



The Center of Wichita

JANUARY 4, 2017

ANNUAL MEETING

- Call To Order at 6:00
- Members Present: Nolin, Cindy, Gary, Tom, Brent, Ivy, Tom
- Youth Representatives Present: Aiden
- Absent: sally (excused), Morgan (excused)
- Guests: none
- Approval of Current Agenda
 - **Motion to accept agenda ::: moved and accepted**
- Approval of December Minutes :::
 - Correction: under Get Connected, "Emergency contact list availability in the "event" of an emergency..."
 - Correction: under New Business, "...Rev. Jackie Carter has offered 'meat' for the Get Connected group..."
 - **moved and seconded as amended, passed**
- **Annual Meeting**
 - Election of Board Members
 - **moved to be retained as board members**
 - Cindy
 - Brent
 - Gary
 - Ivy
 - Morgan
 - Tom
 - Nolin
 - **moved by Nolin, seconded by Cindy**
 - Election of Officers
 - **moved to retain current officers**
 - Cindy ... Chair
 - Brent ... Vice President
 - Nolin ... Treasure
 - Gary ... Secretary
 - **moved by Nolin, seconded by Cindy**
- Public Forum
no public forum
- Reports
 - ◆ Chair (Cindy)
officer liaison meeting planned
 - ◆ Vice Chair (Brent) ::: Report Presented and discussed
 - ◆ Secretary (Gary)
no report
 - ◆ Treasurer (Nolin)
2016 P/L Report Presented
Balance Report Presented
Report Moved and Seconded

- Current Committees
- LGBT Health Coalition
 - no report
- Library
 - Received Sally Morse resignation from The Center Board of Directors. Discussion and **Motion to allocate \$75 for a plaque to be presented to Sally for her service ... moved by Tom, seconded by Ivy.**
 - **Motion to rename the library at The Center to, "The Sally Morse Library" ... moved by Tom, seconded Ivy.**
- Fund-raising and Endowment
 - Brent researching grant possibilities specific to LGBT organizations
- Kids Connect (Morgan Beisner) Pre-K to 5th Grade
 - no report
- Get Connected (12 to 18)
 - Discussion about the Get Connected fund-raising drag show ... date to be established in conjunction with spring break, needs to be discussed with Brad at Boomerangs
 - chore list successful, suggested that they could distribute responsibilities over more of the kids
 - discussion about hosting Get Connected at Boomerangs again
 - discussion about cooking / kitchen use at The Center during Get Connected
- Stay Connected (17 to 24)
 - no report
- Grants

discussion about connecting with WSU for advancing grant efforts
- Old Business

work will continue policies regarding youth programs
- New Business
 - Parking available across the street from The Center after 6pm and unrestricted on weekends
 - Police Parade planned for April ... discussion of Center participation
 - Transgender Community Support – discussion / motion to use trans-group resources to organize a new transgender community organization ... **moved by Tom, seconded by Ivy ... passed**
- Announcements

non-discrimination and anti-sodomy laws are already being drafted
- Next Meeting (Annual Meeting)

Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 6pm
- Moved to adjourn ... Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm

