

Pride San Antonio General Membership Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2019 (APPROVED APRIL 17, 2019)

BOD Attendees: Phillip Michael James Mary Jo Minda
 Autumn Emily Manuel

Beneficiaries: AVER BEAT AIDS Fiesta Youth MCC
 Rape Crisis Center Texas A&M We Are Alive Woodlawn Pointe

Call To Order: 7:41

Secretary's Report-James presented the minutes from the February meeting Motion to accept from Autumn and seconded by Mary Jo

Treasurer's Report-Mary Jo reported Wells Fargo had a balance of 7911.34. BBVA had a balance of 36355.67 for a total of 44267.01

Business From The Board-James reported that we purchased some supplies and tools for the Woodlawn Point office. We also purchased some plants and two curio cabinets for the office. We also approved a \$25000 Entertainment Budget. The Board also authorized a name change for the softball league from San Antonio Gay Softball League to San Antonio Pride Softball League.

1. Beer Bust-Michael had nothing new to report on Beer Bust.
2. Website-James reported that Minda was changing the names of the softball website to reflect the new name and she was updating the sponsor portion of the website.
3. Sponsorship-Michael reported that he had been in touch with the rep from BBVA and they are still interested in their large sponsorship to co-sponsor along with Bud Light and including the fireworks show. He indicated that Petco is still on board and there is a t-shirt company that was expressing some kind of interest in being a sponsor in some way. James reported that Accenture is hosting a car wash on Saturday at their facility and they will be opening the car wash to the public on the 30th of March. They will raising money for their sponsorship of Pride Bigger Than Texas. They would like for us to take credit card payments directly. Silver Eagle has a new product under their distribution and they wanted to be involved handing out samples at the event. They are called Sparkling Ice. Silver Eagle told them that they needed to put up money for the sponsorship rather than just coming in and distributing product hat was more for their benefit than ours. So they are thinking about sponsoring at \$5000. Also through an arrangement with Silver Eagle we will be selling a special commemorative rainbow bottle of Bud Light that comes in 16 oz size and a portion of every sale of that bottle goes to

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GLAAD form Budweiser. We will be selling that particular bottle for \$5. We should have two different sizes for beer and therefore two different prices. We will sell the regular size for \$4 and the specialty bottle for \$5.

4. Sports-

a) Softball-James reported that we will be hosting a drag fundraiser for the softball league at Pegasus on the upcoming Sunday March 24 at 6PM. There were questions about the ban on Pegasus and James reported that the topic was brought up in the discussions, but they did not feel that it was a necessary issue to be concerned with. James indicated that the ban is related to politics and Pride SA cannot make their decisions based on politics. Autumn raised concerns about having the word "Gay" taken out of the name of the softball league. James indicated that there were no straight people that were part of the discussion to remove Gay from the softball league name. James Indicated that a lot of the member cities have altered their names to be more inclusive. Rene Orozco indicated that it was probably more of a move to make the name more attractive to all parts of the community including the various parts the LGBT community not to mention the straight community as well. James indicated that there was never any indication that the request to change the name was for any kind of sinister purpose. Autumn asked if it meant that there was no way it could ever be changed back and James said that there was not.

b) Basketball-Manuel reported that there has been a lot of requests to start basketball back up again and so we are forming an exploratory committee to determine the new rules and setup for a new basketball season so that we could have control over the costs of producing the sport. So the meeting will be coming up so that we can determine ways to reduce the cost and to maximize the play time for the players so that the cost would not be so high and so that there would not be a lot of people sitting the bench. Paige from Rape Crisis had suggested having some kind of snack or concession sales to help reduce the impact of the costs.

c) Bowling Tournament-Autumn reported that the bowling tournament would be May 18 at Bandera Bowl and the registration is online on the Pride SA website.

5. Pride Crosswalk-James reports that he is still following up with Tito's Vodka. They had pledged \$5000 for the Crosswalk but never paid it. So they are researching the original donation so they can send out a new check or send out the original check. James indicated that Miller Lite reached out to us to see about being a sponsor for the maintenance of the Crosswalk. They have not yet committed but

