



Reign 31. Date: 12/17/2024

Called to order: 12:12p.m.

Called by: Lili Whyte

Attendance: Lili Whyte, Jake Morrissey, Juanita Voltaire, Reggie Knight, Evie Blank, Ida Slapter-Back, Dominic Darr-Paterson, Gina Té Michaels, Jean Marie Knight Michaels, Evian Waters

Non-ICIA member: Kitten Photography, Rusty

Excused Absence: Andrea Knight Michaels (work)

On Call Attendance:

Approval of the previous Board of Directors' Minutes with the inclusion: Evian Waters/ 2nd by Ida Slapter-Back

Approval of the agenda: Ida Slapter-Back / 2nd by Evian Waters

File Report:

President:

Per Mongo, reigning monarch photo needed for Saddle. Who is printing? Jean and Dom take care of it.

M'ris stated there were total of \$200.00 PayPal donations – reminder to click on Event for PayPal.

Kitten Photography – Asked to be involved.

The Court Christmas party was a blast! Thank you to Rusty and Jerry!

No matching money from ICS. Duncan not returning calls; called Scott. Lilli going to reach out to Truly Scrumptious. Next year, do not mention match funds. Rusty asked if Chanel check for \$1,200.00. **Motion by Juanita to waive 25% / 2nd by Jean Marie Knight Michaels. Evian will message Chanel.** Chanel response check given to Garden. Rusty check with Jerry.

Board meeting Executive Board member at US Bank on December 26, 2023 at 4:15 p.m.; appointment set up with US bank in Waterloo for Gina Té.

Vice President: In Omaha for a show for Natasha and Madeline. Attended the December ICIA show. Going to Houston with one of the Monarchs. Planning to go to Minnesota Coronation. Thank you to the Garden. January going over the SOPs.

Secretary:

Google Drive file moved to external hard drive. We need a place where all BOD members to have access to all files. Jake will look into the

February 10, 2024, Asian New Year's event.

- Dinner from 6:30 -7:30 p.m.
 - \$15 plated dinner to purchase from Garden website.
 - Working food budget with Jerry.

- **two volunteers from the family line or general membership to plate the dinner.** This **will not** a buffet style dinner, as we are managing portion size and helps with clean up.
- Everyone including the host needs to buy a ticket for the food as it covers the cost.
- Social and raffle ticket purchases state 7:30 p.m. Event start at 8 p.m.
- Show starts at 8 p.m. Sharp with Muffy and Juanita Co-emceeing.
 - Talked to Jerry and agreed to run the vent all night. We will have more time and flexibility to do 2 to 3 sets.
- Donations and auction items:
 - Have eight drawing baskets features a country or aspect of Asian culture.
 - Received donation from Empress Coco LaChine for Filipino baskets.
 - Ivanna Cupcak is donating items to add to the Vietnam basket.
 - Three grand prizes – Coronation portrait by Ron Comstock, Jewelry Set from Evie Blank Design, Drag Muffin male / unisex coat from Keith (high priced items)
 - **Need two volunteers from the family line or general membership to see drawing tickets.**
- **Asking for the board to figure out counters for the event.**
- **Need board member, general member or family line member to sell \$15 Feng Shui pendant.** Poster has been created.
- **Volunteers needed for decorating prior to the show;** will be asking Jerry and Mona what time we can get into the Garden to decorate, set up the floor plan and cook.
- Meeting with Jerry – talk reservation table or document.
- Clarification for ticket prices. Only for food.
- Need stamper for those who paid for food.

Treasurer:

US Bank Amount \$17,514.18

Outstanding Reign 30 Charitable Checks: \$5,319.01

Total Available Bank Monies \$12,195.17

Reign 31 Books: \$12,185.58

Difference \$9.59

Savings:

Yazmine Scholarship \$4,111.00

Guardian Angel Scholarship \$1,283.82

CDs:

Guardian Angel Scholarship (February 2024) \$2,603.58

Mother Earth (December 2024) \$1,024.64

See details for balance sheet, credits and expenditure attachments to the agenda.

State Functions: Need to talk with Matt for the Hotel. Send

Monarchs:

Jean's Monarch Report:

- Thanks For Giving Show-We had a small but fun crowd. (\$192 Net raised)
- Attended World AIDS Day event at The Garden, great turnout for the event-Glad we had some representation from the Court. (Lili, Evian, Muffy, Dom and I)
- Traveled to Nebraska for their Toyz for Tots Benefit- Had a wonderful time supporting our sister court. Got the chance to talk to a lot of their COMs about our Monarch Ball in April, with many planning to attend. (HUGE Shoutout to My Princess Royal Eudora Riverz and Empress 30, Juanita Voltaire for being amazing representatives always but especially for the Toyz for Tots Event-THANK YOU Gina Te for going the weekend before and helping raise money and representing Iowa)
- Christmas with the Court Show- I'll report how it went and \$\$\$ raised.
- Christmas Party
- Sent out my Christmas Letter to members and a letter to members from reign 30 who did not rejoin this year.
- January 13th- I'll be traveling to Omaha, Nebraska for their E&E Ball.
- January 19th-My Birthday Show (Money going to Annie's Foundation) Whitney Vs. Tina Show-ALL Welcome to perform.
- February 1st-4th, I'll be traveling to Minnesota for their Coronation-I know we have many from the Royal Family Line planning to attend so we should have a large delegation from Iowa in attendance. (Thank you M'Iris for getting ad sent in)
- Please help push the Prom event that is on February 17th-This is a ticketed event so hoping we have a good turnout. This is now an ALL-AGES EVENT- \$20/1 Ticket, \$35/2 Tickets (3PM-7PM)
- New events added to calendar since last meeting: My Red and Wild Strawberry Social Event - TBD, Leather and Lace Ball that I have been working with Iowa Leather, Bear and Pet on, Community Service Royalty Pageant. Movie night with a cover event. Hoping for a very successful pageant. Ida volunteered for LGBT dvd for movie nights.
- Eudora and I have 2 contestants already for our Community Service Royalty Pageant and a few more I know that are thinking of running. Help spread the word on that to get more contestants. (March 9th). Push the event and let them know about form.
- Going to start sending invites out for Monarch Ball 31 after the first of the year.
- **Lili- Can we please schedule a meeting with The Saddle to get some events going. ** Lili stated Ima wants to talk with Lili.
- Planning to meeting with folks in Sioux City. Planning talk with Rachel and Topaz.
- Pasta bake left donated for Refugee Organization and went a family in need.
- Thank you to the Board for supporting the monarchs.

