

Rainbow Circle of Friends & Family Board Meeting

Monday, February 3, 2025 In Person: 78358 Sunrise Canyon Avenue

<u>Minutes</u>

Attendance:

Board Members

Name	Title	Attendance
Ray Graves	President	Present
Wendy Young	Vice-President	Present
Robert McDonald	Secretary	Present
Vicky Harrison	Treasurer	Present
Sheri Holbrook	Communications	Present

Adhoc Members

Jeff Cohen	Delegate	Absent
Robin Daw	Delegate	Absent
Yolanda Gee	Delegate	Present
Chris Pettus	Delegate	Absent
Jose Vicente	Delegate	Absent

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m. by President Ray Graves. A quorum was established.

2. Approval of Minutes from Prior Meetings

The minutes from the January Meeting were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Vicky Harrison and seconded by Wendy Young. The minutes were approved 5-0 as presented.

3. Treasurer's Report

We are still in good standing. We are about \$4, 500 in the red for Love is Love, figuring 143 participants. We will discuss logistics further in the meeting. It was mentioned that when we advertise future events, we should not put a cost until closer to the event to make sure that we have the funds to cover each event.

4. Love is Love Event (February 15, 2025)

As mentioned, we have 143 participants. We are having a cash bar but we are providing wine & beer. We need to finalize the contract with catering by Saturday, February 8; Ray & Wendy will do this. Sheri will purchase the wine at Trader Joes and deliver it to Trevor/HOA by Wednesday (2/12). The sound engineer of the HOA will meet with the band to verify sound needs. Ray will ask Debbi to confirm that this has occurred. Yolanda is working with the decorator to assist with centerpieces. The decorator will begin decorating at noon. It was decided that Table Captains will provide the meal tickets and table assignments to their guests. Individuals will be handled separately. Rob, Sheri, Yolanda, & Vicky will work on prepping the meal tickets and name tags can be distributed. We have signage that we can put at the distribution tables. Ray will pick up signage and name tag trellises. The decorator to finalize the details for set up and removal of decorations. Do we have access to the big screen monitor? If so, Wendy will attempt to put together a little slideshow.

5. Drag Queen Bingo (March 15, 2025)

Everything is set up and arranged with the performer. We need to decide on refreshments. It was decided that we will provide water and popcorn. We will mention that people are welcome to bring their own drinks and snacks. Yolanda will purchase snacks from Costco. The performer will need help with bringing in materials. We will need a table up front for the bingo supplies and round tables for the participants. Ray will work with the HOA for the table arrangement. Wendy, Rob, & Yolanda will help with set up.

6. Events for 2025-2026

Ray met with the HOA to tentatively schedule events for next year. Everything has to be submitted by February 16, 2025 for the 2025-26 event year. The only request was to change the December event one week later due to the close proximity of the November event.

7. Committee for By-laws

Ray suggested that it be a small committee of the Board to review what we have in place. The main goal is to change the terms of office so that each officer's term is two years. We also need to combine the By-laws & Policy Guidelines; we don't need both documents. Rob, Ray, & Vicky will work on this.

8. Communication

We want to advertise more of the events via the HOA email blasts. This reinforces to the community of our visibility and may prompt greater membership. Discussion also took place that we want to make sure that our message on upcoming flier events is in line with what we want to charge, based on the cost for the event.

9. Nominating Committee

Ray suggested that a volunteer group (not the Board) serve as the Nominating Committee. Yolanda volunteered to be in charge of the Nominating Committee. We need to seek volunteers for the committee who will then be tasked with soliciting nominations for the five (5) Board positions. Ray will send out an email to the membership, informing them of this upcoming opportunity.

10. Casino Night (April 26)

Robin Daw is in charge of this event. We will ensure that she attends the next meeting so that we are prepared for April. Vicky will work with Robin to make sure we have the contract for the Casino Company. Robin is working on getting prizes.

11. Miscellaneous

A concern was expressed that we might be opening up our events too broadly for the entire community. It has always been the policy that guests can be included, as long as they are accompanied by a member of the club.

We are having some difficulty with the movie events. We don't have licensing for many of them. Ray is working with Francine & Maryann to finalize the list and will work with the HOA to see if the movies are on the HOA list. We are hoping to have the movies in Speakers Hall. They will be shown the 4th Thursday of each month.

The discussion group is the 3rd Wednesday of each month. We need a speaker for March. Ray is reaching out to various groups and individuals.

Ray discussed the purchase of a free-standing banner. It had been discussed at a prior meeting. A design had been made. It was decided to move forward with the purchase of the banner to be used at the various club events.

Do we have a letter from the Rainbow Club that we can use to solicit donations for prizes? We don't have tax-exempt status to provide to companies that make donations. Typically we can solicit with our fliers and we can send out requests via email.

Sheri has worked diligently to refill the kiosks with fliers for the Club. They are being taken – hopefully by prospective members. We will keep watch to make sure they are being taken responsibly.

A question was raised: Why are there fewer men who choose to participate in Love is Love? Discussion ensued. It was postered that it's not necessarily an event that men enjoy as much. Cost was also considered as a factor. We will need to look at how to make this event – and all events – desirable for all.

The remaining Board Meetings for the 2024-25 year will be as follows: Monday, March 3 (2 weeks before Bingo); Monday, April 14 (Yolanda gave an update on the Storage Unit. Shelves were purchased and Yolanda volunteered to organize the contents onto the shelves and into the various bins. She spent several days working to make everything accessible.

16. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.