

***Hot Springs LGBTQ + Community Network
Board Members Meeting for October 04, 2026***

Board members present:

Shawn Quinn - President

Sean Alexander - Vice President

Larry Paris - Secretary

Ka'imi Maka - Treasurer

Being filled by Larry Paris/Vic Miller(liaison)til 12/19/26- Communications Director

Tim Looper - Community Relations Director

Scott Griffin - Member at Large

Minutes:

Shawn opened the meeting at 3:12 p.m. at Garland County Library and asked that Larry read the minutes from the last network members' meetings held on September 20, 2026. There were 15 members of the network at the meeting and included five members of the board.

Larry read the minutes from the last board members' meetings for September. Scott Griffin made a motion to accept the minutes and Tim Looper 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Reports:

Treasurer Report - Ka'imi Maka:

1. Ka'imi informed us that the savings account #433523(CF Holding Account) balance is currently \$763.27 at Bank OZK.
2. The capital campaign fund is \$6,881.90 in CDs at Bank OZK.
3. The checking account(Operating Account) at Bank OZK is \$ \$5,632.34
4. We currently have \$3,000.16 in our grant funds saving account #433520 at Bank OZK
5. Scott Griffin made a motion we accept treasurers report. Larry Paris 2nd the motion. Motion was carried.
6. Ka'imi wanted to make note that effective September 30, 2026 the balance in the Diamond State Bank was transferred to savings account #433523 at Bank OZK and the account is now closed, whereas all accounts are now with BankOZK and drawing monthly interest in savings and CD accounts.

October 3 campaign collections totaled \$127, and \$20 was supplied for change by Ka'imi .

- * Of that total, \$12 will be paid through Zeffy, with \$115 held as petty cash for change at Central Arkansas Pride. After Pride, all cash funds will be turned over to the treasurer for the monthly financial report.

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Communication Report - (Position being temporarily filled by Larry Paris & Vic Miller as liaison to complete integration and update of the website till elections on 12/19/26)

Larry Paris made a motion that we except Lisa Kent's resignation request by email effective immediately due to personal reasons that are not related with the Network or the board of directors. Scott Griffin 2nd motion. Motion carried.

Tim Looper made a motion that Larry Paris fill the position til the end of year(or once elections are held for the two year term in 12/19/2026) as well as have Vic Miller act as liaison to assist Larry with integration and website updating. Sean Alexander 2nd motion. Motion carried

- * The board discussed the \$37.65 domain renewal, due this month, to prevent website interruptions during Central Arkansas Pride.has been paid early so we will stay up and running throughout the event

- * The \$359.88 GoDaddy website renewal was paid early for a substantial discount to stay within budget. Shawn asked Larry and Vic to investigate deeper discounts, including multi-year renewals, for upcoming budget planning.

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Community Relations Report - Tim Looper

1. Food 4 Thought

a. Tim noted we had 3x more activity this past event. And they were having a hard time even keeping the tables full

:The Network will attend October 24, will not attend November 28, and will review December 19 participation at the November board meeting

2. Community Garden

1. Tim informed the board that the Garden has been cleared and will be ready for revamp for the Autumn season

4.Community Care Cabinet

5. * Jackson House / CRC: Jackson House remains the fourth Tuesday monthly. Scott secured CRC's fifth Wednesday, four times annually, until a monthly opening becomes available. The board will then assess our Jackson House involvement.

1. Metrics on food last month were 200lbs and 20 bags of hygiene.

2. There is a surplus of about 5 bags of food and 50 hygiene sets currently and Tim is allocating 100 of the 200 donated shaving kits to the Network, since the original donation was made on behalf of the Blessing Box as well as 30 doses of NARCAN per month being donated by a pvt donor
Remind facilitators to regularly encourage donations. Members can bring donations to any Network event—even one item helps

Donation partnerships: Shawn Quinn is working with Ka'imi on Spark Good opportunities through Walmart and Sam's Club for 2027. Larry Paris will be contacting P&G about possible direct donations.

