



Board of Directors – MINUTES
Monday, February 25, 2013
7:00 pm – 9:57 pm
Jerry's Sandwiches
5419 N. Clark Ave.
Chicago, IL 60660

ATTENDEES:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board Position</u>	<u>Attended?</u>
Brian Kupersmit	President	Yes
Mark Sakalares	Vice President	Yes
Jessica Andrasko	Vice President	Yes
Matt Simpson	Secretary	Yes
Michael O. Rice II	Treasurer	Yes
Julie Colwell	Director	No
Michael Erwin	Director	Yes
Jason Kallen	Director	Yes
Jack Neilsen	Director	Yes
Jackie Schmit	Director	Yes
Brian Lopez	Director	Yes

Brian K. called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

PRIOR MEETINGS:

1. Jack N. motioned to approve the prior minutes. Mark S. 2nd. Motion carried.
2. Mark S. motioned to approve agenda with Treasurer's Report moved to #5 and delete item #7. Michael E. 2nd. Motion carried.

YOUTH OUTREACH:

1. Travis Gayles was present to speak to the Board regarding Safe Space Day.

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2. Mark S. read a recent story regarding the suicide of a 23 year old African American transgendered women. This was the 8th death in the last year.
3. Travis gave his background and the background of the Safe Space Day
 - a) Dr. Gayles does clinical care and research with LGBT youth and HIV positive youth.
 - b) Wants to do some type of programming with LGBT youth and would like to team with CMSA for some type of physical activity
 - c) The Ben Cohen Foundation was originally interested in participating but declined due to lack of potential publicity for his organization.
 - d) Wade Smith, a former NFL player will be involved. He would like to launch some type of sports league/clinic for LGBT youth.
 - e) CMSA has similar interests and can help run sports clinics at the May Safe Space Day event.
4. The goal is to have 150-200 youth at the event.
5. Lurie Hospital will help advertise the event.
6. How will we measure success?
 - a) Will do pre/post event surveys of the youth.
 - b) Will evaluate clinic for successes and areas of improvement and advise other groups.
7. Funding:
 - a) Safe Space Day needs about \$10,000. Dr. Gayles has reached out to other organizations but doesn't have commitments at this point.
8. After Dr. Gayles left the Board had the following discussion:
 - a) Questions/concerns raised by the Board:
 - Are there other sponsors?
 - Is there a specific plan in place for the event?
 - What is their target group and does it fit with CMSA?
 - What's the long term benefit?
 - Has anything like this been done in the past?
 - Jack N. noted that as a member of the Gay World Series Board, this type of event was not the intended purpose of the donation. Mark S. thought it was consistent with the Gay World Series Board intent of the donation.
 - b) Mark S:
 - Safe Space Day is the best fit we've found thus far.
 - Will partner with GSA's
 - There may be some straight kids at this, which is ok.
 - Although this is only a one day event, this is laying the groundwork for future events.
 - There is some risk but a potential large upside to this.

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- Mark motioned to give the program \$5,000 for this event. Matt S. 2nd. Motion was defeated.
- c) Mark S. motioned that we partner with the program and donate \$2,500 for the Safe Space Day event. Matt S. 2nd. Motion carried.

WOMENS' PARTY:

1. Sam Hamilton reported that the party was once again a major success and well attended.
2. Sam would like to change the party and gear it toward men and women. We should have entertainment for men and women.
3. Sam is requesting to be director of the party and permission to reserve Joe's on Weed for the event.
4. After Sam left Jackie S. motioned for Sam to be director of the party, choose a co-director, and reserve Joe's on Weed. Jason K. 2nd. Motioned carried.

EDGE ALLIANCE/DINING OUT FOR LIFE:

1. Marcus Han, Eric, and Lizzy with Edge Alliance spoke to the Board about Dining Out for Life.
2. Several Fall 2012 sports did a toy drive for the organization
3. Dining Out for Life:
 - a) International event to raise money for HIV/AIDS care.
 - b) 3 options for the event on April 25th:
 - Eat out at a participating restaurant
 - Form a team and adopt a restaurant
 - Individuals can become a volunteer ambassador and recruit people to eat out that night.
4. Jack N. motioned to support Dining Out for Life. Michael E. 2nd. Motion carried

YOUTH OUTREACH:

1. Marcus Han suggested another youth outreach initiative.
2. Marcus has reached out to Illinois Safe School Alliance and GSA's about having LGBT youth volunteer at CMSA special events.
3. We would need to provide transportation and some type of social event.
4. There are some insurance issues to work thru but we will investigate further.

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TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Michael R. reviewed the treasurer's report.
2. We have \$10,500 cash on hand that is for insurance.
3. We will have to move money over from the money market account. This is typical of this time of year because we're incurring expenses without new seasons starting.
4. Michael R. motioned approve treasurer's report, Jack N. 2nd. Motion carried

TENNIS BUDGETING:

1. Tennis now has 7 'events' that we require separate budgets for.
2. Tennis would like to have one budget to cover all events. The concern with having one budget is that certain events are subsidizing others.
3. After much discussion, Brian K. motioned to allow the 3 CMSA leagues to combine into one budget but keep the tournaments separate. Jackie S. 2nd. Motion failed.
4. Brian K. motioned to allow the 4 tournaments to have combined budgets but the leagues must have separate budgets. Jackie S. 2nd. Motion carried.

ANNUAL PARTY:

1. Jack N. gave an update on the party.
 - a) An e-mail blast went out recently
 - b) There will be a Ru Paul Drag race type of event
 - c) Stephen Leonard and Amy Armstrong will be performing.

NEW SPORTS:

1. Golf:
 - a) Mark S. met with the Park District, they're very receptive to a CMSA golf league
 - b) The golf courses would require reserved T times.
 - c) The cost would be \$25 for 9 holes. The season would be 10 weeks long. Teams must play together and post scores 8 of 10 weeks.
 - d) There are no insurance requirements.
 - e) The season would start in June and run thru early September
 - f) We will send an e-mail blast, post on Facebook, and include in the Spring ads.
 - g) Mark will provide a write up for presentation to the Board.
 - h) Mark S. motioned, Michael R. 2nd to form a new league. Motion carried.

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2. Table Tennis:
 - a) Doug King has a table tennis club that would be willing to work with us to provide some equipment.
 - b) The league would start out as an open gym concept to gauge interest.
 - c) The cost would be \$4 to \$7 per night, the money would go to the club.
 - d) Jackie S. asked the status of her proposal. Brian K. stated that we don't have money for the proposed upfront costs. Jackie and Marcella will provide an alternate proposal in 1 week.

HALL OF FAME:

1. Mark S. met with Marcia Hill to discuss issues with venue and date.
2. The HOF committee didn't follow thru with transparency of the process with the main Board as agreed to previously.
3. Brian K. motioned to change venue from Spyner's, Matt S. 2nd. Motion carried.
4. Brian K. motioned to change date from March 23rd. Jason K. 2nd. Motion carried.
5. Jack N. had concerns with changing the date this late. Jack motioned keep the HOF ceremony on March 23, 2013 in fairness to the inductees and their presenters. Motion carried.

COMPLIMENTARY MEMBERSHIPS:

1. Marcus Han was given a complimentary membership.

NEXT MEETING:

1. Board Meeting: 4/4/13 at 7:15, Location: Calo
2. General Membership/Nomination Meeting: 6/19/13, Location TBD
3. Election Meeting: 7/24/13 at Amundsen High School

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

1. Brian K. motioned to adjourn. Michael E. 2nd.
2. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 9:57