- Call To Order at 6:11pm
- Members Present: Nolin, Cindy, Gary, Brent, Ivy, Morgan
- Youth Representatives Present: None
- Absent: Tom (excused),
- Guests: none
- Approval of Current Agenda
 - **Motion to accept agenda ::: moved and accepted**
- Approval of January Minutes :::
 - **Motion to accept ::: moved and accepted**
- Public Forum
no public forum
- Reports
- ◆ Chair (Cindy)
Discussion about youth pride event and participation in pride turn about show
Liz (GLSEN) is testing remind.com as a communication tool for their board with expansion to their youth
NATGEO Movie, "Gender Revolution" pre-screening scheduled for February 10, 2017.
- ◆ Vice Chair (Brent) ::: Report presented and discussed
- ◆ Secretary (Gary)
no report
- ◆ Treasurer (Nolin)
Report Presented, Moved, and Seconded
- Current Committees
- ◆ LGBT Health Coalition
 - Review of key areas to focus on for 2017
 - Will be seeking out more providers for the directory and to get more hand out information to those listed providers
- ◆ Library
 - work to be done to get plaque to be presented to Sally for her service.
 - Organization of books continues
- ◆ Fund-raising and Endowment
 - WOOLF is going to undergo fund-raising efforts to raise money for The Center
- ◆ Kids Connect (Morgan Beisner) Pre-K to 5th Grade
 - planning to meet once a month due to school scheduling. Meeting schedules to be revisited for summer months
- ◆ Get Connected (12 to 18)
 - Discussion about the Get Connected fund-raising drag show ... date to be established in conjunction with spring break, needs to be discussed with Brad at Boomerangs
 - turn-about show is on February 24 if the kids would like to participate
 - June 17 ... Youth Night with Pride
 - April 29 ... Positive Direction AIDS Walk
- ◆ Stay Connected (17 to 24)
 - no report

- ◆ Grants
discussion continues about connecting with WSU for advancing grant efforts
- Old Business
no old business
- New Business
 - Looking into membership at COSCO
- As Arises
 - nothing
- Announcements
 - no announcements
- Next Meeting
 - Wednesday, March 1, 2017
- Moved to adjourn ... Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm

- Call To Order at 6:03
- Members Present: Nolin, Cindy, Gary, Brent, Morgan
- Youth Representatives Present: None
- Absent: Tom (excused), Ivy,
- Guests: none
- Approval of Current Agenda
 - **Agenda moved and accepted**
- Approval of February Minutes
 - **Minutes moved and seconded; passed**
- Public Forum
no public forum
- Reports
- ◆ Chair (Cindy)
 - presently working on policies and procedures regarding the The Center kitchen and rest room
 - Discussion / update regarding “Center” t-shirts
 - Discussion about getting “Center” stickers for “Get Connected” kids
- ◆ Vice Chair (Brent) :::
 - Facebook
 - Jan Per Week
 - 1685 visits
 - 122 engaged
 - 1393 Likes
 - Dec Per Week
 - 936 Visits
 - 74 Engaged
 - 1386 Likes
 - Nov Per Week
 - 1074 Visits
 - 83 Engaged
 - 1378 Likes
 - Oct
 - 1556 Visits
 - 89 Engaged
 - 1369 Likes
 - National Coming Out Day - \$25
 - Website
 - Feb
 - Will be posting results of Matching Fundraiser
 - Ad for National Geographic extremely successful
 - Update sent to contact
 - Photos of event will be loaded to website
 - Meeting notes to current will be loaded to website
 - Jan
 - 777 Visits
 - Sally removed from Website
 - Ads scheduled
 - Matching fundraiser
 - National Geographic Showing

- Dec
 - 825 Visits
 - WiTCoN removed from website
 - Top Pages For Quarter
 - Home Page
 - Donations
 - Archives (Meeting Notes)
 - Board of Directors
 - Organization Listings
 - Rental
 - Kids Connect
- Nov
 - 927 Visits
 - Calendar updated
- Oct
 - 832 Visits
 - Top Pages

Communications

- Emails forwarded appropriately
 - Two legal questions
 - Three volunteers, one for grand writing
 - Library volunteer
 - Invitation to WSU's 4th Annual Gender and Sexuality conference Mar 3
 - Invitation to WSU's Diversity & Inclusion Event second week March

◆ Voicemails completed by Morgan

◆ Secretary (Gary)
no report

◆ Treasurer (Nolin)
\$795 Raised for the matching funds campaign
Report Presented, Moved, and Seconded

● Current Committees

◆ LGBT Health Coalition

- no report

◆ Library

- no report

◆ Fund-raising and Endowment

- no report

◆ Kids Connect (Morgan Beisner) Pre-K to 5th Grade

- Planning to meet once per month at a park during summer months

◆ Get Connected (12 to 18)

