoring. James indicated that Hyatt did not have any rooms in Fort Worth available for comp rooms. Derrick asked why you would have rented a room in that area. James indicated that we were not familiar with the area that we had made the reservation. The rate seemed to be good so it was reserved but it proved to be somewhat related. Anthony reported that we tried to get a room at another place but the person on the phone was not real convincing about the safety of the location. At the first location we were immediately approached by a man who

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indicated that he had just gotten out of a four-year prison sentence. The first hotel proved to be a very frightening experience and we felt that we needed to change hotels for safety purposes.

So we finally found that they had a cancellation at a Holiday Inn that was relatively close to the festival site in downtown Fort Worth. When we checked in there the desk clerk told us that the hotel we initially had reserved was in an area that is known in Fort Worth as "Prostitution Row". Mary Jo asked about a \$28 charge for parking in Dallas. Autumn explained that the Dallas Hyatt Regency used the parking lot of Reunion Arena because they did not have their own parking facility. So there was a daily charge for parking. Autumn explained that if we had not used the parking at Reunion then we would have had to do self-park it would have been about 2-3 blocks down the street. James reported that in 2012 there was a folding table that was donated to Pride San Antonio to use for tabling opportunities such as the out-of-town trips. James stated that it was used the following year for registrations for the High Heel Race but the table disappeared. So a new table was purchased in Austin for use at tabling opportunities. Derrick wanted to know why we would need to have a table at these out-of-town events if we provide tables and chairs to Austin Pride and the other Pride organizations. He stated that they should be providing us tables and chairs as well. Autumn explained that tables and chairs or even tents are not provided at the other Pride events. Autumn explained that vendors are getting a space only at those events and no table, no chairs, and no shelter.

2. RainBOO Run-Minda reported that the run was scheduled for October 19 at Woodlawn Lake Park. Minda reported that Herbalife would be involved at the event and The Woodlawn Theatre would be providing a VIP experience for Rocky Horror. Packet pickup will be at Papouli's from 12-6 on Friday, October 17.
3. Nightmare on Main -James indicated that the event would have a carnival theme. Autumn explained that of the 38 slots that we have to fill there are 17 slots left. So Autumn said that we will be working with each of the beneficiaries to ensure that all slots are filled. Phillip indicated that we needed to fill about 140 man-hours for the Halloween event. Phillip reported that we were not having the band festival after all. There were a lot of scheduling conflicts with the bands that we had invited.
4. 2014-2015 Beneficiaries-Phillip announced that the Board had selected SNAP San Antonio, Fiesta Youth, PFLAG-San Antonio, GALA of San Antonio College, and Beat AIDS. Phillip asked Rolando to explain SNAP to those who did not know.
5. Special Election for Chris Nombrana's open Board of Directors position- James reported that the special election was called for at the last meeting. James also reported that Bill Untiedt had resigned from his Board of Directors position which had a term limit of August 2015. Mary Helen had reported that between the September and the October meetings there were no nominations for Chris Nombrana's position which also has a term date August 2015. James stated that if there were no nominations submitted via email he wanted to nominate

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Anthony Cantu for the position. Anthony Cantu accepted the position. Phillip asked if there were any other nominations. There were no new nominations. Derrick made a motion that since there were no new nominations that we accept the election of Anthony Cantu to Chris Nombrana's vacated Board seat by acclamation. James seconded the motion. The motion passed making Anthony Cantu the youngest member of the Pride San Antonio Board of Directors. James then called for a special election at the November 17 meeting for the open position that was vacated by Bill Untiedt. Phillip asked that nominations be sent to membership@pridesanantonio.org but no later than the time during the meeting at which the election is held.

6. Other Old Business-

San Antonio Current-Derrick asked what the current agreement was with the San Antonio Current. Mary Jo reported that we are currently involved in a 10 week agreement with the San Antonio Current for \$272 per week. Autumn indicated that we have not completed the Sponsorship Packet and we would be in talks with the San Antonio Current for next year and will discuss ads and sponsorships after the first of the year.

Sponsorship-Michael Anderson requested people to sign up for the Sponsorship Committee so that we can get out the packet as soon as we can. Mike also suggested that we do some kind of a special payment plan for Pride Sponsorship.

New Business-

1. Other New Business

Announcements-

Next meeting-

- (General Membership) November 19, 2014-Luby's Cafeteria 911 N. Main Ave