



NEW ORLEANS LAMBDA CENTER

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February 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

Feb. 11, 2024 5:00 pm

- I. **Call to Order**
 - A. Present: Austin Addison, Mikey Ashby, Juicebox Burton, Claire Cotts (virtual), Melina Diner, Paul Doolan, Robert Jones (virtual), Cara McCarthy, Eric Sylvester
 - B. Called to order at 5:03 PM
- II. **Secretary Report**
 - A. Eric presented on behalf of Robert
 - B. Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer must sign before next meeting
- III. **Treasurer Report**
 - A. Presented by Claire
 - B. Motion to approve by Austin; seconded by Mikey
 - C. Unanimous vote in favor
- IV. **Chair Report** - Presented by Eric
- V. **Vice Chair Report** - Presented by Austin
- VI. **Fifth Director Report** - Presented by Cara
- VII. **Old Business**
 - A. **Mardi Gras**- security is \$550 but allows for being open for every meeting. No "event all day" this year given poor / no attendance at the 2023 event.
 - B. **Property Search** - We don't want to give up on the search but there are many other projects to work on
 - C. **Social Media and Website** - website is efficient for our needs (getting people info about meetings). We have lots of info on Facebook and Instagram. We created instagram last year to get more interest and reach more people. Austin paid for promotion from his own pocket. He wants to discuss using Lambda funds for this in the future
 - D. **Meeting Time and Place** - Sundays at 5 p.m. seems to work for all. We should meet somewhere accessible b/c we want meetings to be open to anyone who wants to attend. Maybe we can use the reading room for free?
 - E. **2023 Annual Report** - Want to get this out ASAP. Austin needs final financial figures from Claire/Eric to then update and route for approval. Will also be shared via email and on the website.
- VIII. **New Business**
 - A. **Board of Director Membership Dues** - All Board Members must be current paying members
 - B. **Phone Number** - Need to figure out how to get a phone number assigned that will not become "obsolete" or tied to one person - needs to be able to forward to voicemail and point to several different "answering" phones.
 1. Austin motions to create a committee, Mikey seconds
 2. Unanimous vote in favor



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3. Phone Number Subcommittee Members: Eric S., Robert J., Melina D.
 - C. **Budget Discussion** - plan has always been “pay for what we need to pay for” and not proactive. Eric raises that we should have a tight vision to move forward and something that can help the Treasurer moving forward.
 1. Austin motions to form budget committee, Mikey seconds
 2. Unanimous vote in favor
 3. Budget Subcommittee Members: Eric S., Paul D., Mikey A., Claire C., Cara M.
 - D. **Roles and Responsibilities** - Austin had roles via the By-Laws and read through them; all Board members are to refer to their specific responsibilities ongoing.
 - E. **Chalkboard**- Claire is willing to work on it; may need supplies – Claire and Eric to coordinate
 - F. **Bloomerang Access** - Juicebox and Robert need access. Eric will ensure access is granted.
 - G. **12-Step Group News & Updates** - CoDA wants to move from 5 p.m. Wednesday to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. This does not conflict with CMA so this works.
 1. Austin made a motion to approve, Eric seconded
 2. Motion passed by unanimous vote
 - H. **Brainstorming & Planning**
 1. Juicebox motions to form ad hoc committee, Austin seconds
 2. Motion passes by unanimous vote
 3. Brainstorming & Planning Subcommittee Members: Eric S., Austin A., Juicebox B., and Mikey A.
- IX. **Motion to Close**
- A. Austin motions to close, Eric seconds
 - B. Unanimous vote in favor