## **EL Paso Sun City Pride**

## **Meeting Minutes**

## **Date: February 18, 2021**

**Opening**

The regular meeting of the EL Paso Sun City Pride was called to order at 7:10 pm on February 18th, 2021 via Zoom by Freddy Ramirez.

**Present**

**Attendee names:** Freddy Ramirez, Edward Gallardo, Chris Eck, Dave Castillo, Hunter Nelson, Claudia Delfin, Raul Martinez, Stephen Serrano, Nadine Wolf, Andrew Nunez-Rupert, Ronald Nunez-Rupert, Oliver Day, Gabe Guevara

**Not Present**

**Attendee names:** Sonny Stackhouse, Rod Silverfox, Andres Jacquez

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was presented via Facebook on the EPSCP Board Page.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meetings for dates 2/4/2021 were unanimously approved as distributed.

**Financial Report**

Current Balance is @22,689.81

600.00 was paid out for the Form 1023

No Money in the Cash App

**President Report**

Edward wants to make sure that we are all on the same page and that we are all working together. We need to count on one another to make sure we working together.

President wants to see how everyone feels with having the next 3 meetings in person. He will be speaking to Raul about using the Hyatt. We will make sure COVID pre cautions will be taken place to assure the safety of everyone.

Resignations will be presented by Freddy for the ones that have submitted them, and these two individuals would like to move into new positions with in the board.

We will be Vetting Co- Director Positions

Special Events, Volunteer, Entertainment, PR and Marketing, and Parade.

This will be Announced to the community, so we can have those that are interested to joining board.

Edward would like an Attendance report for the board based off who has been at the meeting and part of the events so far.

Board Accountability- we need to make sure that we are holding ourselves and as well everyone else accountable for the positions they uphold, as well as per the documents that were presented to them and signed.

Lack of Communication throughout everyone on being able to follow through all of what we have tried to do and been doing. We need to allow ourselves to be more flexible and allowing everyone to be more flexible as well.

**Open Issues**

* Beanies and Blankets- Claudia and Andres
	+ Thanked everyone for all the contributions that were presented and we were able to provide to the Punto, CPS and Aliviane.
	+ Andres did pick up Items to distribute to CPS and Aliviane.
	+ Claudia has letter that will be presented to the board from Punto,
	+ Still waiting for Letters from CPS and Aliviane.
* Parade – Ronald
	+ Ronald Presented a letter of Thank you to Klarissa on behalf of the board for all of her hard work and help that she has provided for us and as well a farewell.
	+ In order to use the funds provided by the city, we would need hold event before August 31st.
	+ Dates Ronald had in mind were July 17th or 24th both of which are Saturdays.
	+ We would need to provide a plan per COVID that will need to be presented to the City.
	+ Route was wanted to be moved around and go in the opposite direction. Advised that we can not go against the flow of traffic.
	+ Other Route/Idea was for us to have the parade go down Montana and end at Memorial Park and have a big event, such as a picnic and even do a movie at night.
	+ Night Parade idea was presented.
	+ Ronald presented the logo in which was presented for the parade for 2020
	+ Edward created a group chat with Veteran Parade Directors in being able to help and assist Ronald with any questions or anything he may need help with.
	+ Reverse the Idea and instead of our participants doing the route, Spectators would be driving in their cars and we would have our participants on the side of the round cheering them on.

**New Business**

* Freddy Ramirez – Present Resignations
	+ Oliver Day Resignation from Treasurer
		- Oliver Presented his letter to Secretary and President.
			* Motion to accept Oliver’s Resignation
				+ 1st Andrews
				+ 2nd Chris
				+ All in Favor
				+ 1 Abstain Hunter
	+ J Hunter Nelson resignation from Volunteer
		- J Hunter Nelson presented resignation letter to President and Secretary
			* If we accept his resignation Hunter would be vetting to take place of the Treasurer position. Hunter has been handling our taxes and helping with financials.
			* Motion to remove Hunter from Volunteer
				+ 1st Chris
				+ 2nd Claudia
				+ All in Favor
				+ 1 Abstain Hunter
			* J Hunte was nominated for Treasurer
				+ Hunter Accepts nomination
				+ Motion for Hunter to be Treasurer

1st Chris

2nd Richard

All in Favor

1 Abstain

* + Amend By laws to change with removing the Treasurer to be added as a signer for the checks.
	+ Hunter will have the check book. Dave and Freddy will be signers.
	+ Oliver Day was nominated for PR and Marketing
		- Freddy accepted on behalf of Oliver
			* 1st Chris
			* 2nd Dave
			* All in favor
			* 2 Abstain
* Richard Bell
	+ Copenhagen 2021
		- The organization is wanting more of an African American presence to part of the Copenhagen.
		- InterPrides Human Rights and Diversity Committee Richard will be representing EPSCP as a member for our organization.
* Stephen Serrano Special Events
	+ Easter Basket Drive is in the works Flyer coming out soon
	+ Bear Bar Brunch event is in the works and will be presenting more
	+ Black History Month Close out event Entertainment by local queens and guest Speakers Sonny Stackhouse, Richard Bell, and Antonio Williams.
	+ Stephen will be speaking to Claudia
	+ Discussion was brought up of why the event for BHM was moved from Briar to Epic. It was expressed that it was due to timing that a decision was made to move the event over to EPIC. EPIC would off set the expense if needed for the event.
	+ Nadine advised that there should have been any issue due to timing for the event. Nadine advises she had a family emergency was taking care of that situation. But there is a lack of communication that should have been delivered.
* Remove from positions
	+ Sonny Stackhouse Special Events
		- Motion Presented to remove Sonny Stackhouse due to Attendance
			* 1st Andrew
			* 2nd Raul
			* All in Favor
	+ Ruben Rodriguez Parade
		- Motion Presented to remove Ruben Rodriguez due to Attendance
			* 1st Andrew
			* 2nd Claudia
			* All in Favor
	+ Vacant Positions available
		- Special Events Co -Director
		- Parade Co- Director
* Chris Eck
	+ Nadine will assist in getting he merchandise from Oliver to be taken over to Chris
	+ Needs minutes for the past meetings to post on Website

**Roundtable**

* Scholarship Committee
	+ Committee needs to be put in place by March 1st.
	+ We need to make sure we allow any board member to part of the committee and presenting like a Biography of themselves in order to make sure we have the right and qualified individuals on the panel.
* Nadine wants to table for the Pridefest that Raves is looking to help and sponsor and present a Pridefest with EPSCP.
	+ Raves owner owns the parking lots around her venue.
* Dave Spoke to Bryan from El Paso Live and partnership with EPSCP to have some site or event on Sept 11th for a event that they are host already at the convention center.

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:17pm by Freddy Ramirez. The next general meeting will be on March 4th, 2021, 7pm MST, location TBD.

**Minutes submitted by:**

**Name: Freddy Ramirez, EPSCP Secretary**

**Date: 3/11/2021**

**Approved by (Pending approval next meeting)**