

Imperial Sun Court of All Florida

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2025

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President John Hanauer. Quorum was confirmed.

Roll Call

President John Hanauer, Treasurer Bill Collins, Secretary Frank Saenz-Lee, Parliamentarian Ryan Stifter, Ralph Farinella, Jamie LaChoy, David Pfeffer, Steven Rule, Deborah Sandman, Kendall Shoffner, Lorraine Zaleski

Excused: Vice President Ivan Vega, Marc Veins

Members: Danny Austin, Erick Brighton, Eric Lipson, Marshall Snyder-Harris, Tony Gunning-Davis, Chloe Oliver, Richard Paull, Michael Cyrus

Approval of Previous Minutes

- Motion to approve the previous minutes. Moved by Barbie, seconded by Deborah. Result: approved, no nays or abstentions recorded.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bill Collins presented monthly financials and walked through deposit sources and event income. Highlights and follow ups:

- Fund balances reported across General Fund, Monarchs, Scholarship, Monarchs Travel.
- Deposits and platform receipts summarized: cash deposits, Venmo, PayPal, Stripe, Square.
- Noted ongoing PayPal business donations with no fees.
- Event income reviewed, including Black and White Ball, chili cook-off, online bingo, Scandals bingo, shave or no shave, Aquaplex events, turnabout, pageant.
- Pageant entries reconciliation to include a late cash entry for William LePage.
- AMEX card closure and transition to direct bank payments, with one remaining scheduled charge noted.

- Correction directed: Black and White Ball was advertised as a charity event, so reporting will be realigned to the 80-20 charity split and revised PDFs will be sent.
- Bank account signers and future handoff discussed for next term.
- Organizational debit card options discussed, with nonprofit constraints acknowledged.
- Motion: accept the Treasurer's Report with corrections. Moved by Barbie, seconded by Ryan. Result: approved.

Policy and Procedures- Cash Handling

Empress Jamie raised accountability at events. Agreed updates and clarifications:

- Count monies on site when safe in a secure location, with two people.
- Post totals in the board group chat for timestamp and transparency.
- Selling ones back to the bar is courtesy and situational, not a mandate.
- Safety exceptions allowed when on-site counting is not feasible.
- Motion: amend the cash handling policy as above. Moved by Empress Jamie, seconded by Lorraine. Result: approved.

Facilities and Venue

- Post-pageant cleaning concern at the church reported, with glitter and debris noted in the space and contestant rooms.
- Board acknowledged possible cleaning fee requests and supported arranging access to vacuums and supplies or paying reasonable cleaning fees if required.
- Madison will follow up with the church.

Committee and Officer Reports

Coronation

- Venue and layout: Marriott ballroom layout completed, limited stage pieces with runway planned.
- Rooms and hospitality: meeting spaces and hospitality planned.
- DJ: Don confirmed for the weekend, proposal pending follow up.
- Pool party: target budget up to 500 dollars for incidentals, volunteer DJ offer received.
- Website sponsorship form error reported, web fix needed for reCAPTCHA domain key.

Monarchs

- Roots of Color event in Lakeland on Oct 12 coordinated.
- Travel to Georgia noted.
- Monarchs Brunch at The Well on Oct 18 hosted by new titleholders.

- Well Bingo suspended for the remainder of the year, venue notification requested to avoid conflicts.
- Monarchs Ball designated 100 percent to the General Fund, scripts and hosts in progress.

Website and Communications

- Regular posting on the Imperial Court Facebook page restored to improve visibility.
- Members asked to share or tag photos, with older memories also used to drive engagement.

ICS and External Relations

- Palm Springs 60th schedule shared: Thursday welcome mixer, Friday Denims and Diamonds, Saturday 60th anniversary and crowning, Sunday poolside brunch.
- Council appointments announced for Madison and Marc.
- Four Florida empresses nominated for Empresses of Distinction.

Membership

- Add pageant contestants to membership roster and email lists.
- Produce name badges for new members.

Awards Process

- Clarified that international award nominations originate with the monarchs and come to the Board for approval.
- Proclamations and permanent titles follow monarch and College of Monarchs procedures.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.