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- are now asking for more information about the Crosswalk and its maintenance needs.
- 6. PRIDE Ride To NIOSA-James reported that the busses have been ordered and the sponsors-HEAT, Sparkys, Luther's, Knockout, 800 Live, and Annex are the official sponsors and the official stops for the shuttle.**
 - 7. Fiesta Frenzy-James reported that Fiesta Frenzy has named Pride SA as the beneficiary. It is the 20th Anniversary of Fiesta Frenzy and it will be held at 800 Live at 8PM on Wednesday, April 24.**
 - 8. Fiesta Flambeau-Autumn reported that they almost have a full crew for Flambeau and the theme is Music From Then and Now and we will have an Elvis impersonator singing live on the float this year. Phillip indicated that we would have two 15-passenger shuttles instead of just one to transport the participants back to storage. Autumn indicated that she thought that the two shuttles might be overkill given the fact that we have less people this year than ever before.**
 - 9. Fiesta Medals-James reported that the medals are still not in and are expected to be in hand around the end of March. Phillip reiterated that a portion of the medals have to be taken to the Fiesta Store to fulfill our obligation to them of 100 medals.**
 - 10. Pride Bigger Than Texas**
 - a) Festival-James indicated that the system is still not up for registrations. There are changes being made to the master contract. We are putting in a streamlined way of having the participants sign a master contract that includes all things that all participants have to agree to. Also Kaliff is providing insurance for any participants that do not have their own General Liability. They will be able to purchase it online with their Pride registration and then we purchase it from Kaliff. Kaliff will also be at the required participant meetings so that they can sell to anyone that still does not have it. James indicated that he will be meeting with Via to discuss shutting down Main Ave all day which will require a rerouting of a bus route. James indicated that we have confirmed Bidi Bidi Banda will be coming back and we have confirmed with Patsy Torres who will also be performing. We have reached out to Sandra Valls again as well as Brian Justin Crum who came in 4th Place on America's Got Talent. James indicated that we will be having two stages this year with one on each side of the park. Mary Jo and Phillip will be meeting with the booth lady to incorporate some kind of penalty to the contract if the booths are not up in time. James reported that we should give her a preliminary order for the same amount of booths as last time so that she has it well in advance. Mary Jo wants to make sure she is told how many booths about two weeks in advance. James reported that we have dispensed with the contests for the theme and**

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logo. We decided to keep it simple and simply recognize that it is the 50th Anniversary of STONEWALL. David Laidecker brought up that he had heard that another "Pride" event was happening at the beginning of June in which they were saying that it was a Pride Kickoff and that the headliner was Patsy Torres. He was asking if that would be a conflict. James indicated that it could create a problem because the contract will have a provision in it that will prevent her from performing within a certain radius and time. James said that he will call Patsy Torres and try to figure all of that out.

- b) Parade-James indicated that there is no news to report specifically about the parade.
- c) Volunteers-Emily was not present so the issue involving volunteers was tabled.
- d) Fireworks-James reports that we are still working out all of the details about the fireworks show and the intent is to launch them from the Cypress Tower Parking Lot. We hope to have more information at the next meeting about fireworks.

11. San Antonio QFest-Veronica reported that she has been put in charge of the QFest Committee and the decision was made to change the venue of the LGBT Film Festival to Woodlawn Pointe instead of City Base Cinema. Hosting the event at City Base was costing about \$6000 for the space and the attendance has never been good. So we opted to try Woodlawn Pointe but they do not have a screen and therefore we would have to invest in a screen for use for the event. So members of the committee are researching the screen options for prices. The other minor glitch was that the Pride of San Antonio Showband had a scheduled conflict for one day of the festival weekend we were hoping to have. Pastor Joseph of Living Church agreed to talk to the band to see if they would be interested in moving their date to either the weekend before or the weekend after so that we can keep San Antonio QFest in line with Coming Out Day and Coming Out Week. Veronica indicated that the event is planned for October 11-13. We are looking into purchasing or buying a screen for the films. And we are looking into renting a project for the films. That is all under advisement and research at the moment. Veronica indicated that she wanted to have all the films rated and viewed and decided upon before September so that there was not a lot of last minute things to be done. We will be reaching out to local universities and their various departments such as social work to see about promoting QFest that way to increase the attendance. She also stated that we are trying to make a specific family or family appropriate programming for Saturday afternoon. Our focus is to increase attendance. Veronica indicated that we would like to sign out a certain number of tickets to try and get the beneficiaries to sign out about 20 tickets to try

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and sell for the event. She said that we have been lucky to have actual filmmakers show up and they want to talk about their films but there sometimes was nobody there to talk about them. She reported that we are open to discussions about the number of tickets to be signed out and we can adjust that up or down as needed. David Laidecker reported that Fiesta Youth often has a movie night and perhaps they could sit down with Pride and talk about partnering up in investing in a screen together. She reported that one of the committee members was a member of the KSAT team and they indicated that they were committed to helping get the word out about the festival.

12. Other Old Business

- a) Tennis Club of San Antonio Masters Event-Pride SA will be having a table at McFarlin Tennis Center on April 10 since we are a sponsor of this event. We will be promoting Pride SA events and selling medals.**
- b) Avenida Guadalupe Fiesta Event-They will be hosting Fiesta Alegria which is a free Fiesta Dance Party. They are hosting it at the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center in the back courtyard. Pride SA is a sponsor of the event. We will be sponsoring their Port A Potties. The event is on April 19 and we will be having an opportunity to have a table there.**

13. New Business-

a)

14. Adjourn: _____ 9:14PM__

"Section 3-Purpose

Pride San Antonio is a registered nonprofit corporation in the State of Texas. The purpose for which Pride San Antonio is formed is to instill pride, celebrate unity, embrace diversity, and recognize the contributions of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender community in the San Antonio metropolitan area. This will be accomplished by creating visibility and promoting full human and civil rights through education, celebrations, and networking to the extent allowed by the nonprofit status of Pride San Antonio. Any funds raised by Pride San Antonio will be distributed through public community gatherings to registered nonprofit organizations chosen by the Board of Directors from entities recognized by the Internal Revenue Service of the United States."

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