



Rainbow Circle of Friends & Family Board Meeting

Thursday, October 2, 2025

In Person: 78645 Rockwell Circle

Minutes

Attendance:

Board Members

Name	Title	Attendance
Wendy Young	President	Present
Sheri Holbrook	Vice-President	Present (arrived at 4:05)
Robert McDonald	Secretary	Present (left at 4:15)
Gail Bishop	Treasurer	Present
Gregg Geisendorf	Communications/ Membership	Present

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m. by President, Wendy Young. A quorum was established with 4 Board Members present. Vice President Holbrook arrived at 4:05 p.m.

2. Guest Participants

Gregory Glenn was invited to discuss his proposal for a Billiards Night. He did not attend the meeting.

3. Delegate Report

Yolanda Gee was present to discuss her participation in the various upcoming events in regards to decorations and supplies. See below for each event.

4. Approval of Minutes from Prior Meetings

The minutes from the September 4, 2025, Board Meeting were presented for approval. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Gail and seconded by Gregg. The minutes were approved unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report

Gail presented the Treasurer's Report. The replacement cart has been ordered and will arrive by the end of the week. There are 167 members with \$3,785 in membership. The statement shows the actual amount on hand with the expenses to date. Wendy moved to approve the Treasurers Report. It was seconded by Gregg and approved unanimously.

6. Event Updates

- a. Bocce Ball: There are 34 people signed up for the first Bocce Ball event. No supplies (water, snacks) are needed.
- b. Welcome Back Event: There are currently 46 people signed up for this event. We will go meet with the manager of Capriotti's on October 16, 2025, to order the food. In addition we will need tablecloths and water. Chris will handle the water. Yolanda will arrange for tablecloths and decorations. We will need trash bags for the trash and those must be thrown out into the dumpsters after the event. We also need paper plates, napkins, utensils (possibly), chips, and cookies.
- c. Friendsgiving: We have added Coffee & Iced Tea to the Friendsgiving Event. When booking these events through Catering, they set up the rooms – not the events coordinator of the HOA. Friendsgiving will need tablecloths, plates, napkins, and utensils. The HOA will set up all of the tables. It was suggested to use potted plants as the centerpiece and they will be raffled away. We will cook 7 turkeys and 2 hams. Wendy will do the hams. Turkeys: Rob (1), Gail (2), Gregg (2), Vicky Carpenter (1), Sheri (1).
- d. Holiday Dessert Social: Coffee/Tea service has been arranged with the HOA for this event. Sheri is going to contact Steve to see if the Coachella Valley Singers will also sing again at the event, as she thought that had already been promised to him, but she will check. She will double check on the Ukulele gals.
- e. Chili Cook-off & Bocce Ball: No discussion on this activity.
- f. Love is Love: A question was asked about the color theme for the Love is Love event. That has not been officially decided. After investigating different options

for chair covers, it was suggested we might not actually need chair covers. Discussion ensued. It was mentioned that the look of the chair covers creates a more elegant atmosphere. Unfortunately, there are no local companies that provide chair covers. We will investigate other companies and will see if anyplace else might be able to help. Wendy had researched that they are available online. Ultimately it was decided to forego the chair covers and to utilize the funds possibly for decorative party balloons. The HOA will provide white napkins and tablecloths. Colored options are available. We could utilize white tablecloths and rainbow-themed napkins - each table having a set napkin color (red table, green table, etc.). We are planning for 16 tables (160 participants). Conversation also ensued on how tables are assigned and it was agreed that assigning table numbers by first come first serve is tradition and will remain. The banquet staff puts the table numbers on the table starting left to right from the front table. So tables 1 through 5 tables are in the front row etc. If people want to be seated in the front then they need to sign up early and get their money in. The Love is Love menu is set; Wendy & Rob made the choices with Trevor (HOA Catering Manager). We have contracted for beer, soda, and wine attendant. Rob will look at Costco to get the wine.

- g. Drag Bingo: There were 85 in attendance last year and we paid \$1,100. Gregg will research more. We have contracted with the HOA for a cash bar at this event.
- h. Casino Night: Casino Night has already been set for April and we have contracted with the HOA for the cash bar. Yolanda has a connection for hors d'oeuvres (Kimberly Sanchez from Bad Ass Baker) who will charge \$5.00 per person which includes 4 savory and 1 sweet item. It was moved by Wendy & seconded by Gail and approved 4-0 to utilize her services for this event.
- i. End-of-Year Event: This item was not discussed.

7. Men & Women Subgroups

Rob reported that coffees are well attended and in an upcoming coffee future events will be discussed. Rainbow Women: Wendy reported that women's happy hours had 9 women at the August happy hour and 6 at the Sept. The women prefer to stay at Boulevards for happy hours so they have food options. Nov 12 is the first group meeting to discuss future topics and events. Wendy mentioned that these groups are pilot programs for 2025-26 and if those who requested the groups do not show leadership going forward, the programs will be discontinued next year.

8. Communication/Membership Report

Gregg completed the News & Views article for the November issue. He reported that he was confused on when to submit the News Views article. Sheri instructed him to send his article which can include photos and be up to 200 words by the last week of each month to Irma and the New/Views editor. That article will appear 2 months later. So if submitted at the end of Sept that would be for the Nov News/Views. Wendy reminded all that the HOA only wants one person contacting them and submitting articles.

The HOA club Expo Event will be Nov 6 at the Sierra Ballroom from 1 to 4pm. All Board members will staff that table including Yolanda who will do the set up and decorating. We will include our retractable rainbow sign, new brochures, new rainbow tablecloth with a bowl of giveaway candy and any leftover lanyards we have. We are all set for this.

Wendy created and had printed a new Rainbow kiosk flyer. She handed out the flyer to everyone at the meeting. Gregg took the rest to put in the kiosk and bring to future events.

9. Miscellaneous

Gregg requested that on future board emails responding to member inquiries that board members be blind copied rather than carbon copied. He also requested to rewrite the advertising blurb on the happy hours as some people are still confused about the messaging.

October 23 is the HOA's Club officer orientation from 10 to noon in Speakers Hall. All of Rainbow's board members will attend and then go to lunch at Boulevards for a business meeting to plan the agenda for the Nov 1 event.

Next meeting will be changed to October 23 from October 30 in order to finalize details for the Welcome Back Event. We will have a Business Lunch, which will take place after the HOA Meetings, to discuss the agenda and final details for the Welcome Back Event.

The next official meeting will be November 4, 2025. It will be held at Wendy's home.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.