- Discussion about the Get Connected fund-raising drag show ... date to be established in conjunction with spring break, needs to be discussed with Brad at Boomerangs – March 19th
- April 29 ... Positive Direction AIDS Walk
- June 17 ... Youth Night with Pride

◆ Stay Connected (17 to 24)

- no report

◆ Grants

- no report

● Old Business

- Discussion about membership at COSCO

● New Business

- Discussion on new Email received as well as the email system itself

- As Arises
 - nothing
- Announcements
 - no announcements
- Next Meeting
 - Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 6 PM
- Moved to adjourn ... Meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM

- **Call To Order at 6:09 PM**
- Members Present: Nolin, Cindy, Gary, Brent,
- Youth Representatives Present: None
- Absent: Tom (excused), Ivy, Morgan,
- Guests: none
- Approval of Current Agenda
 - **Agenda moved and accepted**
- Approval of March Minutes
 - **Minutes moved and seconded; passed**
- Public Forum
no public forum
- Reports
- ◆ Chair (Cindy)
 - no report
- ◆ Vice Chair (Brent)
 - Largest FB traffic and website traffic from week of 13th March
 - Generated by three FB posts & 1 paid ad
 - Testimonial of woman whose quote was used out of context to shame trans and she fought back (900 hits)
 - Article that dictionary already had gender-neutral pronouns (650 hits)
 - Jessie Tyler Ferguson reacting to "Beauty and the Beast" gay character (400 hits)
 - Paid ad for Drag Show (1200 hits)
 - Average web hits consistent with last four months around 800
 - Average FB consistent with previous month overall
 - Most common website hits
 - Main page
 - Get connected
 - Contact form
 - Contacts forwarded and answered as appropriate
 - No known upcoming events
 - One request for 'Day of Silence' dates
- ◆ Secretary (Gary)
 - no report
- ◆ Treasurer (Nolin)
 - Received \$805 for the matching funds campaign, for a total of \$1600.00.
 - T-shirts ordered for The Center
 - **Report Moved as presented, and Seconded**

- Current Committees
- ◆ LGBT Health Coalition
 - In the process of collecting payments for Wichita Pride
 - working on new health assessment survey
 - reviewing 2017 plan and funding possibilities from KHF
 - Pursuing professional vendors for Health Fair at Pride
- ◆ Library
 - Received two new books for the Library
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- ◆ Fund-raising and Endowment
 - Pursuing possibility of a “Bitchy Bingo” fundraiser for The Center – would be scheduled on the 2nd or 4th Thursday of any planned month.
- ◆ Kids Connect (Morgan Beisner) Pre-K to 5th Grade
 - Meeting Planned for April 26
- ◆ Get Connected (12 to 18)
 - general discussion
- ◆ Stay Connected (17 to 24)
 - no report
- ◆ Grants
 - no report
- Old Business
 - Discussion about membership at COSCO
 - Discussion on new Email received as well as the email system itself
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- New Business
 - Pride Parade Participation - Discussed
 - WPD Parade Participation - Discussed
 - Kitchen to be reorganized to make permanent space for Morgan
 - **The Board resolves that The Executive Board, as defined as The President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary; is provided emergency powers in the case that a decision must be reached before the next schedule general board meeting. --- moved by Nolin, Seconded by Gary ... approved.**
- As Arises
 - nothing
- Announcements
 - National Day of Silence ... April 21st
 - Positive Directions AIDS Walk ... April 29th
 - Youth Night With Pride ... June 17th
 - Pride Rally, Parade, and closing events ... Sunday, June 18th
 - “Return to Fantasy” event has been postponed to September 30
 - Starbucks LGBT group meeting at The Center
 - Camp Sunflower to be hosting meeting at The Center
- Next Meeting
 - Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 6 PM
- **Moved to adjourn ... Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM**

