



Rainbow Circle of Friends & Family Board Meeting

Monday, October 14, 2024

In Person: 78332 Silver Sage Drive

Call In: (848) 220-3300, Conference ID: 7246269247

Minutes

Attendance:

Board Members

Name	Title	Attendance
Richard Hein	President	In Person
Ray Graves	Vice-President	Absent
Robert McDonald	Secretary	In Person
Vicky Harrison	Treasurer	Call In
Sheri Holbrook	Communications	Call In

Adhoc Members

Debbi Rase	Events Coordinator	In Person
Francine Masiello	Volunteer	Call In
Maryann Wolfe	Volunteer	Call In
Wendy Young	Delegate	In Person
Sheila Dell	Delegate	In Person

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:04 a.m. by President Richard Hein. A quorum was established.

2. Current Membership Volume

The number of members are down to approximately 190, down from 270 for the previous school year. Discussion ensued as to what might be contributing to the decline. A question was asked if the membership continually grew throughout the year? Vicky will be able to review the spreadsheet from the prior year to see if the numbers actually began lower and grew as the year progressed. It was mentioned that we need to continue with email blasts, promoting the various activities (Discussion Groups, Movie Night, Monthly Events). Vicky mentioned that the membership increased when the first event was initially advertised to the group. A question was asked if there would be someone at the first event to capture membership forms and payments. The cut-off for the food will have already passed so there is no need to capitalize on their participation at that exact moment in time.

3. Current Financials

Vicky will update the current financials to share with the entire membership at the event on Saturday, October 19, 2024. The majority of the funds received are being sent via Zelle.

4. Weekly Email Blasts

Sherry reported that we are receiving a significant number of email responses from people outside of SCPDCA, wanting to join the Club. Per SCPDCA, only residents can be a member of the Club and guests can only participate if they are accompanied by a member.

5. News & Views Submission

The deadline for submission is 45 days prior to the monthly issue. This is a challenge because some of our information was not known (room numbers, other upcoming events, etc.). It was stated that updated information will always be sent electronically to ensure that members know the locations for each event.

6. Updated Event Calendar & New Event Planning

Rich has a complete, final listing of the various events and activities. It has been challenging to get the dates and rooms finalized with SCPDCA. There are three items that need attention:

- A) A new event was proposed that is a departure from the movie and discussion groups. A psychic/medium (Lisa Silverman) would do a 1 - 1.5 hour guided meditation, which can result in spiritual/metaphysical responses. She would charge each participant \$25 to attend. It is proposed to hold the event sometime in December in the evening, with a maximum of 100 people to attend. A question was asked if a Club was able to hold in event that charged the membership? It is acceptable if the Club sponsors her. Further, only the Club can advertise the event to the membership. It was noted that the Club would have to collect the funds, arrange for ticketing, and disperse the funds to Lisa. Discussion ensued. Would this activity open the door to other activities? Are we setting a precedent for other activities? It is important to note that any subsequent requests would need Board Approval. Also, what is the minimum number expected by Lisa to make the activity worthwhile. If the minimum is not met, reimbursement would be very complicated. Would we need to have a contract with her, certifying her participation regardless of the quantity choosing to participate? Yes, per the HOA we must have a contract with any paid performer. It was mentioned that prior to approval it would be prudent to have experience seeing her performance. It was mentioned that perhaps we could have her come to one of the Speaker Series Sessions sometime in the fall, pro bono, to share about her work prior to the event. It was decided to table a motion to approve until the Board can preview her work and make a final determination of the fit for the Club. The proposal will be brought up to the next meeting.
- B) The date we have reserved for Casino Night is April 25, 2025. It is mandated that we have Catering Services in order to secure the Sierra BallRoom this far in advance. We have had difficulty getting confirmation with Catering. Further, we lost money last year with the cost of the Pasta Bar and the casino dealers. Is there a less expensive option to utilize catering without impacting our bottom line? Can we have two tiers of participation for the event? For example, can we charge a base fee to participate in the games and offer a food option on top for those wishing to eat? Can we move it to another room (Oasis Room)? That room doesn't require catering. Would there be too much of a space limitation? A workaround could be that we choose a smaller room for now and then try to reserve the Sierra Ballroom when the opportunity arises. It was the consensus of the Board to select the largest room possible at this point with the hope we can secure the larger venue. Rich will work with the HOA to reserve the room.

C) We are having trouble getting volunteers to commit to the various monthly events. We need assistance with January, February, March, & April. Rich asked the group how they would like to assist with the various events? It was also asked if we should seek support and assistance from former Board Members who have more experience with some of the bigger events, particularly the February event "Love is Love". It was decided that we should seek more support and ensure that volunteers and Board members help out. We will review the budget for the February event to ensure that we can offer a great event at a cost that will allow as many to attend as possible. Rich has organized the October event. Debbi is spearheading November & December. Sherry volunteered to take on the January Bocce Ball/Chili Cook-off. Rob has committed to organizing the May event. However, in addition to the above coordinating the events, several others will be needed support.

7. Update October Event

There are approximately 134 people who have RSVPd for Saturday, October 19, 2024. Vicky will provide a final count of the sandwich choices. Rich has purchased some items for the event (table decor, water, etc.) and will provide the costs to Vicky. Rich will be presenting a pro-vote activity that focuses on the impact to the LGBTQ+ community. He will provide an outline to the Board prior so that we can review the content.

8. Delegate and Volunteer Organization

Debbi is working with Ray to get volunteers to organize events and to assist with the events for set-up and clean-up. Debbi is developing a list of what is needed for each event and how many volunteers are needed. An idea for March could be Drag Queen Bingo.

9. Discussion Group Meetings

This item was tabled since the coordinator, Julie , was not in attendance. Rich will reach out to Julie to confirm details for the upcoming meetings.

10. Thursday Movie Night

Francine and Maryann have chosen three films for the fall: Some Like It Hot, The Bird Cage or La Cage Aux Folles (*depending on subtitles, etc.*), and Priscilla Queen of the Desert. The focus is the impact of drag culture in cinema. It was noted that we are unable to advertise the films since we don't have distribution rights. The HOA has to verify that we have been given rights to show the films. Publicly, at the October Event, we can share the film names, etc. Can we still show the movie if we don't have

distribution rights? It's a grey area. Rich will discuss with Francine & Maryann a plan to get distribution rights. The room is reserved for 1.5 hours but the movies might surpass that timeframe. We do have allotted time for clean-up. Currently the reserved rooms do not have an event after. Rich will also check with the HOA to see if we can extend the time.

11. November Expo - Attendees

The HOA is sponsoring an Expo on Thursday, November 7, 2024, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. There are some items we have to display and we can hand out candy and stickers. The following volunteered to staff our table:

1:00 - 2:00 pm	Sheri Holbrook
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Richard Hein
2:00 - 3:00 pm	Vicky Harrison
3:00 - 4:00 pm	Rob McDonald & Wendy Young

12. Miscellaneous

Rich stated that the secretary, Fran Dickson, has resigned from her position. He stated that Rob McDonald accepted the position and will now be the secretary for the remainder of the year.

Rich addressed a concern about the establishment of Board Meetings. He explained that sometimes it's not possible to set meetings too far in advance. If you have a specific concern, please contact Rich directly. It was decided that future meetings will be scheduled for the Monday preceding a monthly event, with other meetings to be determined on an as-needed basis.

The next Board Meeting will take place on Monday, November 11, 2024.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.