

**Wichita Pride, Inc**  
**Meeting Minutes for January 6, 2010**  
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Meeting located at: FMCC (156 S. Kansas, Wichita, KS)

Meeting attended by:

Bert Pearce, president; Alex Goh, vice-president; Pat Munz, treasurer; Scott Hollander, PRO; Mark Kahabka, secretary, Eyan Butterfield, Elliott Bennett, Neil Harmon, Cindi Underwood, Tommy Nguyen, Dustin Johnston, Jasmine Marshall, Skylar Howard, Joran Balderes, Emilia Alfaro, Dan Manning, Tony Tetreault, Stormy Johnston and Drew Hayes.

Absences: Leah Hanson, illness.

Meeting called to order at 7:50 pm. by Bert P.

Motion to approve agenda was made by  
Pat M.

Second: Elliott B.

Motion passed.

Motion to accept Minutes of December 9, 2009 was made by  
Pat M.

Second: Elliott B.

Motion passed.

Motion to accept Minutes of December 16, 2009 was made by  
Pat M.

Second: Scott H.

Motion passed.

Open session:

1. Introductions with many new attendees.

Board of Director Reports:

Mark K. – secretary:

1. Michelle Monger and Lori Michaels, entertainers have contacted WPI regarding performing at this year's Festival – need for Entertainment Chair and coordination of entertainers.
2. Damron Travel Guide contacted WPI stating we have a free entry in their publication (Lesbian and Gay Travel sites, accommodations, clubs, restaurants, etc...) Secretary will confirm correct information with Damron's.
3. New attendee/member packet is in progress. This will be provided to new attendees with Contact Information Form, Attendance and Voting guidelines, Application for Membership and Current Members email contact information.

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Scott H. – public relations officer:

1. Working on LP Ad
2. Working on Business contact list and letter to same.

Pat M. – treasurer:

1. No changes in financial status
2. WPI has been gifted: Laptop, Wireless Printer and a Digital Camera.
  1. Please get a receipt to Pat so he may place it on contributions.

Alex G. – vice-president:

1. Randy Fowler from KC PFLAG would like to meet with us on 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in February, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>.

Bert P. – president:

1. Worked on New Business items below.
2. Scott H. and Bert worked on business directory list.
3. Bert encouraged presenting new business in format:
  - a. Whereas, Therefore, Be it Resolved.

Standing Committee Reports:

IT – Elliott B.

1. No report at this time.

Merchandise – Leah H.: Absent - illness

1. Bert spoke with Leah has plan for online shopping.
  - a. Contacted Cafe Press.

Event Coordination – Elliott B. and Mark K.

1. Drew H. reported on preliminary plans and outline for a Youth Prom:
  - a. Basic fund-raising through GSA's and their parents
  - b. Party Bus for Youth
  - c. Prom
    - i. Backdrop for photos
    - ii. Lighting
    - iii. Refreshments, Hors d' Ourves
2. Dream Prom
  - a. Processing
  - b. Archways
  - c. Formal Lighting, Sound, décor
  - d. Refreshments or a full Meal
  - e. After Prom

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3. Venue
  - a. Cost
  - b. Chaperones
  - c. Security (poss. Police coverage)
4. Cost
  - a. Sales in Schools
  - b. Student Liaisons
  - c. PFLAG, GSA's, TGG
5. Logistics
  - a. Dates, Age restriction
  - b. Type of Venue
  - c. Date of Week

Marketing and Advertising – Tony T.

1. Need Corporate Logo
2. Plan to have business cards for Board.
3. There is a home version silkscreen machine for t-shirts.
4. Request meeting with Bert and Scott.
5. Saw Melissa Ethridge looking ill.
6. Corporate Logo
  - a. Will decide next meeting.

Volunteer Coordination – No Chair.

1. Skylar expresses interest in this position
2. Tommy remains interested in this position
3. Bert P. appointed them as co-chairs of Volunteer coordinators.
  - a. They are to meet with Mark K.

Sponsors and Grants Committee – No Chair.

1. Bert is looking into Pepsi corporation.

Fixed Assets (Inventory) – No Chair.

1. Need person to track inventory and maintain sign-out / sign-in sheet of inventory items.

Old Business:

1. Cathy Sullivan Band Fundraiser, Bruce has not had contact with her yet.
2. Adina Ronee Fundraiser, Scott H. is to talk with her.
3. Move these to items to event coordination.

Tabled Business: Not discussed at this meeting.

1. Motion to move Pride Festival to September 2011 was made by Ken S. Seconded by Pat M. Motion to table was ruled by the chair, tabled to February 2010.

