Hot Springs LGBTQ + Community Network
Board Members Meeting for July 12, 2026

<u>Board members present:</u>

Shawn Quinn - President
Sean Alexander - Vice President
Larry Paris - Secretary
Ka'imi Maka - Treasurer
Lisa Kent - Communications Director - Absent
Tim Looper - Community Relations Director
Scott Griffin - Member at Large

Minutes:

Shawn opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m. at the Garland County Library and asked that Larry read the minutes from the last network members' meetings held on May 3, 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 June. Scott Griffin made a motion to accept the minutes and Tim Looper 2nded 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 $1,418.96 at Diamond State Bank.
2. The capital campaign fund is $5,817.32 in a CD at Bank OZK.
3. The checking account(Operating Account) at Bank OZK is $ 5,500.00.
4. Ka'imi mentioned us purchasing a second CD at OZK for $1,000.00 so that instead of holding money in the CF account. We make the purchase and build even more interest with Bank OZK.
5. Sean Alexander made a motion we purchase another CD for $1,000.00 to build even more interest for the network. Scott Griffin 2nded the motion. Motion was carried.

Communication Report - Lisa Kent

1. Lisa was out due to a move of residence; however, she emailed Shawn the Communications Analytics Report for January 2026 - June 2026. The report was very thorough and showed much progress.
2. You can see the report in an attached document following the minutes on the public documents tab on our website.
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 was looking great and that there was a new lawn and garden gentleman working the grounds so that the outer areas of the garden would be weed-free and that the water system would not be affected like it had in the past

4.Community Care Cabinet

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

5. Scott Griffin 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 on behalf of Lillie. Shawn and Lillie are in discussions of ways of being represented at the upcoming Hots Springs Poetry Festival and presenting a proposal for board approval. Shawn mentioned standardized branding for Spring Fling and Pride Picnic.

1. Quinn Fox stepped down as a programs committee member but will still help with events and other activities for the network by volunteering his time.

2. Tim Looper accepted the 2nd chair of the programs committee as Shawn Quinn needs to focus on Development and Governance committees at this time.

Upcoming Educational Program - Tim Looper and Tony Anderson. This is a community financial education seminar, covering topics such as Medicare basics, retirement planning, long-term financial planning, and legacy planning. The first meeting should be held at the Garland County library on July 25 from 3 to 5 in room D.

This program reflects our commitment to providing educational opportunities that benefit individuals of all ages and income levels. Financial literacy is an important life skill, and we look forward to sharing this resource with our community. Once details are finalized,

A copy of the programs committee report can be found under the public documents. Tab on our website underneath the minutes.

Scott Griffin made a motion to accept the program's committee report. Sean Alexander seconded the motion, and the motion was 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.

Sean Alexander made a motion to accept the development committee report and Larry Paris seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

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.

The governance committee report can be found under the public documents. Tab on our website under the minutes.

Sean Alexander made a motion to accept the governance committee report, and Tim Looper seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

D. Nominations- on hold

Old Business

SOP Updates - tabled until the governance committee has a chance to review and make necessary improvements.

Attendance metrics - Larry Paris went over the minutes being read. We are maintaining an average of 15 to 25 attendees per event that the network sponsors, i.e. chosen family dinner, men's discussion group, Hot Springs queer coffee.

Board and committees to prepare an outline for the 2027 advance update. Sean is getting with the committee chairs sometime this week to discuss these issues and will inform us of any updates.

Hot Springs Pride Pageant Committee charter is tabled until the SOPs are completed. The network's involvement will not start until the 2027 year. This doesn't involve the board members being in charge of that charter.

Boots and Bowties September 17, 2026: Our sponsorship opportunities to support the Community Resource Center of Hot Springs.

Scott Griffin made a motion that the network approved participation as a campfire companion sponsor for the Boots and Bowties Ball benefiting the Hot Springs Community Resource Center in the amount of $250 using the miscellaneous sponsorship portion of our budget. Sean Alexander seconded the motion. 4 board members were in favor. One board member was against, and one board member abstained. The motion carried.

Calendar of events - network, hosting, or attending
Food 4 Thought to be held on July 25 at 324 Malvern Ave.
Safe Zone Swim -   11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Need to contact Shawn Quinn for details. This is a family-friendly event.

New Business

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.

Central Arkansas Pride Sponsorship
Motion one: Scott Griffin proposed that the network approve sponsorship of Central Arkansas Pride at the $1,000 level, including associated sponsorship, benefits, and recognition opportunities. Sean Alexander seconded the motion. The motion was denied and did not carry.

Motion two: Scott made a motion that the network approve sponsorship of Central Arkansas Pride at the $250 level with a private donation of another $250 from Chris Hughes, which would make our sponsorship level a total of $500. Ka'imi seconded the motion. The motion was carried.
October Halloween party tentatively scheduled for October 30th or 31st, depending on our budget and which venue the event is to be held at. Larry made a motion that either MBL or the

clubhouse, being the venues we look at for hosting an event, and that our budget allotted is $1,500. Ka'imi seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

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

Our next food drive for the community care cabinet will be on August 1st at S.A.I.L.S.

Next Board Meeting will be a virtual meeting held sometime in August.

9. No other topics of concern were raised.

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

Mark McFarland addressed the board with a bunch of thanks and that we had a lot on our plate, almost overwhelmingly like, and wanted to do. He gave us a little bit of an analogy in regards to spaghetti sauce. Keep this in mind: most people prefer their sauce thick and not watered down. The more you add to your sauce, the thinner it gets. So, with that being said, whittle down what needs to be whittled and keep the sauce thick for the network to be successful; otherwise, it just turns into soup.

11. Shawn adjourned the meeting at 5:23 p.m. Sean made the motion, and Scott seconded it. The motion was carried.