

***Hot springs, LGBTQ + community network
Board of directors meeting for August 3, 2025***

Board members present

Pat Farnan - President
Sean Alexander - Vice President
Larry Paris - Secretary
Vic Miller - Treasurer
Tim Looper - Member at Large

Minutes

Pat opened the meeting at 4:05pm at the Garland county library and asked that Larry read the minutes from the last board meeting held on July 6, 2025

There were 10 members of the net work at the meeting and including five members of the board

Larry read the minutes from the last meeting. Vic made motion to except the minutes and Sean 2nd the motion. Motion was accepted.

Reports

Treasurer Report - Vic Miller

1. Currently in the checking account we have 4962.15
2. We have a check that needs to be deposited of 1000.00 and another 1000.00 from Zeffe that needs to be transferred into the account.
3. Which will give us a total balance of 6962.15
4. The 9.50 discrepancy is still showing but it's an error in the excel documents
5. The bank and the register are in balance
6. The capital campaign fund is 4120.00
7. Deduct that from our available balance and our total balance in the account is 2842.15
8. Sean made a motion to accept the report and Larry 2nd. Motion was accepted

Communication Report - Vic Miller

1. Communications is doing great
2. Sent out an email a week ago to central ar pride about why we weren't given a courtesy call. About benefit being held in our backyard. Still waiting to hear back from them

Service Report - Tim Looper

1. True Colors Corner is officially up and running

2. We had so many donations that came in we had to stop accepting them due to space allocation
3. Need someone from the True colors group to be a third person alongside Tim and Alana to make appointments for someone to be there so that members can be comfortable when they come to look at items available. Free of charge
4. Community Cares donation box went up by 75% in last ten weeks
5. Groups attendance will be emailed to Larry to keep track of our growth and how we can build on those groups that may need assistance (True Colors, Queer Coffee, Men's group, Women's group Trans Group)
6. Taco Tuesday between the two groups all together 32 members
7. Need to start giving back to giving hands. Haven't been there in awhile

Education Report - John Smid

1. Growing experience with the trans group
2. Trans woman in the group are having a difficulty when it comes to being hit on. And fortunately there are CIS women in the group who are helping them with ways to handle those situations
3. Developing small groups with in the true colors group
4. 25 members were in attendance at the last meeting
5. Safe space dinner at Mamas little Italy Saturday August 09, 2025
6. Want hear from the members of how the network is helping them to share their stories. So we can get feedback at next safe space dinner

Fundraising Report - Vic Miller

1. Sean stepped up at safe space dinner and said he would write a check for 1000.00 to the capital campaign fund if someone else at the dinner would do the same and we had three step up to do so.
2. Larry talked to Sean and Pat about a live auction held by Mya and it was a green light to proceed
3. Vic wanted to make sure where the money from the auction should be allocated. Budget or capital campaign fund.
4. General budget needs to get up to at least 10k.
5. Larry showed what items had already been donated and more were coming in as well before the auction on the 22nd of august

Old Business

1. Larry was appointed as secretary. Vic decided to stay on as treasurer and never officially given Pat a written letter of resignation
2. Safe space dinner was allocated to two places mamas little Italy, and smoking in style BBQ
3. John Smid agreed to coordinate educational speakers And schedules

New Business

1. Halloween party party last night heard the first venue was a Knogo and that's all I heard
2. Committee has till August 20. To let Tim know where the Halloween party will be held.
3. There will be door prizes and Halloween costume contest along with a silent auction, the night of the party
4. We need to go to bank OZK to make a CD for the Capital Campaign Fund
5. Pat made a motion that we deposit \$4120 into a CD for a six month term at bank OZK with Sean Alexander and John Miller on the account. Vic 2nd the motion. The motion was accepted.
6. Preparation for September network board meeting
7. This will be a big meeting that will be our last meeting before elections on new board members
8. Form a committee to find members who may be interested in becoming new board members. Pat , Bob, and Tim will be apart of that committee
9. Pat and Sean will start working on amending bylaws
10. We need to add another member at large and possibly a communications director as a board member, these would be proposals of course
11. The nominations coming up for re-election in December are president, secretary and member at large
12. There is one thing Vic wanted to update us on. He is going to go have coffee with Tracy on Tuesday. We are going to talk about what Can and cannot be done potentially to new programs that we can create. What is gonna take to do it cost wise and so forth it would be a program for abuse survivors with emphasis on survivors for LGBTQ as well as a program that is targeted to abusers for them to attend by a judge in order for them to come to grips with their problems and not take it out on their partner

Any members that would like to speak?

Kai'mhi enjoyed being in the meeting and men's group and coffee. He had feelings about taco Tuesday and the division of the two groups. Tim mentioned that only one group is sanctioned but both groups are counted in the member attendance

Vic motioned to end the meeting at 5:07 pm and Pat 2nd. Motion was accepted