

**CAPITAL BEARS**  
**Planning Meeting Minutes**  
**December 19, 2021**  
**11:00 a.m.**  
**Pride Center, Des Moines, IA**

Attendees: Michael W., Zach G., Kelly G., Brian C., Morgan M., Nick S., Gene B.,

**Call to Order – President**

Confirm Quorum – quorum confirmed.

Call to order – Called to order by Brian at 11:06 a.m.

**Approval of Previous Meeting(s)'s Minutes**

Approval of Minutes from November: Brian Moved to approve. Motion passes

***BODY OF MEETING – High Priority Items (Round 1)***

Happy Birthday to Zach!!!

**Treasurer's Update**

- Bank Balance: \$3,001.47
  - Adopt a family expenses and balance
  - Spent \$866 for adopt-a-family gifts
  - Additional \$133 on a gift card and used cash donation from holiday party to bump to \$155.
  - Impact print payment for stickers \$362.88. These Stickers are the membership item and will be sold to those who want them. This was an item presented by the Merch committee and approved at last meeting.
- Shopping and wrapping party update.
  - Great turnout at wrapping party. 8 people total. The kids wrote thank you letters and drew pictures. Shopping had a great turn out for the 2 days of shopping. Gifts are to be delivered by 1:00 today 12-19-21. Zach and Kelly are going after the meeting.

**President's Updates**

- Thank you to everyone who volunteered for the variety show!
- Elections coming up in February. Will be posting these soon.
- February planning meeting and elections date is moved February 6, 2022, January 16<sup>th</sup> will be the first round of elections where speeches are given.
- Announce and give speeches in January!
- Positions up are President, Secretary, Treasurer needs to be voted on again as Kelly is filling a previous term. Kelly is running again for Treasurer. Other open positions: Social Officer, Pride Chair, Pride Sports League.
- Membership Party February 5, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
  - **Motion to spend up to \$150 for membership party**
  - **Second by Zach.**
  - **Discussion: 1 option was smash park but this is expensive. Options for outdoor area that are cheaper in summer months. 2<sup>nd</sup> option is Operation Room in WDM in West Glenn area. The money will be spent on appetizers. No additional cost for the space. We like option 2 and it seems to be the best.**
  - **Call to question: Motion Passes.**

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**Vice President's Updates**

- January happy hour: Rusty approached Zach to do a "Polar Bear Plunge" type event minus the water. This is a theme only. No water will be involved. Non-alcoholic options will be available. Hot Coco or Cider. The Garden has made the roof top an indoor/outdoor area. The Garden has been very helpful and supportive of our group.
- February happy hour will be a "Bear-entine" theme. We will have some fun games to play for Valentines Day.
- Visit from Pride Center Board.

**Secretary's Updates**

- 2022 membership will soon be on sale.
- Active Shooter preparation and discussion with the DMPD held sometime in January. Need to get a room from the Pride Center.

**Social Officer's Updates**

- See above

**Bear Necessities Chair Updates**

- *Nick would like to officially recognize Jake H for all his work for 2020 Bear Necessities! We are working off those notes for 2022. Great job Jake and his committee.*
- Club G credit from 2020 Discussion
- Outline of events. Will have events at The Garden and The Blazing Saddle. The 2020 budget included a catered dinner at the Garden but now the Garden has a kitchen. Will need to discuss with Rusty
- Proposed budget was \$1500 in 2020. Nick is proposing this same budget for 2022 due to cost increases and changes. Even though we have a credit from Club G.
- Event schedule discussed:
- Tickets will soon be on sale. Ticket prices will be \$50 up to April 1<sup>st</sup> then a price increases to \$60 starting April 1, 2022 through the event for the weekend pass. This includes a food ticket, entrance to club g, variety show, pool party, All Spice event among others. Not included will be the Hotel (Stay Bridge Suites).
- Committee meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of January at the Garden. Nick will create an event.
- **Motion for a budget up to \$1,500 for the 2022 Bear Necessities.**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> by Kelly.**
- **Motion passes.**

**Capital City Pride Chair's Updates**

- None

**Pride Sport League Chair's Updates**

- None

**Social Media Administrator's Updates**

- None

**Bylaws Chair's Updates**

- None

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**Iowa Leather Weekend Chair's Updates**

- Nothing new. Title family is selling calendars.

**Merchandise & Marketing Chair's Updates**

- None

***BODY OF MEETING – Lower Priority Items (Round 2)***

**President's Updates**

- None

**Vice President's Updates**

- None

**Treasurer's Updates**

- None

**Secretary's Updates**

- None

**Social Officer's Updates**

- None

**Bear Necessities Update**

- None

**Capital City Pride Chair's Updates**

- None

**Pride Sport League Chair's Updates**

- None

**Social Media Administrator's Updates**

- None

**Bylaws Chair's Updates**

- None

**Iowa Leather Weekend Chair's Updates**

- None

**Merchandise & Marketing Chair's Updates**

- None

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***OPEN DISCUSSION (Round 3)***

***UPCOMING PLANNING MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES OF NOTE***

- December Planning Meeting. December 19, 2021 11:00 a.m.
- January Happy Hour. “Polar Bear Plunge” January 8, 2022 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Hibernation. January 13-16, 2022 St. Louis, MO.
- January Planning Meeting. January 16, 2022 11:00 a.m. FIRST ROUND OF ELECTIONS
- Membership Party. February 5, 2022.
- February Planning Meeting. February 6, 2022 11:00 a.m. NOTE DATE MOVED
- February Happy Hour. A Bear-intine Valentine. February 12, 2022 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- North American Bear Weekend. February 17 – 20, 2022 in Lexington, KY
- Sash Bash March 4 – 6, 2022. In Iowa City.
- Bear Necessities April 22 – 24, 2022 in Des Moines, IA

***MEETING ADJOURNED***

Meeting adjourned by Brian at 12:19 p.m.