

Hot springs, LGBTQ + community network
Network Business Meeting for September 21, 2025

Board members present

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

Minutes

Pat opened the meeting at 3pm at the Garland County library and asked that Larry read the minutes from the last board meeting held on March 16, 2025

Before we started the meeting Pat offered an apology to the network for her inappropriate language in the last board meeting in which two other members of the network had got into a heated discussion and she had asked them to stop

There were 18 members of the network at the meeting and including five members of the board

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

Reports

Treasurer Report - Vic Miller

1. Currently in the checking account we have 4133.27
2. We have a Certificate of Deposit of 4,120.00 for the Capital Campaign Fund
3. CD is on a 6-month term once term ends Sean and the new treasurer will need to go down and sign a new cd to rollover balance with the interest we receive included in the rollover to continue to build the Campaign Fund
4. Larry made a motion to accept the report and Bob Loos 2nd. Motion was accepted

Communication Report - Vic Miller

1. Communications is doing fairly well
2. We are having an issue with the newsletter not going out to members via email
3. Have contacted Godaddy to get this resolved tickets is being sent but not hearing from them hoping to get this aired out
4. Ai images are no longer on facebook as new graphics have been initiated on facebook

Service Report – Pat Farnan

1. Tim Looper has resigned from the board and all leadership functions
2. We are looking for someone to fill this role who is familiar with the community

Education Report - Pat

1. John Schmid is over Taco Tuesday Safe Space and True Colors
2. Looking for someone to fill this role as well that will get educators in to speak to the network on various subjects

Campaign Fund - 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. Campaign needs to get up to at least 10k. so that we can get our own building for a community center

Old Business

1. Remaining events we have going for the year are Friendsgiving, and World AIDS Day
2. Scott Griffin will be the one setting up the Friendsgiving at the UU Church on Thanksgiving, if anyone wants to help or attend we ask that you bring a dish to aid in the festivities
3. World Aids Day will be on the 1st at the UU Church
4. Nik Keys Halloween Party to happen on the 31^{st of October} at The Goat all are welcome to attend
5. Pride walk and festival was a success and a bigger turnout than expected, We want to help them in any way we can to aid in the festivities next year
6. Input for changes in the bylaws , only had one come forth which was Bob Loos in regards to membership dues being charged.. We decided we would continue with membership being free of charge, only that to be a member you are required to attend a network meeting

New Business

1. Central Arkansas Pridefest and parade, it's a 100.00 to get a 10x10 profit, and an SLS permit to sell merchandise
2. Bob said he would donate a \$100 to pay for the booth and Sean our newest member said he would donate the \$50 for the permit to sale merchandise at the event
3. Adoption of New Bylaws to include 2 new members of the board, Communications Director and Community Relations Director as well as other bylaws to be changed and updated

4. The 18 members present voted unanimously to adopt the new bylaws. New bylaws are now in affect
5. The positions up for a vote on December 21st for board members are : President, Secretary, Communications Director, Community Relations Director, and Member at Large
6. If Sean is elected president vice president position will be open and a new vice president will be elected, Same goes for Vic, if he's elected Communications Director, the Treasurer position will be open and a new treasurer will be elected
7. Nominations to be

Any members that would like to speak?

Nik Keys spoke about the Halloween Party that's happening on the 31st of October
At the Goat Nik wanted the member list from the Network to be there to build the network and the growth of the community both Gay or Ally
Anyone who wants to help with decorations is most welcome too as well as share the graphics for the party

Bob Loos said 20 people in a room for 10 just shows the need to have a community center
WE ARE GROWING!

Sephora and Sean mentioned wanting to be nominated for a role on the board

Amanda Moore asked if we had reached out to the Hot Springs Renaissance Fair or the Viking Event

Pat motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 pm and Vic 2nd. Motion was accepted