

## Pride San Antonio General Membership Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2016

BOD Attendees:  Phillip  Michael  James  Mary Jo  Minda  
 Autumn  Anthony

Beneficiary Attendees:  Fiesta Youth  BEAT AIDS  A & M  GALA of SAC  
 SNAP

Call To Order: 7:35PM

Secretary's Report-James requested to Table the minutes from the June 1 meeting

Treasurer's Report-Mary Jo reported that there was \$15087.80 in the bank.

1. Beer Bust-Michael was not present. James reported that he was not there the whole time but that he thinks the keg floated around 9:30PM and there was nothing new to report.
2. Sponsorship-Michael was absent but James reported that new sponsors were USAA, Wells Fargo, Nationwide, Cricket, and possibly Woodlawn Theatre.
3. Website-Minda was absent and therefore there was no new report.
4. Sports-Minda
  - a) RainBOo Run 2016-No new report.
  - b) San Antonio Gay Softball League-No new report.
5. QFest-James indicated that things were still on track for QFest but there could be a venue change.
7. SA Family Pride Fair (Market Square)-A reflection discussion was held regarding the event at Market Square. There were mixed feelings from various members of the group. Phillip made some important contacts with the Fit SA people who have committed to being at Pride Bigger Than Texas.
8. Festival- United is confirmed for fencing and porta-potties. Booths Unlimited is confirmed for booths and additional staging. Republic has been confirmed for trash and recycling dumpsters. Minda indicated that posters were late because we had a lot of late sponsors and we are trying to accommodate as many sponsors as possible. Autumn confirmed that the bill last year for tables and chairs was for \$1010. We had ordered 70 tables and 500 chairs. The vendor was Balloons Over San Antonio and he is interested in doing a three-year contract. He has the chairs available that we need. We need to confirm soon as he has another event that is pending for that same weekend. Autumn said that she is still working on the official lineup. The only one that is currently officially timed in the schedule is Kristine W. Kristine will be performing at 5PM on the Budweiser stage. She is releasing an album during the PRIDE Bigger Than Texas weekend. She is looking to have an album release party during PRIDE Bigger Than Texas. She has performed at HEAT before and is looking to do the album release party there. Phillip asked that we reiterate to the performers that the use of off-color language from the stage needed to be controlled. We need the support of the archdiocese to pull off this event. For us to use the street in front of the house that they own we have to have their blessing and sign off on the use of the street and one concern that they always have is whether we can control the use of off-color language coming through the sound systems that we use. Autumn reported that she is providing two copies of the volunteer sheets to each area supervisor and one is for the area supervisor to keep and one is to be turned in to the Board.

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9. Parade-Flavio asked that we always ensure with the city that all of the street lamps along Main Avenue are working and functional because for the past two years it has been very dark at the intersection of Evergreen and Main and it appears that it may be because of the street lamps being inoperable. Minda confirmed that the Rainbow Dash would be starting at Dewey and go all the way down Main along the parade route to Euclid and go around the triangle at Essence and The Clean Plate and back up Main ending at Crockett Park. The Running of the Queens High Heel Race starts at Dewey and ends at Crockett Park. James confirmed that the nominations were open for Community Grand Marshal and people can submit by email only but they must have a short description (125 words or more) that tells why the person is being nominated and why they should be recognized. Unless that written portion is included in the nomination the nominee will not be considered. The Grand Marshal Meet and Greet will be on July 1<sup>st</sup> at 630PM at Tobin Lofts. James indicated that at Crockett Park we will be increasing the size of the judges' stage as well as adding lighting to that intersection since that is the OFFICIAL Announcing Stage. We are planning emcees for the Evergreen/Main area to be LynZ Lang and Tera Mathews. In front of the Packard building near Essence we will have Big Daddy and Lorraine Martinez. And Crockett Park we will have George Perez and Eryca Daniels. Autumn said that Silver Dollar is working on their assignments and so far, they are reporting that Jessica Daniels will be emceeing there. Autumn made a motion that since we were in need of cars that we accept a trade offer from Silver Dollar. Silver Dollar wants to offer the use of two convertibles for use by dignitaries in exchange for the Silver Dollar parade entry fee. James made a motion that the discussion be tabled and handled by the Board after the meeting. James needed more information from Silver Dollar regarding the use and reliability of the convertibles. Color Guard-Autumn reported that TGRA was officially doing the Color Guard but they found that they will not have enough people on the day of the event to carry all of the flags. So the San Antonio Sisters have volunteered to assist them carrying the remaining flags in addition to the Sisters having their own parade entry.

10. Pride SA Open House-James reported that the event was planned and Tobin Lofts will be hosting and sponsoring. There will be food available and there will be space for the beneficiaries to have tabling available. The event will be from 11AM to 1PM. We will be promoting the "From Parking Lot To The Park & Beyond" concept. Lyn Robinson from SNAP asked that the beneficiaries be notified sooner about events in the future as she feels that they are being notified very late in the game and it is hard for them, specifically, to plan at the last minute.

12. PRIDE Bigger Than Texas 2019 (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of STONEWALL)

13. Other Old Business-There is no other old business to report.

14. New Business-Autumn indicated that Mallorie from Langton Drive Band is performing solo again and she wants to perform at PRIDE Bigger Than Texas 2016. Autumn said that Mallorie is now living in

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Midland/Odessa and she will perform for free but was asking if we can assist her with a gas card for transportation purposes to and from San Antonio for the event. James asked that the discussion for this be tabled to the Board meeting since the amount was going to be relatively small and could be handled by the Board of Directors.

Motion To Adjourn-Flavio Benavides

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