

***Hot Springs LGBTQ + Community Network
Board Members Meeting for June 07, 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 3:00pm at the Garland County Library and asked that Larry read the minutes from the last network members meetings held on May 03, 2026

There were 12 members of the network at the meeting and included seven members of the board

Larry read the minutes from the last board members meetings for May. Sean Alexander made motion to except the minutes and Shawn Quinn 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Reports

Treasurer Report - Ka'imi Maka

1. Ka'imi informed us that the checking account(CF Holding Account) balance is currently \$722.03 at Diamond State Bank
2. The capital campaign fund is \$5,798.00 in a CD at Bank OZK
3. The checking account(Operating Account) at Bank OZK is 4,388.06

4. Ka'imi mentioned us using PayPal to pay expenses and that a committee should be formed to form the bylaws for the network Shawn said we would relook at this in the upcoming year
5. Ka'imi Maka made a motion we reimburse Shawn Quinn for \$92.64 for food purchase and \$10.00 for vendor fee for Hot Springs Pride Festival Tim 2nd Motion. Motion was carried and accepted
6. Sean Alexander made a motion to accept the report and Shawn Quinn 2nd. Motion was carried.

Communication Report - Lisa Kent

1. Facebook has had a 65% increase in followers since the picnic in May we cumulatively had over 40,000 views (network group and page, personal pages, and Hot Springs Area news from the picnic
2. Instagram is showing major growth as well
3. Lisa said she's going to watching metrics for the month of July before she posts the metrics for the picnic to include it with Pride month
4. Sean Alexander made a motion to accept Communications Report. Shawn Quinn 2nd motion. Motion was carried.

Community Relations Report - Tim Looper

1. The Giving Team

1. New location is underneath the old Arkla building next to Regions
2. Tim and Larry will build a flyer on behalf of The giving team to grow support and community involvement with the project
3. 4th Saturday every month(Next events July 25, September 26 and December 19)

2. Community Meditation Garden

Sean Alexander made a motion that the Network to sponsor the upkeep on two beds at the Community Garden. Tim Looper seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

1. Tim and Sea said that they would keep the maintenance up on the garden through programs committee
2. Shawn Quinn asked Tim to draw up a proposal for what would be needed from the board
3. Tim was asked to speak to Walmart and Kroger for donations to CCC(communty care cabinet)

3. PARC Project

1. This location serves only as a donation site for the Network to advertise at this time. No ongoing Network project is currently associated with this location.

4. Community Care Cabinet

Kelsie at House Cup is an additional drop off for donations as well as Static and the UU Church

We need more involvement from the network and UU Church to keeping the CCC maintained and stocked. Bring donations to meetings every thing helps keep in mind that food should be non perishable and have pull tabs for some items

5. Metrics on food last month was about 200lbs

6 Larry Paris made a motion to accept Community Relations Report. Sean Alexander 2nd. Motion was carried and accepted

Committee Reports

A. Program - Lillie will present at members meeting June 21. Shawn and Lillie are in the process of writing a grant for a Health and Wellness scholarship that the network could be awarded up to \$3000

Shawn made a motion that we adopt the Rainbow Wellness & Fitness Initiative Scott 2nd the motion Motion was carried and accepted

(Please see the Motion in its entirety as an attachment to the minutes for clarification)

This Initiative will help fund Gym memberships with Planet Fitness as we as line dancing classes for the members and other programs that may benefit their health and wellness

- B. Development- Seraphina and Shawn will be meeting with in the next 30 days to setup the committee and all that it will entail
- C. Governance- on hold
- D. Nominations- on hold

Old Business

SOP Updates - Board members will review partial SOP drafts at the July 2026 Board Meeting.

b. Virtual Board Meeting on BOD Chat:

i.

May 7, 2026

- Scott made a motion for the Network to pay for ½ the \$25 fee the the NOH8 campaign, Tim Seconded the motion. Motion was passed and carried. Larry also made a motion for the Network to reimburse Larry Paris for \$60 for the heat transfers for the t-shirts and Ka’imi Maka for \$203.61 for the t-shirts. Tim seconded the motion. Motion was passed and carried.

ii. May 20, 2026- Ka’imi made a motion for the Network to issue a donation of \$150 to Mason for the Hot SpringsPride Pageant. Tim seconded the motion. Motion passed and carried.

iii.