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New Business:

1. Resolutions brought before the committee by Bert P.:
  1. New Meeting location
    1. WHEREAS our meetings are growing beyond the capacity of the secondary room at the Wichita First Metropolitan Community Church; and
    2. WHEREAS the Wichita FMCC has many programs and organizations that utilize their building that occasionally conflict with scheduling; and
    3. WHEREAS Wichita Pride, Inc. has not compensated the Wichita FMCC for the use of it's facilities for the Pride 2010 year; and
    4. WHEREAS several community members have expressed concern of Wichita Pride, Inc. holding meetings at a religious institution; and
    5. WHEREAS a suitable new meeting space has been proposed by Hope Street Youth Development that remedies many of these problems; and
    6. WHEREAS the fees for the HSYD are minimal (about \$20 a meeting) and very competitive;
    7. BE IT RESOLVED that our standard meeting location be at Hope Street Youth Development at 1157 N. Piatt, Wichita, KS 67214.

First resolution was moved for acceptance by Dustin J. and seconded by Skylar H.

Vote: 9 Yeas, 1 Nay and 3 Abstentions.

Motion Passed.

2. New meeting time
  1. WHEREAS Wednesday nights conflict with several potential member's schedules; and
  2. WHEREAS several members believe that 7:30pm as an inefficient starting time; and
  3. WHEREAS the new meeting space is not available on Wednesday evenings;
  4. BE IT RESOLVED that our standard meetings move from Wednesdays at 7:30pm to Tuesdays at 6:30pm.

Second resolution was moved for acceptance by Neil H. and seconded by Skylar H.

Friendly amendment to change the meeting time to 7:00pm on Thursdays was made by Skylar H. and accepted by Neil H.

Vote: 9 Yeas, 3 Nays and 1 Abstention.

Motion Passed.

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3. Meeting Dates

1. WHEREAS it has been requested by several members that we set the meeting calendar further into the future; and
2. WHEREAS the standard meeting day has been moved to Thursday at 7:00pm; and
3. WHEREAS the public needs better sooner notification of meetings that we have been providing;
4. BE IT RESOLVED that future committee meetings are dated as follows:
  1. January 19, 2010
  2. February 2, 2010
  3. February 16, 2010
  4. March 2, 2010
  5. March 16, 2010
  6. March 30, 2010
  7. April 13, 2010
  8. April 20, 2010
  9. May 11, 2010
  10. May 18, 2010
  11. June 1, 2010
  12. June 8, 2010

Third resolution was moved for acceptance by Pat M. and seconded by Skylar H.

Friendly amendment to include weekly meetings in May was made by Dusting J. and accepted by Pat and Skylar.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

Meeting dates will be as follows:

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|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. January 13, 2010  | 9. April 29, 2010 |
| 2. January 27, 2010  | 10. May 6, 2010   |
| 3. February 4, 2010  | 11. May 13, 2010  |
| 4. February 18, 2010 | 12. May 20, 2010  |
| 5. March 4, 2010     | 13. May 27, 2010  |
| 6. March 18, 2010    | 14. June 3, 2010  |
| 7. April 1, 2010     | 15. June 20, 2010 |
| 8. April 15, 2010    |                   |

#### 4. New Membership Guidelines

##### 1. WHEREAS the current bylaws read

###### 1. Article III: Membership

###### 1. Section 2: Voting Membership in Good Standing Defined

1. The membership in Wichita Pride, Inc. shall consist of Steering Committee membership and voting privileges granted with the following fulfilled requirements:

1. An application for membership must be filed with the Secretary. This application will include information deemed important by the Secretary for contact purposes.
2. Three consecutive meetings must be attended. Membership will be granted at the beginning of the third meeting. The three meeting cycle will be restarted after an absence including an excused absence.
3. The Board of Directors reserves the right to grant membership to any person with a unanimous vote.; and

2. WHEREAS the current bylaws require potential new members to commit to attend three meetings in (on average) six weeks without missing a meeting for any reason; and

3. WHEREAS several members believe that the three consecutive meeting requirement is currently and will significantly hamper Wichita Pride, Inc.'s growth; and

4. WHEREAS several members believe that two consecutive meetings are sufficient to show dedicated interest in membership for Wichita Pride, Inc.;

##### 5. BE IT RESOLVED that the bylaws read:

###### 1. Article III: Membership

###### 1. Section 2: Voting Membership in Good Standing Defined

1. The membership in Wichita Pride, Inc. shall consist of Steering Committee membership and voting privileges granted with the following fulfilled requirements:

1. An application for membership must be filed with the Secretary. This application will include information deemed important by the Secretary for contact purposes.
2. **TWO** consecutive meetings must be attended. Membership will be granted at the **END** of the **SECOND** meeting.

The **TWO** meeting cycle will be restarted after any absence including an excused absence.

3. The Board of Directors reserves the right to grant membership to any person with a unanimous vote.

Fourth resolution was moved for acceptance by Scott H. and seconded by Tommy N. Fourth resolution is an amendment to the bylaws and requires a 28 day wait period for vote.

Vote tabled until February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Announcements:

1. Feb 4, 5 and 6 are "Nights of Glee" - teens doing Pop Songs at East High.

Adjournment ruled by chair.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 pm.

Meeting minutes were taken and prepared by Mark K.