

***Hot Springs LGBTQ + Community Network  
Network Members Meeting for January 18, 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 3:09pm at the Garland County Library and asked that Larry read the minutes from the last network members meeting held on December 21, 2025

There were 13 members of the network at the meeting and included seven members of the board

Larry read the minutes from the last network members meeting. Scott Griffin made motion to except the minutes and Larry Paris 2nd the motion. Motion carried and was accepted.

Tim looper made a motion that we read the board meeting minutes from January 04, 2026 in order to get the new signatories add to the bank account at Diamond State Bank and the CD at Bank OZK. Sean Alexander 2nd the motion. The motion carried and was accepted

Shawn also asked that Larry read the minutes from the last board members meeting held on January 04, 2026

Larry read the minutes from the last board members meeting. Sean Alexander made motion to except the minutes and Scott Griffin 2nd the motion. Motion carried and was accepted.

**Reports**

Treasurer Report - Ka'imi Maka

1. Vic Miller informed us that the checking account balance is currently \$4,376.89 at Diamond State Bank
2. The capital campaign fund is \$4,120.00 in a CD at Bank OZK
3. Sean Alexander made a motion to accept the report and Tim Looper 2nd. Motion was carried and accepted

Communication Report - Lisa Kent

1. Communications is transitioning and the website and social media accounts are being updated
2. Facebook has had a significant increase since the inception of the new board members
3. Instagram is the next big update we will be doing
4. Bake sale form is being generated for the upcoming sale at Mardi Gras event on February 15th
5. Vic mentioned we had a tax form in google doc we can use to fill it out. Always save as PDF
6. Tim Looper made a motion to accept Communications Report. Larry Paris 2nd motion. Motion was carried and accepted.

Service Report - suspended until committee is formed

Education Report - Shawn Quinn

1. Shawn is in talks with Janice with the safe zone project in Little Rock, and she would be bringing the project to hot springs to discuss with members of the network
2. This is a three hour program and is at no cost to the network or the members
3. Shawn has also spoken to Just Communities to bring in a couple of their programs as well
4. Nar Can meeting is on January 29th.
5. Tim looper brought up that service should be led by Scott Griffin, Scott graciously declined
6. Shawn said going forward he would like the committees be led by members of the network and not just board members to show their is a growing involvement with in the network
7. Jason Davis mentioned to just clarify that those members who were appointed to lead the committees would be in charge of those committees and not the members of the board. Board members could be apart of the committees but not in charge of the way the committees were to be led.
8. Membership will lead the committees not the board is Shawn's stance
9. Sean made a motion to accept the education report Scott 2nd the motion. Motion carried and was accepted

Fundraising Report - suspended until committee is formed

## **Old Business**

1. Shawn Quinn had agreed to take donations for the Mardi Gras Event . monetary donations for Mardi Gras have closed. We raised \$380 from member and with Shawn's match we are able to sponsor the event for \$760 and the Mardi Gras committee has agreed to include our vendor table and no additional cost.
2. Next up will be confirming donations for the bake sale and coordinating volunteers to paint oysters shells to sell as well.
3. Pride Picnic to be held at Arc Isle on May 30, 2026
4. Voting for the new Board of Directors and the winners are:

- President - Shawn Quinn
  - Secretary - Larry Paris
  - Communications Director - vacant
  - Community Relations Director - Tim Looper
  - Member at Large - Scott Griffin
4. Our next Network Members Meeting will be held June 21, 2026
  5. Tentative schedule for next year has been posted on website

## **New Business**

1. Shawn presented an overview of the five year strategic plan to be voted on at next board member's meeting February 1st
2. Shawn presented an overview of the fundraising campaign to be voted on at the next board members meeting
3. Shawn presented to the network members a proposed budget that will be discussed at next board members meeting
4. Once the proposed budget has been discussed it will then be presented to the members and voted on next network members meeting

Community Relations - Tim Looper

reconnecting with old connections  
 Hot springs pride new things coming up and changing  
 NAACP bringing them onboard if we can  
 Get back out and set up tables for the food courts  
 Tuggle clinic looking to build a new site  
 Park Avenue Pantry up and coming along with community care cabinet (network involvement)  
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Spring fling tabled to next board meeting

Lisa asked that any schedules and events coming up get them to her

Any members that would like to speak?

Bob asked that the topics of the discussion groups

Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:12pm Sean 2nd the motion. Motion carried and was accepted