- **Call To Order at 6:30pm**
- Members Present: Nolin, Gary, Brent, Morgan,
- Youth Representatives Present: None
- Absent: Tom (excused), Cindy (excused),
- Guests: none
- Approval of Current Agenda
 - amended to add Ivy resignation added to New Business
 - **Agenda moved and seconded as amended; passed**
- Approval of April Minutes
 - **Minutes moved and seconded; passed**
- Public Forum
no public forum
- Reports
- ◆ Chair (Cindy)
 - no report
- ◆ Vice Chair (Brent)
 - Calendar filled until June on website
 - WiTCoN removed from affiliated groups listing
 - New trans group contact, called Phoenix, asked if we'll provide meeting space
 - No specialty events to announce
 - Stats:
 - Website still on par at 750 for month, top page (other than home page) is GC
 - Facebook now at 1400 hits per month
- ◆ Secretary (Gary)
 - no report
- ◆ Treasurer (Nolin)
 - **Report Moved as presented, and Seconded**
- Current Committees
- ◆ LGBT Health Coalition
 - Work on Health Fair for Wichita Pride continues
 - Health Research Project: work continues on new health assessment survey
 - Review continues 2017 plan and funding possibilities from KHF
 - still in the process of collecting payments for Wichita Pride
- ◆ Library
 - Reorganization of Library discussed
- ◆ Fund-raising and Endowment
 - Discussion about hosting a "Bitchy Bingo" fundraiser for The Center
- ◆ Kids Connect (Morgan Beisner) Pre-K to 5th Grade
 - Meeting plans pending for May at time of meeting – May 10 likely date
 - New family joined group
- ◆ Get Connected (12 to 18)
 - general discussion and review of parts of the regulations
 - discussed getting games for entertainment at group

- ◆ Stay Connected (17 to 24)
 - no report
- ◆ Grants
 - no report
- Old Business
 - Discussion on moving Email / web site
- New Business
 - Youth Night with Pride ... June 17, 5:30 to 9:30pm at AAIC ... discussed
 - Board resignation received from Ivy
- As Arises
 - nothing
- Announcements
 - Youth Night with Pride ... June 17, 5:30 to 9:30pm at AAIC
 - Pride Rally, Parade, and closing events ... Sunday, June 18th
 - "Return to Fantasy" event has been postponed to September 30
- Next Meeting
 - Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 6 PM
- **Moved to adjourn ... Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm**



The Center of Wichita

JUNE 7, 2017

● Call To Order at 6:10pm

● Members Present: Nolin, Gary, Brent, Morgan,

● Youth Representatives Present: None

● Absent: Tom (excused), Cindy (excused),

● Guests: Milo Care and Thomas Vitkus (The Phoenix Group)

● Approval of Current Agenda

- **Agenda moved and seconded; passed**

● Approval of May Minutes

- **Minutes moved and seconded; passed**

● Public Forum

no public forum

● Reports

◆ Chair (Cindy)

- no report

◆ Vice Chair (Brent)

• i) Communication/Events

- (1) No events to announce so far
- (2) Some question about WiTCoN trying to start a youth group
- (3) Ad in school newspaper panned out nicely, should do that again

• ii) Website/Social Media

- (1) Facebook
 - (a) Page likes steadily increasing by around 100 a week, currently holding at 1500
 - (b) More women than men but not by much
 - (c) Mostly between 18 and 40
 - (d) Will be posting about Pridefest intermittently for the next two weeks

• iii) Phone system

- (1) Been checking and forwarding as necessary

• iv) Calendar

- (1) Will be updating this week
- (2) Will include Pridefest details

◆ Secretary (Gary)

- no report

◆ Treasurer (Nolin)

- Balance Report
 - will be getting first aid kits for the Health Coalition to give out at Pride
 - Paid City of Wichita for "National Coming Out Day" location
- Received donation of the 25th anniversary pride flag
- **Report Moved as presented, and Seconded**

● Current Committees

◆ LGBT Health Coalition

- LGBT Health Coalition completed work for Health Fair for Wichita Pride
- Health Research Project: work continues on new health assessment survey
- Review continues 2017 plan and funding possibilities from KHF
- will be getting first aid kits for the Health Coalition to give out at Pride

