

## **Hot Springs LGBTQ+ Community Network**

**7/06/2025**

### **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for July 6, 2025**

Board Members Present 5      Board Members Absent 0

*Pat Farnan - President*

*Sean Alexander - Vice President*

*Vic Miller - Treasurer*

*Larry Paris - Secretary*

*Tim Looper - Member at Large*

### ***Minutes***

1. President, Pat Farnan, opened the meeting at 3pm at Garland County Library . Welcomed everyone that attended meeting.
2. There were 13 members in attendance at board members meeting which includes the 5 board members in attendance.
3. Pat read the minutes from the last board members meeting. Sean made a motion to accept minutes and Vic 2nd the motion. Motion was accepted
4. Pat, read the minutes from the network members meeting send me the motion to accept the minutes and beck second bed the motion the motion was excepted.

### **Reports**

#### **Treasurer Report**

1. Current Balance was \$4005.99, with \$1020.00 in checks written giving a remaining balance of 2085.99

2. Pat invested \$140.66 of fund for merchandise for the pride festival with sales ending at \$434.39 for a profit making day for the network
3. There is still \$9.50 discrepancy but it is in the excel documents as the bank and the register are in balance
4. All checks have been cashed
5. Sean made a motion to accept treasurer's report and Tim seconded. Motion was accepted

#### *Communications Report*

1. While continuing with our social media platform on Facebook. We are trying to push instagram and blue sky
2. Bob asked how many followers versus members were we at the moment? Vic replied 480 followers and 1980 members
3. Vic said we would start posting at 6pm going forward to update network with minutes

#### *Service Report*

*Tim reported that the donations have increased to 240%*

#### *Education Report*

1. *Bob reported that Tracy Grinstead-Everly a intersectional advocate and attorney would be basing her speech on intimate partner violence (trigger warning). She will be speaking at the July 20th member gathering*
2. *Bob offered his resignation as the educational advisor*
3. *Tim made a motion to ask if there was anyone in the group that would have an interest for heading committee for education*
4. *Sean wanted to table the issue until other individuals were able to be talked to about the open role*

Fundraising was tabled to next meeting

Network AA Group is baselines at the moment until Scott or the group can find a helper

### **Pride Festival wash up - it was too hot**

Pride group is willing to discuss the possibility of moving the walk and festival to a cooler event day

Bob mentioned that we should put it on the calendar to get the ball rolling next year to have a plan I'm place from volunteers Marshall's and helping the board switch out throughout the day so everyone stays cool especially our older members.

Pat made a very valid quote.

"If we're going to be a community network we need community"

### **New Business**

Membership- updating our by laws to possibly introduce a membership fee to bring valid members to the meetings. Need to attend at least 1 business meeting and one regular meeting

To be discussed in more depth at September meeting

Have a sign in log at all meetings to aid in tracking of who is actually attending meetings

*Electing new board members*

*The position of Treasurer will remain with Vic Miller as Treasurer reinstated by Pat*

*Larry and Trevor were interested in taking the Secretary position*

*Larry was elected Secretary and signed the code of conduct and agreed to board rules*

### **Halloween Party**

*Close to securing a venue and three new volunteers and members signed up to help with the party*

*Taco Tuesday and Safe Space Dinner(next dinner July 12th)*

*Smokin N Style and Little Italy were the choices that were made to being the best places for members to feel both welcome and safe*

*John will introduce the story sharing portion to the safe space dinner giving those that would like to share their stories an outlet and for all of us to get to know each better and intertwining within the groups.*

*Pat empowered John to get individuals to share their stories*

### ***Thank You***

*We at the network want to formerly Thank Becky and Amanda Moore and David Parsons for their hospitality and the new name tags the board members received at the festival. We appreciate you and thank you for seeing as a local organization for the LGBTQ+ Community*

*Pat called meeting to end at 4:27 pm. Vic motioned to adjourn and Tim 2nd. Meeting adjourned*

*Larry Paris, Secretary*