

Hot springs, LGBTQ + community network
Board of directors meeting for September 07, 2025

Board members present

Pat Farnan - President
Sean Alexander - Vice President
Larry Paris - Secretary
Vic Miller - Treasurer
Tim Looper - Member at Large

Minutes

Pat opened the meeting at 3:01pm at the Garland county library and asked that Larry read the minutes from the last board meeting held on August 03, 2025

There were 17 members of the net work at the meeting and including five members of the board

Larry read the minutes from the last meeting. Pat made motion to except the minutes and Tim 2nd the motion. Motion was accepted.

Reports

Treasurer Report - Vic Miller

1. Currently in the checking account we have 8145.15
2. The bank and the register are in balance
3. The capital campaign fund is 4120.00
4. Deduct that from our available balance and our total balance in the account is 4025.15
5. Pat made a motion to accept the report and Larry 2nd. Motion was accepted

Communication Report - Vic Miller

1. Communications is trying to get help for communications. a student from National Park (Zoe) with a background in graphic design to split some of the work that's needed They were talking and building trust ,because they don't always feel safe

Service Report - Tim Looper

1. Went and picked up a vehicle full of goods from The Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
2. Brought in a bunch of goods and cash donations for the blessing box
3. Community Cares and Blessing Box will be separated going forward to where we as the network can focus more on the community care cabinet

4. We need to build at least one more cabinet before the end of the year or at least by beginning of spring due to the approaching holidays and such
5. Women's group would like to contribute to the next cabinet to be built

Education Report - John Smid

1. We had our monthly meeting with the true colors group and it was the highest turnout yet with 31 individuals in attendance
2. Moving towards having some kind of parents group
3. Chloe's Closet at Retro Fit is needing access to make appointments and someone to be there when they are wanting to look at things in the closet
4. No education speakers lined up at the moment. But we do have speakers at the safe space dinner

Fundraising Report - Vic Miller

1. We hit a big bump with power of pride auction in one night raised \$888.00
2. Chris Hughes put a challenge up of \$250.00 for some one to match him by the end of the auction. Challenge was achieved and another \$500.00 was raised that evening
3. Vic wanted to remind people that birthday fundraisers can be used to donate to the network as we are setup with Facebook for those types of fundraisers
4. Items from the auction that didn't sell will go to the silent auction at the Halloween party

Old Business

1. Halloween Party will be on the 31st at The Goat in cornerstone shopping center
2. 75 to 150 people can attend
3. Cash bar and catered by the goat. 5 to 10 fee to get in to the party
4. Nik key agreed to put 1500. On cost of goods for party
5. CD to be done on September 08,2025 for Capital Campaign Fund
6. Live Auction had over 53 items and was a 4 hour endeavor. Going forward we're going to do the silent auction on Zeffe

New Business

1. Preparation for December Network Business Meeting
2. Amending parts of bylaws pertaining to legitimate members.
3. Membership fee of \$10 annually
4. Some folks can't afford to join such as youth. We will be putting a scholarship or voucher or sponsors
5. Volunteering can aid in paying membership fees
6. The composition of the board is currently 5 members of the board will go to 7 members of the board
7. We're voting on the bylaws before we elect new members in December

8. Communications Director and a Community Relations Director will be two new members of the board if bylaws are passed
9. This will be a big meeting that will be our last meeting before elections on new board members
10. The nominations coming up for re-election in December are president, secretary and member at large
11. Reschedule Joint Efforts
12. Publish Name Change Clinic
13. Pride festival in Little Rock Sean and Pat
14. Voted on \$100 for booth for pride festival pat made a motion and Larry Seconded.
Motion accepted

Any members that would like to speak?

Scott Griffin the facilitator of the men's discussion group queer coffee and Jackson stepped down as facilitator and a member of the network due to ongoing issues in the group. This was a heated discussion but Pat stepped in and handled the situation
Pat motioned to end the meeting at 4:24 pm and Vic 2nd. Motion was accepted