

Sept 15, 2024

Hot Springs LGBTQ+ Community Network

General membership Meeting for Sept 15, 2024

Board Members Present

Pat Farnan – President

Vic Miller – Vice President

Eileen Ryan – Treasurer

Kellie Bryan – Secretary

Tim Looper – Member at Large

The meeting was called to order at 3:23 p.m.

The meeting started off with the vote on acceptance of the submission of the minutes from the previous meeting. Tim made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted, Pat seconded. The vote was unanimous to accept as stated.

Communications report was presented by Vic – currently looking at new technology to help create monetization on social media. It is a slow process, but steps are being made towards that goal. Once we get working models, we will present them to the community.

Outreach, Tim – We have received 8-10 new organizations that have reached out to us and expressed an interest to network with us. The Fundraising Yard Sale is going to be September 28. Trunk or Treat is also coming up in October.

Education, Bob – The previous Education event with Gwen Herzig went well and was very educational. The only negative was the speaker was hard to hear due to the echoing in the room. There will not be a speaker in September. The speaker for October will be Alana Pierce, the owner of Retro Fit.

Community needs assessment update. Will have the survey ready for distribution in October.

Old Business:

Capitol funds campaign discussion. Creating a committee to build the fundraising campaign.

Joint efforts will continue with the food drives. Trunk or Treat, National Coming out Day potluck, fundraising yard sale at S.A.I.L.S., Friendsgiving request for host families.

Events for 2025 – We are open to suggestions. We will post a poll on the website and pick three events we would like to do.

Areas of concern: Need more people to attend the functions, including board members. There was discussion about having “chuches” for our meeting locations, and how some people won’t come because of past trauma with churches. Pat mentioned that if anyone has any other locations where we could meet to let us know. Discussion was also about how to attract young people to our network.

Board off Directors nominations for Vice President and Treasurer The election will be in December. Discussion was about making the Communications Director a Board Position, and add 1 more member at large. To nominate someone, email to secretary@hotspringslgbtq.org

Pat discussed that if anyone has suggestions for amending the bylaws to email them to secretary@hotspringslbtq.org

Suggestion was made to have the Safe Space Dinner at the same location every month. Kellie agreed to help start up the Women’s Discussion Group.

Kellie made the motion to adjourn the meeting, was seconded by Eileen. The vote was unanimous to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 pm

