

Wichita Pride, Inc
Meeting Minutes for June 3, 2009

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Meeting attended by:

Bert Pearce, president; Alex Goh, vice-president; Pt Munz, treasurer; Scott Hollander, PRO; Mark Kahabka, secretary, Steve Einsel, Ken Smith, Bruce McKinney, Tom Witt, Tony Tetreault, Elliott Bennett, Brian Krehbiel, Brad Thomison, and Michael Tribue.

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Bert P.

Motion to approve agenda as presented was made by Tom W.

Second: Ken S.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to accept meeting minutes of May 27, 2009 was made by Ken S.

Second: Pat M.

Motion passed unanimously.

Open session: there were no guests or visitors present with business before the committee.

BOD Reports:

Mark K. – secretary:

1. Reminded members to complete volunteer hour registrations and turn them in for documentation.
2. Bert P. requested that a system be devised for members to call in late arrival or absences prior to a meeting.
 - a. Obtain reports from board members and/or committee chairs prior to a meeting in the event of an absence.

Scott H. – public relations officer:

1. Met with Bruce regarding press releases. None have been written at this time.
2. Out to a number of locations this Sunday past with Russell (manager of J's Lounge) to promote Pride week and sell some merchandise.

Pat M. – treasurer:

1. Written financial report submitted, see attachment.
2. Will coordinate with Michael T. this week on paying Domain name fee.

Motion to accept financial report was made by Pat M.

Second: Ken S.

Motion passed unanimously.

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Allex G. – vice-president:

1. Report items to be covered in later agenda items.

Bert P. – president:

1. Continued work on restructuring plan.
 - a. Members are requested to configure a list of items in regard to processes that could be changed with ideas and suggestions on how to implement those changes.

Standing Committee Reports:

IT – Michael T. absent at this time.

1. Bert and Mark will be updating Facebook with Pride Events.

Fundraising – No chair at this time.

1. Benefit tomorrow evening at Side Street Retro-Lounge. Planned and hosted by “Mama,” Scott H.

Merchandise – No chair at this time.

1. Discussion of canopies and tents.
 - a. Schedule date and time to inventory and evaluate number of usable canopies.
 - b. Schedule volunteers to assist with inventory / set-up / evaluation as good practice for “day of” set-up.
 - c. Need to plan for 27 vendor sites this year.

Ad Hoc Committees:

Volunteers – Bruce Mc.

1. Need to compose list of current volunteers
 - a. Contact volunteers regarding attending a meeting between now and Pride.
 - b. Schedule canopy evaluations and set-up.
 - c. Schedule the June 21st volunteer meeting to discuss expectations, rules, etc...

GALA’s – Mark K.

1. Follow-up with John Boldenow and Anita Cochran.
2. Voting process, utilize paint pen to mark Pride buttons when attendee votes.
3. Award design in progress

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Motion to create a pamphlet addendum to include the honorees and talent not included in the Pride guide was made by

Mark K.

Second: Pat M.

Friendly amendment for pamphlet to include a site map of the festival grounds was made by

Tom W.

Friendly amendment accepted by originator and second.

Motion passed unanimously.

IT – Michael T.:

1. Reports that Network Solutions appears to be a good host site to move Domain name to.
2. Plan to coordinate with Pat M. this week to register Domain name and pay fee.

Marketing:

1. Posters were presented to the committee.
 - a. Schedule of Events
 - b. Wigstock
 - c. Milk
2. Kelly Little is obtaining Skate Party posters and will have extras available for the Pride committee to post at other locations.
3. Discussion of any further posters for individual events led to a consensus that no new posters would be created and displayed.

Pride Events:

1. Wigstock, confirmed.
 - a. Title holders have been obtained for judging.
 - i. Wildebeest, Frank
 - ii. Lisa Parker, James
 - iii. Phyllis, Ken S. is available as an alternate if needed.
2. Orpheum feature: Milk, confirmed
 - a. Tom W. will redesign the tickets to fit ticket sheets and laser print them.
3. Pride in Delano Art Show
 - a. After discussion consensus was reached to forego a merchandise table at Pride in Delano.
 - b. Bruce Mc. will coordinate buttons with the Delano galleries/shops.
 - c. Pat M. will coordinate a contract agreement through Kristi P. regarding any percentage of art sales to come to WPI.

