

Pride San Antonio General Membership Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2015

Call To Order: 7:32

BOD Attendees: Phillip Michael James Mary Jo Autumn Minda
 Paul Anthony Eric G.

Beneficiary Attendees: SNAP GALA Beat AIDS Fiesta Youth PFLAG

Reports:

Secretary's Report-

James reported that we were behind one month on the minutes. He stated that August and September Minutes were online and approved and that October Minutes were ready for approval and that November may have to be posted later due to time but he entertained motions for approval from the membership. So the minutes from October and November were tabled for further review.

Treasurer's Report-

Mary Jo reported that there was \$769.57 in the bank. There were several expenses paid including the initial Fiesta Flambeau Float payment. She reported that there were some charges that popped up on the account and Pride SA has requested a review of the account from Wells Fargo and they will be opening an investigation. The bank already discovered on their own that there was a problem and took action but the Board of Directors has requested an additional review since there was additional activity. Motion made by Autumn Summers to accept the Treasurer's Report and motion was seconded by George Perez. Motion Passed.

Business from the Board:

Phillip indicated that the only real business that had taken place since the last meeting was some sponsorship discussions that had taken place with Uptown Studio but he reserved further discussion for a later portion of the meeting.

Old Business:

1. Committees-

- a) Beer Bust-Paul Quinney reported that we have been finishing really early and usually well before 9PM. Phillip thanked those who have become certified to serve beer. James indicated that Paul Quinney had the whole operation very well organized and running very smoothly. Michael indicated that recently we have actually finished around 8PM or just before. Phillip indicated that we were doing a Super Bowl potluck appreciation for the patrons and for Essence for their sponsorship. Phillip encouraged people to volunteer a dish and to get in touch with Paul Quinney so that he can coordinate the event appropriately.

- b) San Antonio Q Fest-Autumn reported that she is working directly with Uptown Studio about upcoming Pride SA events. Autumn introduced Vicky from Uptown to talk about our new partnership. Autumn indicated that she and James attended a meeting with Uptown Studio and Uptown Studio offered the use of their facility for Pride events in exchange for a sponsorship credit at the Paseo Del Rio level. Vicky reported on the various events taking place at Uptown Studio such as 2nd Friday and their dance and yoga classes as well as several Burlesque shows. James indicated that San Antonio QFest :San Antonio LGBT International Film Festival will be held at Uptown Studio on the 2nd Saturday of every month at 3:00PM. James also reported that a film screening was scheduled for the last Friday in January. He reported that we would be screening A League of Their Own and hosting an orientation meeting for the San Antonio Gay Softball League. Autumn reported also that we will be hosting drag bingo events there as well as other film screenings and fundraising events.**
- c) Festival (Vendors, Electrical)-Anthony reported that there would soon be scheduled festival planning meetings to put together the new vendor application and discuss the park layout and the infrastructure needs of Crockett Park to host the festival.**
- d) Parade-James reported that some new planning meetings would also be scheduled for the planning of the parade. James reported that Pride SA had purchased some electronic megaphones to use for parade lineup. He reported that they were on sale at Harbor Freight at the after Christmas sale. He reported that they could be used for various things but suggested that parade lineup was a very good use of them.**
- e) Sponsorship-Michael reported that the Sponsorship Packet should be ready this week and he reported that there were several businesses that have reached out to us for sponsorship already. He also reported that there were some new flexibilities worked into the brochure such as payment plans and such. He also asked for people to contact him regarding sponsorship of Pride SA if they have businesses that they would like us to reach out to regarding Sponsorship.**
- f) Entertainment-Autumn reported that we were doing a special drag show for raising money for the Softball League. It will be a drag show at The Silver Dollar called “Drag Me Out To The Ballgame”. James stressed that everyone please get the word out to help support the drag show and get as many people to attend as possible.**
- g) Sports-Eric S. reported that the LEAGUE would officially start on March 22. There would be two new player days-February 1 and February 15 at Rusty Lyons Park. Eric stated that there would be a brief League presentation prior to the film screening at Uptown Studio on January 30. He reported that players would be able to register online as of February 6 as well as at the**

