

Imperial Sun Court of All Florida Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 2025

Attendees

- Marc Viens, President
- Ivan Vega, Vice President
- Bill Collins, Treasurer
- Frank Saenz Lee, Secretary
- Steven Rule
- Lorraine Zaleski-Lachoy
- John Hanauer
- Deborah Sandman
- Ralph Farinella
- Ryan Stifter
- Tony Gunning-Davis
- Jason Laury, Reigning Empress (Honorary Member)
- Terrance Korte, Reigning Emperor (Honorary Member)

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by President Marc Viens. Ivan Vega (Vice President) excused due to prior obligations.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the March meeting reviewed and accepted.

- Motion: Deborah Sandman
- Second: Ryan Stifter
- Vote: Unanimous aye

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bill Collins presented financial details:

- Bank Balance (as of March 31, 2025): \$46,971.74
- General Fund: \$32,572.38
- Monarch Charity Fund: \$5,997.20
- Scholarship Fund: \$4,127.00 (pending deductions for AIDS Walk)
- Travel Fund: \$4,275.16
- March Fundraising: \$5,683.55
- March Expenses: \$21,571.00
- Year-to-date Fundraising: \$31,173.33

Discussion:

Lorraine Zaleski inquired about the balance falling below the board's \$30,000 threshold during the month. Marc clarified the balance isn't monitored day-to-day, just when accounts are reconciled during the month. The board is above the threshold now.

Motion to approve:

- Motion: Ryan Stiftler
- Second: Lorraine Zaleski
- Vote: Unanimous aye

Old Business

- Marc Viens explains the pricing of crowns, including the Emperor crown, Empress crown, IC Prince crown, and IC Princess crown. Current Emperor Crown is \$1200, Empress is \$990, there currently is no price for Emprex crown because it has not been made. Price is dependent on materials and time. Crown costs are part of the coronation budget. In the future we will see the new ICP crowns included in the coronation budget as well.

- 60th Empress Nominations ongoing via College of Monarchs. Deadline is September 1. Unsure of how the Board will be involved, but Ralph will keep us updated.

- Promotional Items: Currently addressing logo resolution issues; order in process.

- Monarchs have updated the Tri-Fold, and it looks nice. Marc is able to print if needed.

- Ralph Farinella submitted and withdrew resignation after discussions with President Viens.

New Business

- Cash Handling: Reviewed detailed procedures, the current practice has been in place to balance responding to past troubles as well as maintaining integrity. The preferred way of handling money from an event is for a Board member at the event to take the cash and give it to the Treasurer within 24-48 hours. If there is no Board member, the second preference is one of the Monarchs should take the cash and then deliver to the Treasurer in 24-48 hours. In absence of any of the above, two regular members may take the cash and sign off on it together and get it to the Treasurer in 24-48 hours. In any case communication is key. You should be texting the Treasurer or other Board Members who has the cash, how much, and when you're planning to drop it off. In rare cases when the event is far away, or there are other circumstances, work with the Treasurer/Board to make a plan that is documented by text, such as direct bank deposit. Reigning Emperor Terry Lariat will also reach out to other courts to see how they handle cash-handling in their court and report back to the Board.

- Pride booth purchased by Barbie, Reigning Empress Reign and Reigning Emperor Terry have done work organizing. Noted in the discussion is needing to decide what we have on hand such as backdrops and materials. The goal is to optimize the investment in the booth. Marc would like to see Membership and Events committees come together and find ways to support the Monarchs with making the booth a success. It will be a busy pride for all involved.

- New Member Welcome Letter finalized.

- Discussion on Naples Pride Donation resulted in \$1,000 donation approved from General Fund.

Motion for \$1,000 donation to Naples Pride:

- Motion: Steven Rule
- Second: Ryan Stiftler
- Vote: Unanimous aye

Committee Reports

- Monarchs: Comprehensive report on past and upcoming events, highlighting investitures and Naples Pride engagement. Emphasized need for increased attendance.

- Events and Membership: Coordination on maximizing participation in future events, notably Stonewall Pride.

- Website & IT: Frank Saenz Lee reported significant progress on website redevelopment, nearing completion.
- Social Media: Facebook video retention policy change discussed; alternatives being explored (YouTube, Vimeo).
- Trans Advisory Council: Ongoing activities and events planned; collaboration with UCC and statewide groups.

Additional Notable Discussions

- Membership and attendance concerns discussed at length. Committees tasked with developing enhanced marketing strategies.
- Importance of Naples Pride highlighted for court expansion and community support in the current political climate.

Adjournment

President Viens thanked all members for active participation and contributions.

Motion to adjourn:

- Motion: Frank Saenz Lee
- Second: Lorraine Zaleski
- Vote: Unanimous aye

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.