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

Tentative 2027 Calendar

* Education: Shawn Quinn is tasking the board with planning and scheduling two to three educational events in alignment with our strategic plan and mission.

* Drag bingo: Scott Griffin has proposal that is pending and tabled for further review. The proposed arrangement is for UU Church to obtain the necessary permit and split proceeds with the Network, subject to confirmation with the church's board and Network board review.

Committee Reports

A. Program - Lillie

B. Development- Seraphina

a. 2027 Fundraising campaign

Larry made a motion that we implement the proposed 2027 Fundraising Campaign as it is currently with the exception that amendments may be made after the new board transitions in January 2027. Tim Looper 2nd motion. Motion carried.

b. Giving Tree Grant Update - denied

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

1. Packet has been sent to all board members for review to read over and to make notes to discuss at the November Board meeting.

D. Nominations - Larry

Timi Thornton and Jason Davis as well as Larry Paris are your Nominations Committee members that will vet the new nominees. Please note all nominees must be active members of the network to be eligible to be nominated for board positions

1. Vice President
 - a. Larry Paris nominated Vic Miller as Vice President and Vic Miller accepted nomination
2. Communications Director
 - a. Scott Griffin nominated Larry Paris as Communications Director and Larry Paris accepted nomination
3. Treasurer
 - a. Shawn Quinn nominated Krystal Martin as Treasurer and Krystal Martin accepted nomination
4. Member At Large
 - a. Shawn Quinn nominated Brandon Rimmer as Member At Large and Brandon accepted nomination

As Larry Paris is nominated as Communications Director he would be stepping down as Secretary at the end of 2026 if elected Communications Director. In doing so, this would leave a vacancy on the board that would need to be filled for the remainder of Larry's term ending at the end of 2027 as Secretary. This position would be appointed by the new board January 2027

- When the tabulation of ballots are counted Sean Alexander and Scott Griffin will fill the seats of Larry Paris and Jason Davis, so that no conflict of interest arises as Larry is Secretary and Jason is married to Vic Miller a fellow member that has been nominated.
- Nominations for new Board members open October 1st and closing November 21st. Meet the Candidates will be held on November 22nd at the UU Church in Spring St

Old Business

A. 2027 Current Calendar of Events-

Skate Night being presented as a proposal at November Board meeting

B. Remaining 2026 Calendar of Events

Hispanic Cultural Festival October 3, 2026 raised \$127 for the holiday campaign through the selling of baked goods

Spook Fest Music and Art Festival October 3, 2026 great turnout lots of children

Central Arkansas Pride October 15 - October 18th

Friendsgiving - A Seat for Everyone - November 26th

Light the Ribbon - December 1st

Annual Membership Meeting/ Gathering of Lights December 20th

C. 2027 Calendar Proposals. Table til November

D. Rainbow Wellness Launch - update to come in November

E. USA PRIDE Scholarship Application- still looking for second member of Network to go with Shawn to Richmond VA in 2027

New Business

NOH8 Meeting Update

- a. They are onboard to be an exclusive partner at the Pride Picnic May 29, 2027
- b. Our merchandise will also reflect our partnership with NOH8

Love out Loud Picnic Event

- a. May 29, 2027

Next Board Meeting will be held November 08, 2026 Room D 3pm Garland County Library

9. Any other topics of concern

Ka'imi mentioned that the U U Church only uses the building 4 hrs per week. Where as the Network utilizes the building more. Would like to have the Board consider a budget line of an in kind donation to the U U Church

Jason Davis asked of the U U Church would mention us more like we mention them now and that the network has grown the Churches membership tremendously by being there

Rona Bellinger is a board member of the U U Church and she asked us to use the Facility Use Rules. Sometimes things forget to be followed but knew we would honor the request

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

11. Shawn adjourned the meeting at 5:15p.m. Sean Alexander made the motion, and Larry Paris 2nd motion. Motion carried.