



301 W. College Ave., Suite 5 Silver City, NM 88061

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 1, 2014

9:30-11 a.m.

Rainbow Village

Board Members:

- Guadalupe Cano
- Sue Christenson
- Hugh Epping, HIV Coordinator
- Mark Karagas Secretary
- Elizabeth Rockey, VP/Secretary
- Ted Tufares, Pres
- Torri LaRue, Treasurer

Agenda Items:

- Call to Order Present: 9:45, Torri LaRue, Elizabeth Rockey, Ted Tufares, Hugh Epping
- Minutes of the last Meeting: Accepted as presented. Torri, Hugh.
- Financial Report - Torri will make slight changes for next month's financials to clarify membership and events. Financials accepted. Hugh, Elizabeth.

- **Continuing Business:**
 - Grants (Elizabeth) Freeport McMoran will not fund our program.
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 - NM HIV (Hugh) Hugh will set up meetings with the Department of Health to suggest they refer people to us if they are concerned about safety and privacy. Also checking on the possibility of a needle exchange program. Hugh will discuss it with the Sherriff's department. If we do it, we will let local social service agencies know. Hugh would like to create and HIV committee to deal with policies and resolve issues.
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 - Rainbow Pages Elizabeth will contact politicians to write their own letters of support for the LGBT community.
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 - School Board Meeting -No report
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 - Thai Dinner - Event has been posted on fb and Elizabeth sent out another press release.
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 - Board Retreat – CHANGE – We will do strategic planning at Rainbow Village the morning of March 29th.
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 - Annual Meeting – April 6th. Ted will try to get someone to come from Equality NM.
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- Membership Drive – Way behind. 14 renewing/new memberships. Need to step up the membership issue. Elizabeth will put it in the newsletter. We will try to get peoples’ physical addresses. Elizabeth will ask Mark to help.
- **New Business:**
- Financial Report on website – No go. The financials are all at Rainbow Village. If people want to see them they can see them whenever they like. We are not required to post them on the website and it gives access to non-members. A note will be included in the newsletter that they are available to whoever wants to have a look.
- New Board Members – Ted will ask John Meadows.
- Collaboration with Frontera and youth group (Ted) – Raz Guest: Putting together a summer event for 12-18 year olds. 101 things for youth to do in Grant County. Soliciting businesses/organizations to provide some activities. Kids get stamps for completing the activities at the various locations. Big party at the end. Possibility of a block party with music co-hosted by LGBT Grant Co. LGBT wants to participate. We will be in touch with Raz. Very important to support youth in our community – all youth.
- Yard Sale – Ted will rent a storage space. Newsletter and fb will request stuff for sale. Hugh, Elizabeth
- Las Cruces Pride Event – Ted will arrange for us to have a booth. More info coming soon.

Meeting called over: 11:40