

Imperial Sovereign Queen City Court of the Buckeye Empire, All of Ohio, Inc.

Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting – December 21, 2009 – Below Zero Lounge

In Attendance: Sam Clemons, Christina Blake, Truly Scrumptious, Dennis DeClaire, Roberta Bigg, Charles Gordon, Bob Gilbert, Shanice McCoy-Patton, Rusty Lockett, Christopher Spencer, Paul Spencer, Michael Connley, Kathy King, Gene Sell, Jim Smith, Nigel, B.J.

- The meeting was called to order by Jim Smith at 7:00 PM.
- Tamika, Scott Steger, Dixie Crystals, Slade Andrews were absent with cause
- Truly Scrumptious read the ISQCCBE Mission Statement and Purpose of Bylaws (2 min)
- Sam Clemons, Vice-President, requested that all Court Newsletter submittals be made by Saturday, 12/26/09
- Sam Clemons also brought up the idea of switching the General Membership before the Board Meeting. Much discussion ensued. Pros and cons were offered. Issue will be tabled until the January 18, 2010 meeting (18 min)
- Michael Cotrell, President of PFLAG Cincinnati was introduced. Michael discussed the purpose of PFLAG and when their meetings are scheduled. Questions from the floor were entertained (*How does PFLAG use the funds that are raised for the organization? What level of support did the ISQCCBE provide in 2009?*) Michael responded that approximately \$6000 was received by PFLAG from the ISQCCBE in 2009. Funds are primarily used to fund scholarships for GLBT individuals who are involved in the GLBT community. (6 min)
- Michael Connley, Treasurer, distributed and presented the ISQCCBE Financial Report for December. It was mentioned that the report did not include activity from the most recent weekend. However, Michael did report that we raised \$710 at the ICP Show on Friday 12/18/09 and Dennis DeClaire, ICP XIX, reported a \$515 profit on the Caroling with the Court Bus tour. Michael also reported that a \$100 check was received from Nigel to pay for the ICS Court Communiqué advertisement. There was a motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Bob Gilbert and seconded by Sam Clemons. All Board Members present approved the motion. (5 min)
- Michael Connley, Treasurer, distributed and presented the ISQCCBE Audit Committee Report for December 3, 2009. There were no findings. Subsequent to the October meeting of the ISQCCBE Audit Committee, Jim Smith, President, wrote a letter to Michael Lakoff of Gay Bingo requesting that back payment for Gay Bingo #3 be made. A check was received for \$1516 that covers Gay Bingo #3 and #4. There was a motion to approve the Audit Committee Report by Bob Gilbert and seconded by Sam Clemons. All Board members present approved the motion. (3 min)
- The Minutes from the November 2009 ISQCCBE Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting were distributed. Kathy King asked a question about the third item under Old Business regarding what constitutes a year with regard to monarchial applications. The Minutes states "...it was decided that it is the 12 months prior to the application deadline." Kathy stated that it was discussed that the period was from July of the previous year to July of the current year. Kathy asked that the Minutes be amended to clarify the decision. Also, Michael Connley noted that his name was not listed as having attended the meeting. Perhaps he did not sign in at the end of the meeting. The approval of the Minutes from November will be tabled until the January 18, 2010 meeting. Michael Connley will pass these comments on to Dixie Crystals, Secretary. (4 min)
- Bob Gilbert, Membership Chair, reported that we currently have 205 members. Bob thanked Christopher Spencer for renewing an expired member who was on the Caroling with the Court Bus Tour. (2 min)
- Christina Blake, College of Monarchs Representative, stated that a letter was sent to Robbie Howard through regular mail, which said that his request for reinstatement as ICP during Reign XI was denied. A letter was also

sent to Miss Sylvia (Chuck Gordon) denying his request for reinstatement to the College of Monarchs and that he is permanently removed from the College of Monarchs. (1 min)

- Miss Sylvia (Chuck Gordon) asked to be recognized and Jim Smith, President did so. Miss Sylvia asked for documents that were used to justify the decision to remove him from the College of Monarchs. Documents include the Minutes from the College of Monarchs Meeting on 9/23/07 and internal ISQCCBE Audit Reports for Reign XV. Sylvia also requested an independent audit of our financial records. Christina Blake, College of Monarchs Representative, stated that a College of Monarchs Meeting will be scheduled for early in February 2010 and that this issue would be on the agenda. Sylvia and others continued the discussion. Michael Connley, Treasurer, asked to be recognized and made a Motion to suspend further discussion and to defer to the issue to the College of Monarchs where the issue belongs. Bob Gilbert seconded the Motion. Discussion then continued despite the Motion. Ultimately, Jim Smith, President closed the discussion and deferred the issue to the College of Monarchs. He also stated that in the future, the ISQCCBE Board of Directors will not discuss issues that should be handled by the College of Monarchs. Further, he stated that there are remedies in the Bylaws and Protocol Manual which could be pursued by those who have issues with the College of Monarchs. Truly Scrumptious asked what happens when the Bylaws and Protocol Manual are in conflict. Jim Smith stated that the Bylaws, as approved by the membership, is the controlling document of the Court. In the event of conflicting statements between the two, the Protocol Manual must be amended to bring it into harmony with the Bylaws. (20 min)
- Dennis DeClaire, ICP XIX, updated those in attendance with shows that are scheduled for January 2010. (5 min)
- Truly Scrumptious, ISQCCBE Parliament Representative, talked about some of the issues going on at other Courts and mentioned that the next meeting of ICS Parliament would be May 14, 2010 in Fresno, California. (4 min)
- Old Business: Dennis stated that there was still a supply of the short sleeve white shirts and the long sleeve black shirts and that the black shirts have not moved much. Pageant Committee discussion tabled until the January 18, 2010 Board/General Membership Meeting. Gene Sell also reminded those present about the Monte Carlo event in May and that a mini-Monte Carlo might be included in the 20th Anniversary Extravaganza. (9 min)
- General Membership Meeting: Kathy King mentioned that Krystal Kurler (Karen Davis) would like to request \$50 for a show in January with Roberta Bigg. Jim Smith requested that Kathy tell Krystal to get back with him if she still needed the \$50. Jim Smith announced that Kathy King was the recipient of the Distinguished Order of the Buckeye Empire for the month of December 2009. The next meeting of the ISQCCBE Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting will be held on January 18, 2010 at Below Zero Lounge. (12 min)
- The meeting was then adjourned at 8:30 PM.