

**Hot Springs LGBTQ + Community Network
Board Meeting for February 1, 2026**

Board members present:

Shawn Quinn - President

Sean Alexander - Vice President

Larry Paris - Secretary

Ka'imi Maka - Treasurer

Lisa Kent - Communications Director

Tim Looper - Community Relations Director

Scott Griffin - Member at Large

Minutes:

Shawn opened the meeting at 3:10 at the Garland County Library and asked that Larry read the minutes from the last board meeting held on January 4, 2026.

There were 12 members of the network at the meeting, including seven members of the board.

Larry read the minutes from the last meeting. Scott made a motion to accept the minutes, and Shawn Quinn 2nd the motion. The motion was *accepted*.

Reports:

Treasurer Report - Ka'imi Maka

1. Currently in the checking account with Diamond State Bank, we have \$4341.39.
2. The capital campaign fund is \$ 4120.00 in a CD at Bank OZ.
3. Scott Griffin made a motion to move all banking to Bank OZK and close the account with Diamond State Bank and to unify the mailing address to one location(Turkey Trot Lane). Tim Looper 2nd the motion. The motion was carried and accepted
4. Ka'imi Encouraged monthly donations (e.g., \$5/month) to support growth; only two routine donors currently.
5. Chamber of Commerce membership lapsed in November; the motion passed to remain inactive.
6. Sean Alexander made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Scott Griffin 2nded the motion. The motion was carried and accepted.

Communication Report - Lisa Kent

- Facebook: 2,164 views, 309 viewers
- Instagram: 1,023 views; 14 new followers
- TikTok launch planned ahead of Mardi Gras

- Group rules to be updated to reinforce nonpartisan policy and disclaimers
- Bake sale volunteer recruitment ongoing
- True Colors meeting location assistance discussed

Community Relations - Tim Looper

Committee Restructuring, Strategic Planning, and Governance

Monthly donations accepted via Zephy; can be paused as needed.

The Giving Team focuses on supporting housed, underserved families with household goods (sheets, towels, hygiene, dry goods).

Community care cabinet project provides household and hygiene items; food support is 80% of food boxes.

Safe Zone Project (free, 3-hour LGBTQ+ training) planned for April; 20-person limit, includes certificate and decal.

Old Business

1. Transference of all records, documents, and official paperwork was transferred to new board members.
2. Heard from the new board members wanting to be elected as treasurer and communications director.
3. Ka'imi Maka voiced his interest in wanting to be the treasurer for the time allotted until a more permanent treasurer could be elected.
4. Lisa Kent voiced her interest in the Communications Director position and gave a brief background of experience and knowledge that she could bring to the member position if elected.
5. Shawn Quinn made a motion to the board to appoint Ka'imi Maka as Treasurer and Lisa Kent as Communications Director. Tim Looper 2nd Motion. All members were in favor of the motion. The motion was carried.
6. Shawn Quinn made a motion that we remove the signatories of John Miller and Patricia Farnan on the signature cards at Diamond State Bank and add the signatories of Shawn Quinn as President and Ka'imi Maka as Treasurer to the signature card at Diamond State Bank. Larry 2nd motion. Motion carried.
7. Shawn Quinn made a motion that we remove the signatory of John Miller at Bank OZK for the Certificate of Deposit and add Ka'imi Maka as a signatory at Bank OZK for the Certificate of Deposit. Larry 2nd the motion. Motion carried.
8. Shawn wanted to note that we have two volunteers(Saraphina and Dahlia) that will be working at certain events . They were both present at the meeting and acknowledged for their efforts.
9. Also, Shawn mentioned that Eileen would like to still be a moderator for the group page as well as a few others that will help aid Lisa Kent on the social media front.

10. Vic mentioned that all board members were approved to publish in the social media for mats as well as be moderators for the group in social media.
11. Shawn proposed an amended version of the mission statement and some additional amendments to the bylaws. This would be voted on by the members at the first members meeting on January 18th.
12. Volunteer roster to be made and those that work 3 hours would be considered an active member.

New Business

1. Mission statement options to be voted on by membership; current mission remains until vote concludes.
2. Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to be approved in sections;
3. Sean made a motion to approve fundraising campaign SOPs. Larry 2nd motion. Motion carried and was accepted.
4. Larry made a motion to approve vendor SOPs. Tim 2nd motion. Motion carried and was accepted.
5. All previous committees sunset; new Development, Program, Governance, and Nomination committees created.
6. Sean made a motion to sunset previous committees and to approve new Development, Program, Governance, and Nomination committees. Scott 2nd motion. Larry 3rd motion. Motion carried and was accepted.
7. Scott made a motion to approve five-year strategic plan with no name change, only minor branding refresh. Lisa 2nd motion. Motion was carried and accepted.

Key events:

Spring Fling on April 25.

Mardi Gras in the Spa on February 15. Bake sale drop-off on February 14 at UU Church.

Next board meeting set for Friday, March 13, at Blue Ember, 6:30 p.m.

Pride picnic scheduled for 30th; contract pending; \$400 for Gavin/Red, \$500 event fee. Food: hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, fixings provided; potluck encouraged; \$200 budget for main items.

Alternating game/craft nights at UU; March 22 set as game day (Cards Against Humanity).

Taco Tuesday remains at 5:30 p.m.; board member presence required; time change under discussion until we can talk with John Smid.

Community Care Cabinet and UU to be a co sponsor; quarterly food drives planned; next drive March 21, 9–1 at 225 Hazel St.

Committees are to be chaired by members, not board members; board only vote on committee proposals.

Any other topics of concern?

Bob said he would email the board in hopes that his concerns were addressed.

Shawn adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.