onsite registrations on February 22 and March 1 at Beer Bust. He reported that registrations will close on March 1. He reported that the PRIDE Softball Tournament will be on May 30/31. There will be 8 playing days and a 12 game season. Eric reiterated that we were still needing umpires so he put out a request for people who had experience or even those that would like to be trained. He reported that we are planning for 8 teams in the league this year. Eric also reiterated the need for sponsors and encouraged people to suggest potential sponsors. He also stressed that there was no skill requirement and there would be no discrimination. A question was raised about the youngest age that would be allowed in the League. Eric said that he would look into it and get back with them. Eric also stressed that between February 1 and February 15 the player fee will be \$30 and after February 15 the fee would be \$35. And the team or sponsorship fee would be \$250 between February 1 and February 15 and \$300 after February 15. Eric stated that we have worked hard to maintain a fee structure for the League that was well below other cities. Minda reported that Sideliners was on board again to sponsor the event and it would take place on March 28 at Sideliners Grill. There will be four and six person team \$15 per player and \$20 on day of the event. Autumn reported that the bowling was tentatively scheduled for February 7. But there was more research underway with the coordinator. James suggested that we move the date out since the details were still being ironed out. James suggested that from a promotion standpoint he felt that it should be pushed out a ways. Minda reported that there was lot more participation in the 5K in October. She stated that we have a really good relationship with IAAP, the run company, to help us produce our running events. There was a request for an online calendar to report all of our events. James reported that Minda is working on a calendar that can be utilized online and as soon as that can feasibly launched we will report it out.

2. Website-Minda
3. President's Day Lucky Eagle Casino Trip-Michael indicated that this event is still in the planning stages and is still not completely in place. Michael said that he would report the details as soon as we know them.
4. Fiesta-
 - a) Fiesta NIOSA Shuttle, Tuesday April 21, 2015-Phillip reported that the NIOSA Shuttle is one of our big fundraisers and suggested that we would begin promoting that very soon.
 - b) Fiesta Flambeau Saturday, April 26, 2015-Autumn stated that we will be having Flambeau meetings right before the General Membership meetings every month. She reported that the next Flambeau meeting will be on February 18 at 7PM. Phillip stated that the theme for this year's Fiesta Flambeau will be "Television Then and Now". And that Pride SA specifically had opted to do "Happy Days".

5. **Other Old Business-Ignacio reported that he hoped to have Pride Championship Wrestling at Crockett Park again this year. He informed the group that one of the wrestlers would like to have a same sex marriage ceremony in our wrestling ring at Crockett Park if we would allow it. The hope is that the Supreme Court will announce a positive decision regarding Same Sex Marriage before our event.**

New Business:

1. **2015 Pride Bigger Than Texas Theme Contest-James made a motion that we introduce the Theme contest now and put a deadline of February 18 or March 1 . Autumn seconded the motion. Phillip suggested putting the theme contest as a public vote tabulated through Survey Monkey or something. James suggested that a decision on the theme be made soon since people want to incorporate the themes into their parade entries. Phillip suggested that whatever was suggested by February 18 would be submitted to the membership to narrow down the field and then put it out for a public vote once the membership narrowed down the suggestions. Rene Orozco suggested that we have a theme contest and then have a professional designer design the logo and cut down on the decision-making time. Phillip suggested that getting a professional designer takes the creative interpretation out of the public realm and limits the competition. James reported that people will respond to the art contest and we should have no problem getting artistic interpretations. Phillip suggested that we have the theme and logo decided by the April meeting. He suggested that after February 18 that members narrow the theme suggestions down and bring in their top five choices by March 18 meeting and at that meeting we put out an official narrowed list as determined by the membership and that list be voted on by March 18. Autumn called for the vote and the motion passed. The motion was that the themes be turned in by February 18 and then the themes be narrowed by the membership to each member's top five and vote on a final theme by March 18 and then between March 18 and the April 15 meeting the logos would be submitted for a vote.**
2. **Other New Business-Autumn reported that End Over End Productions is submitting a bid for \$1600 for sound for the event. They will be adding more microphones and output. Autumn stated she will forward the official bid to the BOD.**

Announcements:

Next Meetings: Wednesday, March 18, 2015; Wednesday, April 15, 2015

****Pride San Antonio General Membership meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month @ Luby's (911 N. Main) at 7:30PM**