May 25, 2026

- Lisa made a motion to approve expenses to Shawn Quinn, Larry Paris, and Ka’imi Maka for the following: \$45.32 to Ka’imi for coffee mugs, \$92.75 to Shawn for NOH8 reimbursement, \$234.46 to Shawn for t-shirts for Board and volunteers for Pride Picnic, \$271.93 to Shawn for Pride Picnic food and supplies, \$76.09 to Shawn for equipment, \$100.63 to Shawn for Pride Picnic Supplies, \$29.55 to Larry for acrylic holders, \$23.11 to Larry for Walgreen signage, and \$128.23 to Ka’imi for baskets to raffle at Pride Picnic. Ka’imi seconded the motion. Motion passed and carried.

c. Calendar of Events - Network Hosted/Attending

i. Hot Springs Pride Walk & Festival - June 27th

ii. Central Arkansas Pride, Hispanic Cultural Festival, Halloween Party - October 2026 Planning should begin for this event. Shawb discussed exploring Whittington Place as a potential venue.

- iii. NYE Winter Pride Ball – December 2026. A membership poll will be distributed to gauge interest and participation.
- d. Magic Springs - Discount code has been provided and published
- e. Insurance Policy - looking into Terrorist policy next year at renewal
- f. Fundraising Updates
- i. Social Media advertising for our partnership with Static to drive donations has been generated and is helping get the word out about this new partnership we have with Static and House cup
- ii. Network Online Shop is live
- iii. Shawn will set up time to meet with Seraphina to discuss formation of the Development Committee to begin outline for 2027.
- g. Safe Space Monthly Dinner is now Chosen Family Dinner - New facilitators Larry Paris and Robert Vinson putting a poll out to see where members would like to meet up for Chosen Family Dinner and possibly have the first one in July
- h.

The Board reviewed proposed budget amendments to be presented to the membership at the June Membership Meeting. Proposed changes include:

- Increase Grant Program Budget to \$3,000
- Add Gym Membership Reimbursement Program – \$1,800
- Add Line Dancing Instructor Fees – \$1,050
- Add Program Administration/Evaluation – \$150

New Business

a. NOH8 had seven members attend. (See additional addendum and event recap from attachments in BOD Chat.)

b. Pride Picnic attendance was approximately 150 participants with overwhelmingly positive feedback. (See additional addendum included from documents attached in BOD chat and event recap.)

Areas to improve upon: Seraphina addressed Having a layout for the picnic(map of where everything should go vendors, members eating areas, food, band etc.). Having signage up for the itinerary schedule of events for the day. Having a grill person available for grilling. Also showing a serving time on flyers so folks know when food will be ready for eating

c. Expenses for Board Approval was carried out in the treasurers report

d. Attendance/Metrics: must be submitted for all Network functions

- monthly to the Vice President for statistical tracking.
- e. Calendar of Events - Network hosted and events Network will be a vendor to also be overseen by the Vice President for statistical tracking and progress.
 - f. Board and Committee's to prepare an outline for 2027 events. No additional events to be calendared for the remainder of 2026 unless BOD approved. Focus on existing events/programs already calendared and existing partnerships. I would like to have the program committee look into 2 educational opportunities
 - g. before we close out 2026.
 - h. Hot Springs Pride Pageant Committee Charter for Board Approval. Voting on the charter was tabled until the July 2026 Board Meeting
 - i. Boot & Bow Ties - Further consideration and any action were tabled until the July 2026 Board Meeting
 - j. Membership Meeting June 21st Garland County Library Rm D 3pm-5pm
 - k. Next Board Meeting July 12th Garland County Library Rm D 3pm-5pm.

9. No other topics of concern were raised

10. Members present that would like to speak (2 minutes)
Bob Loos asked About the surcharge with Zeffy. And Ka'imi informed him there was none. Also Bob asked Pride and the use of the word. Two organizations are in the community now and some folks are getting confused. Sea said that both the Network and Hot Springs Pride should branch together and that there is something in the works where both organizations could come together in the near future

11. Shawn adjourned the meeting at 5:23pm. Sean made the motion and Tim 2nd motion. Motion was carried and accepted