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4. Rally
 - a. Bruce Mc. is to confirm need for and obtain permit to use the Old Courthouse Steps for the Rally.
 - b. Discussion regarding the fact that WPI has announced in print that the Mayor Carl Brewer and Councilmember Janet Miller would attend and speak at the gay and lesbian rally without confirmation of their agreement to do so and in fact no confirmation had been made.
 - c. Bert P., Mark K. and Bruce Mc. will write and hand deliver letters of apology from WPI to the Mayor and Councilmember ASAP.
 - d. Bruce Mc. and Mark K. will make contact with and obtain confirmations on the remaining rally speakers.
 - e. Ken S. and Steve E. have procured and donated the megaphone to WPI. Our appreciation to Ken and Steve for their generous donation.

A Five minute recess was called by Bert P. at 8:10 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

5. Parade
 - a. Color Guard (Tom W.)
 - i. Transgender Flag has been obtained.
 - ii. Four East High students have confirmed to be a part of the color guard.
 - iii. Bert and/or Brad will seek volunteers through "Project Acceptance/Hope Street"
 - iv. Bruce Mc. will coordinate obtaining Pride T-Shirts for the students.
 - b. Floats/Judging (Scott H.)
 - i. Four judges have been obtained.
 - ii. Scott is seeking another male for a fifth judge.
 - c. Discussion of confirmed Parade entries.
 - i. Mark K. will forward complete list to Tom W.
 - d. Pam Harjo has confirmed agreement to be the Grand Marshall.
6. Festival
 - a. Vendors (Allex G.)
 - i. Review and discussion of the current 27 vendors. Allex to follow-up with those that have not yet submitted registration forms.
 - ii. Discussion of "Child Activities Vendor." Giggles and Wiggles will be unable to provide children's activities this year.
 1. No replacement identified at this time.
 - iii. Brad T., Tom W. and Allex G. to confirm which vendors require how much electricity.

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- b. Site Management (Brenda G.)
 - i. Brenda G., Tom W. and Alex G. met at the site and have created a specific site map to which vendors will be assigned a location.
 - 1. Vendor site locations will be strictly enforced.
 - 2. Discussion of Tables and Chairs.
 - a. Few in storage.
 - b. Some from Tom W. and KEC.
 - c. Request MCC for use of Tables and Chairs.
 - ii. Beer Garden, no new discussion at this time.
 - 1. Mark K. to call Connie C. regarding the CMB License status.
7. Stage (Brad T.)
- a. Entertainers. We currently have a list of entertainment that if all are utilized will run up to 8:30 p.m.
 - i. Discussion regarding shortening some of the sets.
 - ii. Talent that has not been “confirmed” offer our thanks, but we’re booked!
 - iii. Consider possibility of explaining the number of acts / time constraints and cutting some of the acts.
 - iv. A Host for the event has not been identified at this time.
 - b. Party Bus Bar Crawl
 - i. Report on schedule of transit and location times.
 - ii. Tickets are in progress and should be available tomorrow, Thurs. June 4th.
 - iii. Discussion of raffle during the Bar Crawl.

Motion to allot past years t-shirts, beads, rose suckers, and one current year t-shirt as items to be raffled on the Party Bus was made by
Bruce Mc.

Second: Ken S.

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Security (Tom W.)
- a. Considering possibility of lanyard tag ID badges for volunteers and “Press Passes.”
 - b. Board Member ID badges were presented by Tony T. Thank you.
 - c. Plan to display posters at Festival entrance(s): “Right to refuse admittance,” “No Refunds,” “No Guns,” etc...
 - d. Plan to obtain age 21 wrist bands, possibly from House of Schwann/Budweiser

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Motion to adjourn was made by
Pat M.
Second: Elliott B.
Adjournment was ruled by the chair.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Meeting minutes were taken and prepared by Mark K.