

IMPERIAL COURT OF IOWA

Reign 27

Board Meeting 01-19-20

CORRECTED

BOD members in attendance: Greg R, Bob E, Matt M, Matt W - absent excused: Brian J, Mike H
absent, unexcused: Natalia R

Call to order: 12:06pm

Minutes approved - move: Matt M/2nd Bob E

Agenda approved - move Bob E/2nd Matt M

Reports:

Pres: Jim Baldridge Garst is filling in as scribe. Greg Falkoski, consort and Lifetime Titleholder to Empress V Autumn has been diagnosed w/ cancer; please keep him in our thoughts.

VP: Motion to make Emperor JoJo's mother an honorary member so we can include her in the Guardian Angels made by Bob E/2nd Matt W - passed unanimously By Law/SOP Review meeting set for March 8 at the Saddle at noon.

Secretary - not present - we do have 3 new members, however

Treasurer: Bank shows we have \$90 more than our books show, Matt M will investigate more; Scholarship up over \$8000 including the Hawaii contribution; for more details please see attached report; Gay Men's Chorus is not a 501c3 charity that we can find - after further investigation they are a 504 charitable group, discussion of whether we can contribute. Neither By Laws nor SOPs state that we cannot contribute to non-501c3 groups anymore, so we can for now. AMMENDED BY MOTION AT FEBUARY MEETING: This information about the Chorus is WRONG and that they are a 501 C (3) organization.

State Functions: Rusty Jones is the manager of the Garden again, wants our business back, especially for the E Ball - various discussion; Matt W will get us more info; Noce will look into hosting the afterhours event the night of coronation. Would Savory allow us into their bar? Matt W will investigate; Shuttle info - Prestige, 5/hr. minimum - 500 for 5 hours, then hourly extra charge; Elite \$425 for 2 hours, then hourly charge; Royal \$535 for 3 hours, then \$100/hour for each hour after; Urge - Fri/Sat \$800/night. Leaning towards Urge Ball decor still pending.

At Large: Not present, no report

Reign report - by proxy through Greg R - Went to NE E/E Ball, going to MN Coronation; please remember shows are now at 9pm at the Saddle; she needs volunteers for turnabout; she emphasizes that we all need to be nice to each other.

Reports approved: Move - Bob/2nd Matt M, passed

Old Business:

-Web Master: cloud storage - need to move from Joe's personal to our own - move to investigate cost, etc. Matt M/2nd Bob, passed

-Trans-Non-Binary Conference - dates are set, but not announced at the meeting, Matt M is reaching out to speakers; Unity Point giving us space for free;

-Women in Leather - April 25th - we have been asked to sponsor food - Matt will research costs based on \$500 and will bring it back to board for final vote.

New Business:

Ryan Dennis - Heard a rumor we were getting rid of QuickBooks - not getting rid of, but can't use yet, as we are still off the \$1000 from the beginning. Matt M will do balance adjustment. He stresses us keeping it, it is good for continuity; The Saddle brought in a guest to help boost the show, and she felt rather snubbed. Most of the Court members left and didn't stay to support her in the Saddle Show. Maybe we need to try harder next time and support the guests that support us. Consensus was reached that this is best; Ryan asked the board for a letter condemning the violence against our community (i.e. Smokey row) for him to present to the Mayor to emphasize the importance of our city taking this situation seriously. Greg R agreed to write and sign, along with found Bob E.

It was noted that we need to step up the quality and caliber of our performances if we expect to raise money doing Court shows - drag has higher expectations, and we cannot skate through and expect people to contribute.

Next meeting - Feb 16, Saddle, noon

Adjourn 1:01pm

By my hand, Jim Baldrige Garst, aka Prunella DeVille Empress 15 of All Iowa