Andrea's Monarch Report:

Confirmed Travel:

- Houston Coronation (January)
 - Leaving Thursday
 - Returning Sunday
- Minnesota Coronation (February)
 - I will need help getting to and from
 - I'm off at 2 p.m. on that Thursday, and off till Tuesday
 - Staying at the host hotel from Thursday-Monday

Travel Options / Considerations:

- Looking into Coronations in March for possible travel.
- Corpus Christi Texas Coronation

Fundraising Ideas / In the works:

- Change for a Change-Spare Change Drive
 - Similar to last year
 - Looking for more places to drop-off / collect coins
 - Need to ask The Garden if we can put up a change collection
- Online / in-person Coffee and Snack sales
- Reign 31 Merch
 - Merch to remember 31
 - Represent the reign at public events
- Raffle tickets to Coronation32
 - \$20 to enter
 - Prizes Package to include
 - Weekend Passes to Coronation32
 - Jewelry Set
 - Hotel Stay (pending board approval)
- Jewelry Auction
- PRIDE BINGO
 - Host Bingo at a local pride (like CVP or CCP)
 - Talk to Andrea as it's easier to say than type out how it works
- Food Booth at Jesup Farmers' Day

Life Update:

- My work schedule is changing again.
 - No longer able to support any event on the 3rd weekend of the month (new full weekend to work)
 - Work is no longer allowing any PTO on your full weekend due to others abusing it
 - Subject to all change as it's a four-week rotation, that doesn't factor in 5-week months.

Recognition:

- Congratulations to Reggie for the BINGO Event

- o Major Success. Can't wait for the next one!
- o Thank you to the Dew Drop for hosting the event
- o Jade Michaels for coming and counting the money
- o And thank you to anyone that was able to support the event in person, or behind the scenes

Auxiliary Reports – Webmaster:

The website is updated. Website/Facebook Updates:

- Memorial Picture for Bubbles has been removed from the home page.
- All known IC.I.A. Events have Facebook events created and are posted on website.
- Coronation Page active:

Need Hotel link and room rates.

Website Hits as of 12/15/23: 2022 – 7,471 / 2023 – 8,324 / Year Average using / GoDaddy – 7,892

November 2023 – 653; December 2023 – 198; Month Average – 699

-Matthew Millard

Auxiliary Reports – PRs: May 4 for PR Ball. M'ris has the poster. Surprise for the event. Attended Toy for Tots in Omaha. Will be attending E&E Ball and attending MN Coronation.

Discussion about having additional events that works with Andrea's schedule.

Old Business:

- 1) State reporting – We are registered
- 2) Bank – scheduled on December 26, 2023 with 4:15 p.m.; Gina will be signing in Waterloo after December 26, 2023.
- 3) Insurance update – Not canceled. Lili has three reinstatement letters. The agent didn't have the document for our policy. Check was sent to the insurance.
- 4) Strategic Planning – Engaged strategic planner. \$2,000 budget for cost. Juanita needs to send current Bylaws and SOPs. Need to have general membership and past members for a meeting. Discussion about past monarchs and Permanent Titles.
- 5) RFP Update – Asking Board Member for the approval of the letter to send out of tax.
- 6) Scholarship matching from the Imperial Council - Lili
- 7) Name tags – Juanita will order the name tag for the monarchs and PRs.
- 8) Rose Ceremony – Evie Blank

New Business:

- 1) Name tags
- 2) Hotel weblink for Coronation – Juanita need to talk with Matt and ask about plated dinner.

- 3) Prides 2024 – Andrea. Ida will send document in Board chat. Table for discussion to January 07, 2024 meeting.
- 4) Discussion for events getting board approval as the Board signs off on the outgoing checks as it was done in previous Reign prior to Reign 27. An embedded record of check number and dollar amount helps with a quarterly and annual audit of our financial records. Discussion about event forms, ads, and timeframe.
- 5) Standardizing monthly Board meeting for same Sunday. Not possible with schedule.
- 6) Jewelry set auction with tickets. Motion to create a jewelry auction by Gina T; 2nd by Jean K-M. Abstain: Ida Slapter-Back.

Upcoming Board Meeting dates:

- 1) January 7th, 2024 – Saddle

Motion by Evian Waters to move the discussion for February meeting into the Board Chat to include Andrea. Jean Marie / 2nd by Juanita.

- 2) February 2024 - Garden
- 3) March 2024 - Saddle
- 4) April 2024 - Garden
- 5) May 2024 - Saddle
- 6) June 2024 - Garden
- 7) July 2024 - Saddle
- 8) August 2024 - Garden
- 9) September 2024 – Saddle

Motion to by Jean K-M; 2nd by Evian Waters.