

***Hot Springs LGBTQ + Community Network  
Board Meeting for January 04, 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 3:01pm at the Garland County Library and asked that Larry read the minutes from the last board members meeting held on December 07, 2025

There were 22 members of the network at the meeting and included seven members of the board

Larry read the minutes from the last meeting. Scott made motion to except the minutes and Shawn Quinn 2nd the motion. Motion was accepted.

**Reports**

Treasurer Report - carried over from the Annual Business Meeting until new treasurer appointed

1. Currently in the checking account we have 4266.39
2. The GoDaddy account cost was 323.90 and is already deducted from our current checking account balance
3. The capital campaign fund is 4120.00 in a CD at Bank OZK

Communication Report - suspended till new Communications Director is appointed

Service Report - suspended until position is filled

Education Report - suspended until position is filled

Fundraising Report - on hold till new board members transition into their new roles

**Old Business**

1. Network meeting with annual elections was held at the U church on Sunday, December 21 at 3 PM. The meeting was followed by a potluck dinner.

2. Hot Springs is planning a Mardi Gras on February 15, 2026 donations are being taken by Sean Quinn to pay for the network sponsorship for the event. The network will be selling donated, baked goods to raise money for the network
3. The outgoing president, secretary and treasurer transferred all records documents and official paperwork to the new board members on January 4, 2026, as this was the first meeting for the new board members

### **New Business**

1. Transference of all records, documents and official paperwork was transferred to new board members
2. Heard from the new board members wanting to be elected as treasurer and communications director
3. Ka'imi Maka voiced his interest in wanting to be the treasurer for the time allotted until a more permanent treasurer could be elected
4. Lisa Kent voiced her interest in the Communications Director position, and gave a brief background of experience and knowledge that she could bring to the member position if elected
5. Shawn Quinn made a motion to the board to appoint Ka'imi Maka as Treasurer and Lisa Kent as Communications Director. Tim Looper 2nd Motion All members were in favor of the motion. The motion was carried.
6. Shawn Quinn made a motion that we remove the signatories of John Miller and Patricia Farnan on the signature cards at Diamond State Bank and add the signatories of Shawn Quinn as President and Ka'imi Maka as Treasurer to the signature card at Diamond State Bank Larry 2nd motion. Motion carried
7. Shawn Quinn made a motion that we remove the signatory of John Miller at Bank OZK for the Certificate of Deposit and add Ka'imi Maka as a signatory at Bank OZK for the Certificate of Deposit. Larry 2nd the motion Motion carried
8. Shawn wanted to note that we have two volunteers(Saraphina and Dahlia) that will be working at certain events . The were both present at meeting and acknowledged for their efforts
9. Also Shawn mentioned that Eileen would like to still be a moderator for the group page as will as few others that will help aid Lisa Kent on the social media front
10. Vic mentioned that all board members were approved to publish in the social media for mats as will as be moderators for the group in social media
11. Shawn proposed an amended version of the mission statement and some additional amendments to the bylaws. This would be voted on by the members at the first members meeting in January 18th
12. Volunteer roster to be made and those that work 3 hours would be considered an active member
13. We tabled discussions on SOPs, Five year strategic plan, confer Calendar of events for 2026, and also tabled the nonpartisan of the 501(c) its guidelines and what we can and cannot do.

Any other topics of concern

Lyle Steele addressed the active members and volunteer opportunities available to those that are not yet members of the network

Sean Alexander reiterated that we were a growing group and that we are excited at the turnout of the attendees coming to the board meetings

Pat mentioned to Shawn. The board handles the business side of the network the network votes on changes to the network ie.. bylaw amendments elections

Scott mentioned that when grant writing we want to let. Them know what the committee s do and the achievements and successes of each of those from the facilitators or representatives of those committees

Pat gave a description about being a 501(c) and being non partisan

Scott said we needed a disclaimer when those items are published on social media Shawn Quinn agreed

Scott also mentioned that men's discussion group will be going to a narc meeting at UU 630p to 730p January 29,2026

Any members that would like to speak?

Bob mentioned CenterLink and the resources we can benefit from using that site Shawn said he definitely wants to utilize that resource

Shawn adjourned the meeting and the new members of the board stood and took a picture