

***Hot Springs LGBTQ + Community Network
Board Members Meeting for August 30, 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 - Absent

Scott Griffin - Member at Large

Minutes:

Shawn opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m. in a virtual meeting on Google Meets and asked that Larry read the minutes from the last network members' meetings held on July 12, 2026

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

Larry read the minutes from the last board members' meetings for July. Scott Griffin made a motion to accept the minutes and Sean Alexander 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 \$763.26 at Diamond State Bank.
2. The capital campaign fund is \$6,858.95 in CDs at Bank OZK.
3. The checking account(Operating Account) at Bank OZK is \$ \$5,504.64
4. Larry Paris made a motion we accept treasurers report. Sean Alexander 2nd the motion. Motion was carried.

Communication Report - Lisa Kent

1. Lisa said we were still showing positive progress and growth.

2. Shawn mentioned Brandon Rimmer to step in as a volunteer for the communications team and that he would be assisting Lisa in future projects
3. Larry Paris made a motion to accept the Communications Report. Sean Alexander 2nd motion. Motion was carried.

Community Relations Report - Tim Looper

1. The Giving Team

1. New location is underneath the old AP&L (324 Malvern Ave) building next to Regions.
2. 4th Saturday every month(Next events July 25, September 26, and December 19).

2. Community Meditation Garden

1. Tim informed the board that the Garden had lost its squash crop due to the heat and hope to replant in in the fall

4. Community Care Cabinet

1. Metrics on food last month were 38 - 40 lbs and 4 bags of hygiene.

5. Larry Paris made a motion to accept the Community Relations Report. Sean Alexander 2nd. Motion was carried.

Committee Reports

A. Program - Shawn presented the programs committee report

Shawn mentioned standardized branding for Spring Fling and Pride Picnic.

1. Motion for Consideration

I move that the Board of Directors of the Hot Springs LGBTQ+ Community Network formally adopt the following six events as the organization's official Annual Signature Event Series. Each event will retain its permanent name and tagline from year to year. The names or permanent taglines may be amended only through subsequent action of the Board of Directors.

April Out in Bloom A Celebration of Authenticity, Growth, Connection, and New Beginnings

May Love Out Loud Picnic A Community Picnic Celebrating Chosen Family, Visibility, Joy, and Belonging

October Out of the Shadows Celebrating Art, Music, Imagination, and Self-Expression After Dark

November Friendsgiving: A Seat for Everyone Because Everyone Deserves a Place at the Table

Early December Light the Ribbon Honoring Lives. Inspiring Hope. Ending HIV.

Late December Gathering of Lights A Winter Celebration of Hope, Reflection, Gratitude, and Community

Upon adoption, these six events will constitute the official Annual Signature Event Series of the Hot Springs LGBTQ+

Sean Alexander made a motion to accept the motion . Scott Griffin seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

2.Motion for Consideration

I move that the Board of Directors adopt the annual themes below as the official creative and planning framework for the applicable event years. Out in Bloom, Love Out Loud Picnic, and Out of the Shadows begin with 2027 themes. Friendsgiving, Light the Ribbon, and Gathering of Lights begin with 2026 themes.

The permanent signature-event name and tagline will remain consistent while the annual theme provides each year's event with a distinct identity. Themes may guide programming, decorations, marketing, sponsorship materials, merchandise, volunteer engagement, partnerships, outreach, signage, and public communications. The Board may amend a future annual theme by majority vote. Dates, venues, program details, and implementation plans may be changed through established planning and budget processes without amending this motion unless otherwise required by the bylaws or policies.

Scott Griffin made a motion to adopt annual themes. Sean Alexander 2nd motion.

Motion carried

B. Development- Seraphina and Shawn will be meeting with us in the next 30 days to set up the committee, and we are still needing one volunteer. Please note the Development Committee report can be found under the public documents. Tab on our website underneath the minutes

C. Governance- Doug Zook, Bob Loos, and Shawn Quinn. Doug and Bob to Co-Chair.

The committees' primary responsibility will be to conduct a comprehensive review of the organization's developing standard operating procedures, policies, and related governance documents. The review process has been designed to ensure that each policy receives multiple independent reviews before being presented to the Board of Directors.

D. Nominations- on hold

Old Business

SOP Updates - tabled until September 20th meeting

Motion for Board Consideration

I move that the Hot Springs LGBTQ+ Community Network Board of Directors approve renaming the Network's weekly Taco Wednesday gathering as Welcoming Wednesday, effective upon approval. The new name will better reflect the Network's welcoming and inclusive mission while aligning the weekly gathering with the chosen-family emphasis of the Network's monthly Chosen Family Dinner. The program's weekly Wednesday schedule, time, and location will remain unchanged unless adjusted through the Network's established program-planning process.

Larry Paris made the motion to rename event. Sean Alexander 2nd motion. Motion was carried

USA Prides. We are now members of this organization. Our membership fee was waived. It will be another great tool for the network regarding budgets, volunteers, and overall ways to improve our network functions.

Hispanic culture festival on October 3rd: the network will have a table at the festival. No vendor fee was required.

New Business

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Motion for Consideration

I move that the Hot Springs LGBTQ+ Community Network approve sending the President and one additional representative to the USA Prides 2027 National Conference in Richmond, Virginia, January 21-24, 2027; authorize the President to prepare and submit scholarship applications for up to two eligible representatives seeking registration and lodging assistance; and authorize the President to complete routine supporting documents and communications that do not create a financial obligation. Any airfare or other uncovered travel expense requiring Network funds must return to the Board for approval unless covered by a separate grant or approved funding source.

Larry Paris made the motion for Shawn to write applications for scholarships for to representatives to go to USA Prides in 2027. Sean Alexander 2nd motion. Motion carried

Next Board Meeting will be a virtual meeting held September 20, 2026 Room D 3pm Garland County Library

Shawn welcomed Kyle McCracken to the network and I formed the board he would be volunteering to assist with community relations and also networking in behalf of the network

9. No other topics of concern were raised.

10. Members present that would like to speak (2 minutes):

11. Shawn adjourned the meeting at 4:47 p.m. Larry Paris made the motion, and Sean Alexander seconded it. The motion was carried.