

ISQCCBE BOD/General Membership Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2010

Members in attendance: Viagra Falls, Linda Ochs, Slade Andrews, Dave Carter, Kathy King, Gene Sell, Paul Spencer, Eugene Walls, Ed Blevins, Mike Burke, Morrisette Head, Maxie Malone, Ken Brawner, Christopher Spencer, Truly Scrumptious St. James, Michael Connley, Dennis DeClaire, Keith Roberts, Dennis McCann, Charles Gordon

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Purpose read by Mike Connley

President (8 minutes)

- Mike read a letter from GLSTEN that was sent to thank us for our efforts; the letter especially was addressed to Roberta Bigg; the letter thanked us for raising monies for “Anti Bullying Kits” to be used in local area schools
- Read letters from Stop AIDS, Caracole, and others thanking us for our support
- The membership meeting in December will be moved to the 13th due to the fact that Shooters’ Christmas Celebration is the 20th and the Court tends bar for Howard that night. The meeting will be at On Broadway @ 7:00 pm
- Future meetings will be held in venues that are not bars. We are investigating the possibility of using local churches or other spaces that do not serve alcohol.

Vice President (14 minutes)

- Newsletter submissions due by November 27
- Anyone with pictures from recent shows should send them to Christopher
- Presented the idea of selling advertisements for the newsletter as was done in prior years; showed past ads to the BOD
- Will return in December with a formal proposal that includes possible revenue and cost as compared to newsletters without advertisement
- Connley reminded Christopher that when Simone Gregory did it, she had to do a whole lot of personal time to get the ads and the cash for them
- Who is supposed to be in charge of emailing the newsletter? Consensus was that it was the job of the membership chair who has the email list.
- We are printing about 72 copies of the newsletter at Kinko’s; cheaper than printing it at Paul and Christopher’s house.
- Sylvia brought complaints about the newsletter to the group; out of order, missing pages, unreadable, etc.
- We should investigate possible sources for donations for printing, mailing the newsletter
- Suggest that if there is a large number to be mailed, be meet as a group like we used to and stuff the envelopes to reduce errors

Treasurer (12 minutes)

- Review the printed Treasurer's report
- A request for a blurb explaining how PayPal works be placed on the report to reflect the fact that PayPal charges a fee for use of its site so members know
- Sylvia mentioned Paypal has kicked some members out in the past; Connley assured her that if all information is correct as it is put in the site, it should work properly
- An audit cmte was formed (Jim Smith, Keith Roberts, Kathy King, Lind Ochs, Truly Scrumptious St James)
- Motion made to approve the treasurer's report; unanimously approved

Membership (15 minutes)

- There are currently 240 members
- Sylvia is in the process of reconciling the membership lists; some memberships are in question.
- A membership committee was formed; Sylvia will be recruiting members
- Cmte Members will be responsible for: updating membership demographics, design ways to show appreciation to our members, membership drives, membership outreach
- Discussion about the weekly blurb; Dixie doesn't want to send out the weekly message but can't give her e-mail list to anyone (technical difficulties); consensus was she should send out the weekly blurb until someone else can be found to do the job
- Questions about confidentiality and the weekly emailed blurb were raised
- The possibility of a "CincyChat" service being formed is being investigated by Christopher Spencer

Member At Large (3 minutes)

- Talked about the election procedures cmte
 - Committee work is moving along
 - Cleaning up vague language
 - Adding new/needed provisions to accommodate current needs
 - Making suggestions for other areas
 - Still have much work to do
 - Once completed, all will be able to review
 - Recommendations will be made to the annual By-Law change meeting in the spring

College of Monarchs (3 minutes)

- SOS Caracole Show is Wed, November 24th at Shooters; 10:00 pm

Monarchs (16 minutes)

- Review the monthly calendar of events scheduled
- Radio Show in Dec. is in question; the date is Dec 25th; Cheryl from the radio is looking into the possibility of taping the show in advance

- Monarchs thanked the members, show hosts, etc. for having such imagination this reign; there is lots of good stuff going on this reign
- Introduced a fundraising opportunity with Verizon/HH Gregg; information will be put in the newsletter
- Motion to approve the Verizon/H H Gregg opportunity; unanimously passed
- Next fundraising meeting will be held on 1/9 1:00 pm @ Rosie's in NKY
- Designated charities/percentages of donations for reign XX are as follows:
 - AVNK 20%, Stop AIDS 20%, Caracole 20%, P-FLAG 10%, YWCA 20%, GLSTEN 10%

Parliament

- No report; Kettenacker's absence is excused

Coronation XX1 Update (13 minutes)

- Filed a "RFP" (request for pricing) with the City of Cincinnati to get bids for our event from many local hotels, etc.
- Best quote so far came from the Hyatt for \$8500
- Working to get best bids; then visit them before deciding
- Sylvia is in charge of the Out of Town boat Cruise
- Mike C. reminded the group of the By-Law change that requires a meeting of the College and BOD to set a high and low amount to be considered a framework within which to work
- The meeting is scheduled for 12/13 @ 6pm @ On Broadway

Old Business

- Gene Sell spoke to the group to apologize for comments he made in the past; he spoke to the need for people to get over issues when they have been defeated in a vote; he spoke about stopping all the negative comments when we do not agree with a decision. He spoke about these negative antics having a direct effect on the people who are potential donors and members not wanting to be involved due to people (himself included) who make negative comments about our organization.
- Jell-o Shots issue; Kathy questioned this practice reminding the group that a previous BOD had voted to not sell them
- Shooters owner Howard approached the monarchs to make sure they would be selling them in his bar. Howard also stated that for all legal purposes, we would be selling his liquor (in the form of jell-o shots) in his bar under his liability to alleviate any issues that could effect the ISQCCBE
- Consensus is that if individual bars accept the responsibility, then we would be allowed to sell jell-o shots. As a previous BOD voted, there will be no alcohol provided by the Court at our annual Bus Tour Caroling with the Court but people could bring their own liquor not associated with the Court
- Mike Connley stated that our current practice is not a violation of the by-laws

BOD meeting ended at 8:45 pm

General Membership Meeting began at 8:45 pm

Old Business (18 minutes)

- Member at Large (Ken Brawner) reported that he had received several inquiries in opposition to the “compromise” reached by the general members at the meeting in October that approved Krystal Kurler as a candidate for Empress XXI after discovering errors in the voting
- Ken stated that if Krystal had some of her absentee votes not sent out/counted, that there was no way to know if both Shanice and Tamara also had votes not sent out/counted and based on that, the decision to name her a candidate was flawed.
- A request was made by Mike Burke to have a Town Hall request put on the agenda for December.

DOBE

- DOBE for November is Dixie Normous for her great show at Old Street

Respectfully submitted,

Truly Scrumptious St. James