



# Rainbow Pride of West Virginia

P.O. Box 2624 Charleston, 25329

Pride Minutes – November 6, 2016

Recorded by Bill Whitaker

Carl Maxwell  
President

Chris Gosses  
Vice President

Corey Rexrode  
Treasurer

Bill Whitaker  
Secretary

Tim Albee  
David Shumate  
Nikki Stone Frank  
Mace  
Julie Palas  
Members-at-large

Sam Magner

- In attendance: Carl Maxwell, Chris Gosses, Bill Whitaker, Corey Rexrode, Sam Magner, David Shumate, Tim Albee, Frank Mace, Nikki Stone, Andy Ragland, Nancy Dunst, Alexis Karmickal, Lauren Jackson
- Call to Order: Carl Maxwell
- Last meeting minutes were distributed and reviewed. All in favor to accept minutes.
- Nikki Stone has agreed to be a member of the Marketing Committee
- Treasurers report summary reviewed. Treasurers report was distributed and reviewed by Corey Rexrode. November rent has been paid. We received 12 new memberships at the Meet the Board at @tmoshere. General checking balance = \$532.94, Bingo account balance = \$1563.81, Shares account balance = \$1196.36. All in favor to accept the treasurers report.
- Old Business:
  - Committees are to set meetings and minutes are to be taken at each meeting for board review.
  - Pride Bingo will be December 4, 2016 at 5pm. People can bring gifts for their entrance fee or people can pay the \$20.00 entrance fee. Bingo will be a Christmas theme and hot dogs will be available.
  - Rodney Harvey update: Mr. Harvey has yet to make a payment to Pride and is now three months behind and a report is being sent to the magistrate.
  - We Are Pride: Chris passed around photos that have been taken so far for the WE ARE PRIDE program. The remaining Board members need to get their photo taken.
- **New Business:**
  - The Pride parade and festival will be Saturday June 3, 2017.
  - The pageants in 2017 will be at a location that ages 18 and up can run and participate.
  - The 2017 Pageants will have a cash bar.
  - Dates for preliminary pageants are tabled. Preliminaries must be completed by April 1, 2017.
  - Ms. L and Mr. L pageants are tabled to find location.
  - The Board will be making an amendment to include the pageants to open up to ages 18 and up.
  - The Board agreed to keep the franchise fee at \$250.00
  - The Board will be making an amendment in the pageant contract stating that the title holders are to attend the pride meetings.
  - Chris read the title holders contract to the board and members.
  - Board and members discussed Corporate Sponsorships. Chris distributed sponsor program to the board and members.

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- Carl Maxwell discussed Marshall University having a gay and lesbian seminar
- Chris Gosses mention Big Brothers/Big Sisters are wanting to create a Gay Youth Program.
- Bridges of Grace is wanting to put together a Gay and Lesbian Program.
- Pride is now set up to receive donations via PayPal on our website.
- Andrew Schneider from Fairness sent WV Pride an appreciation letter for purchasing an ad to support their organization.
- Meet the Board Night in Huntington will be scheduled sometime in January.
- Charleston Police Department are going to have a team for 2017 Drag Race.
- Marketing Specialist Board position is open. Looking for nominees.
- Board is nominating Morgan Robinson for Marketing Position. Decision is tabled.
- December 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 is Worlds Aids day. There will be an event. Time and location will be posted.
- Next Pride meeting will be December 5, 2016.
- All committee meetings will be posted soon.
- Meeting adjourn

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