



### Executive Board of Directors

Eric Buckmaster – President, Michael Gaffney – Vice-President, Kenneth Anthony – Treasurer, Tommie Tiboni – Secretary

### Members at Large

Open Position, Jerry Heitman, Dave McQueen

### Mission Statement

The Imperial Court of Arizona, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization striving to unite the Gay, Lesbian/Transgender, Bisexual and Heterosexual Communities through charitable fundraising events to meet the needs of all.

Meeting Date: 15 November 2015

Minutes Prepared: 19 December 2015

Meeting Place: Phoenix Pride Center

**Attendees:** Kenneth A, Danny B, Tom B, LC, Charmaine K, Darrell D, Sophia S, Michael G, Sam G, Jerry H, Judi M, Steve M, Bill M, Seajay M, Gary M, Maxine H, Robin, DD R. Olivia G, Vanilla D, Ray S, Shaun S, Kim S, Anita T, Julie C, Masquerade, Nikki S and CJ W.

**Absentees:** Jeremiah B, Celia P, Michael B, Mark C, Robert C, TC Taylor, Cris C, Ron D, Lori F, Miss Demeanor, Jerry G, Allen H, Osiris D, Gloria J, Steve L, David L, Sal M, Hope M, Dave M, Dan O, Eddie B, Jim P, Pandora D, Chuck R, Cody R, Enrique S, Judy (Big Booty), Robert S, Matthew S, Akasha K, Jeff S, Barbra S, Paula S, Beau T, Richard V, Sherri L, Regine R, Lady Sapphire, Patricia M, Brock W and Tunsu P.

### **Excused:**

**Guest:** Jody Brown, Tiffany Brown

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- Call to Order: 13:03 at Pride Phoenix Center
  - Welcome from Lady Christian
  - Review of Meeting Minutes from September 2015. Minutes were reviewed and amended with corrections provided.
    - Update motion from Olivia Gardens to reimburse Olivia for \$960.00 from Harley's Bistro
    - Update discussion between Bill and Kenneth regarding DJ fee of \$75.00 that was approved by LC's presidential limit.
  - Review of Financials: Financials were reviewed by Kenneth.
  - Guests: Jody Brown with Racing for Greyhound Adoption checking out the meeting interested in becoming members of the court.
  - Standing Committee Reports
    - Budget: Kenneth Anthony
      - Received RFP's look like we are in good shape for Coronation XI
    - College: Kenneth Anthony

- Jerry H motions we approve two membership (\$80) and two Weekend Coronation packages for the winners of Miss and Mister Imperial Court 2016. Seconded by Anita T. Discussion was held, vote was called and motion passes
    - Most everyone was sent the survey to review Reign X any questions see Kenneth, the survey has now been closed.
  - Bylaws & Policy and Procedures: Kenneth Anthony & SeaJay Moser
    - PNP met
      - 80% Attendance policy: Recommended to lower candidate requirements to 50% and allow monarchs to excuse for any reason in addition the current monarchs would need to adhere to the 80% policy in place.
        - Gary M motions to accept and CJ W seconds. Discussion was held, the vote was called. Motion does not pass with one abstention.
  - ICC: Michael Gaffney
    - Made money at Gala final amount not available just yet.
    - Jose Scholarship up to \$96,000.00
    - Thanking the Court for the Sponsorship
  - Corporate Sponsorship: Michael Gaffney
    - Nothing to report from Michael
    - Seajay gave information about a scholarship from Wal-Mart. More information to come.
  - New Membership: Anita Togoboxx
    - Received on application from Tyra Marie
  - Public Relations: Open Position
    - LC thanks Mark C for his contributions as Public Relations chair. LC is asking for anyone interested in the position
      - CJ W is interested
  - Grievance: Tom Bledsoe
    - Tom B will continue with Grievance committee
- New Business
  - LC addressed the court regarding what occurred at Harley's Italian Bistro
    - Takes full responsibility for the event and the directives she gave. The board will be meeting after this meeting to decide what actions will be taken for how this event was a handled.
  - Nominations for Board Member
    - Kenneth nominates Nikki S, Seajay nominates Sam G, Darrell nominates Judi M and CJ nominates Gary M.
    - Meeting recessed at 14:02
    - Meeting reconvened around 14:12
    - New Member at Large Sam G.
  - Festivus DJ budget
    - Steve motions allow up \$150 DJ pay for Festivus seconded by Sam G. Discussion was held, motion carries
  - Steve M. makes a motion to place an ad in the program form Project Runway seconded by Kenneth. Discussion was offered none was provided vote was called and motion carries by the board.
  - Discussion of Board Votes in October and November
    - There were three board votes that took place since the September and November meetings

- Olivia motioned to request a budget of \$300.00 to be allowed for the pageant. Anita seconded the motion. Discussion was held via electronic email and a vote was called. The motion passed with six votes
    - Olivia motioned to allow a total of \$350 to open the court up for Phoenix Pride 2016 pageant \$175 for each contestant. In addition Olivia motioned to allow for the Court to have a table at the Joshua Tree Gala on November 15<sup>th</sup>. The cost associated for a table is \$270.00. Queen Mother of the Americas was announced as a guest speaker. Both motions were seconded by Michael G, and discussion was opened via electronic communications. The vote was called by the President and motion carries with six votes.
- Old Business
  - RFP's
    - Three were received
      - Wyndham 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Marriott on 44<sup>th</sup> St. and the Hilton on 47<sup>th</sup> St.
      - Crown Plaza requested we change our date and we graciously declined
  - PO Box Chat
    - Remember we have a new PO Box. The old box should be closing down shortly
    - Need to ensure all financials are updated.
  - Bank Account
    - Will be updated with secretary signature by the next meeting
- Upcoming Coronations
  - Nov 21: Ogden, UT
  - Nov 22: Massachusetts
  - Dec 05: Las Vegas
  - Jan 16: Houston, TX
  - Jan 16: Bellingham, WA
  - Jan 30: Chino, CA
  - Jan 30: Minneapolis, MN
  - Feb 06: San Diego, CA
  - Feb 16: Seattle, WA
  - Feb 20: Hartford, CT
- Upcoming ISEA Events/Community Events
  - A thank you was given for the assistance at Witches Ball to Olivia, Steve, Barbra and Seajay they raised over \$900.00
  - Nov 15: Good Lay Review Benefiting 1 & 10 at The Rock
  - Nov 15: HIV Candle at Rainbow Cactus
  - Nov 21: Wax a Bear for Phoenix Boys of Leather at The Anvil
  - Nov 22: Mister and Miss Imperial Court Pride 2016 at The Rock
  - Through Nov 28: Monster at the Nearly Naked Theater
  - Dec 12: Project Nunway at ASU Kern
  - Dec 12: Winter Wonderland benefiting Logan's Playground at Los Diablos
  - Dec (TBD): Festivus at Nutowne
  - Jan 16: Red and Wild Strawberry Social at the Rock
  - Feb 13: Mardi Gras Madness at Plazma
  - Feb 12-14: Rodeo Weekend
  - Feb 14: At the Lambda Center produced by Masquerade
  - Feb 27: Back to Broadway at Nutowne
- Meeting Adjourned: 14:53