- ◆ Library
 - Sandra Hain has offered to help re-organize “The Center” library
- ◆ Fund-raising and Endowment
 - Discussion about Christie Parker’s offer to help with fund-raising
- ◆ Kids Connect (Morgan Beisner) Pre-K to 5th Grade
 - Continues to grow
 - Meetings scheduled for 4th Wednesday of each month through summer
- ◆ Get Connected (12 to 18)
 - General discussion of new rules
- ◆ Stay Connected (17 to 24)
 - see “Old Business” *
- ◆ Grants
 - no report
- Old Business
 - Stay Connected to be removed from discussion / agenda until further notice
- New Business
 - The Phoenix Group --- **Proposed that “Wichita Phoenix” trans support group to become a program of “The Center”. – Discussed, Moved by Gary, Seconded by Nolin ... Motion Passed.**
- As Arises
 - “The Center” participation in / staffing for the Pride Parade discussed
- Announcements
 - Equality March ... June 11
 - Youth Night with Pride ... June 17, 5:30 to 9:30pm at AAIC
 - Pride Rally, Parade, and closing events ... Sunday, June 18th
 - “Return to Fantasy” event has been postponed to September 30
 - “National Coming Out Day” ... October 11
- Next Meeting
 - Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at 6 PM
- **Moved to adjourn ... Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm**

● **Call To Order at 6:01**

● Members Present: Nolin, Gary, Morgan, Cindy, Brent

● Youth Representatives Present: None

● Absent: Tom (excused), Milo Care and Thomas Vitkus of The Phoenix Group (excused)

● Guests: None

● Approval of Current Agenda

- **Agenda moved and seconded; passed**

● Approval of June Minutes

- **Minutes moved and seconded; passed**

● Public Forum
no public forum

● Reports

◆ Chair (Cindy)

- no report

◆ Vice Chair (Brent)

- Report Presented

◆ Secretary (Gary)

- no report

◆ Treasurer (Nolin)

- Balance Report
 - K-Step grant received from Tides Foundation, 2% goes to "The Center" for general use.
- **Report Moved as presented, and Seconded**

● Current Committees

◆ LGBT Health Coalition

- Ran out of Custom printed First Aid Kits at Pride

◆ Library

- General Discussion

◆ Fund-raising and Endowment

- no report

◆ Kids Connect (Morgan Beisner) Pre-K to 5th Grade

- General Discussion
- Considering adding a parenting blog on "The Center" page

◆ Get Connected (12 to 18)

- Addie (Boomerangs) to be working with "Get Connected"

◆ Phoenix

- Phoenix had its very first in-person meeting the Saturday before last, on June 24th. For our first meeting we considered it to be a wonderful success. We had six people show up not including ourselves. It was open, friendly, and active. This first meeting focused on building community and expressing their journey through an art prompt. The members were invested in their work, had active discussion throughout, and at the end we had a large open dialogue about the symbolism behind each piece. There were no conflicts at the meeting and everyone left in high spirits. We used art materials which were on hand and a couple members arrived with their own supplies to share or a donation of snacks. The meeting lasted all the way to 10pm. We are sorry to be unable to attend tonight. Milo is having surgery in less than a week and in the meantime he's seriously ill. We want to make it very clear that absence is not something you should typically expect of us. We are committed to being active members of the board, but Milo's health takes precedent right now.

- ◆ Grants
 - no report
- Old Business
 - Discussion about “The Center” table at Pride was unmanned
- New Business
 - Discussion about planning future events at “Rain” and other venues. Looking into Roxy’s as possible event venue.
- As Arises
 - none
- Announcements
 - “Return to Fantasy” event has been postponed to September 30
 - “National Coming Out Day” ... October 11
- Next Meeting
 - Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at 6 PM
- **Moved to adjourn ... Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm**

- **Call To Order at 6:00 pm**
- Members Present: Nolin, Gary, Morgan, Cindy, Brent,
- Youth Representatives Present: None
- Absent: Tom (excused),
- Guests: Milo Care and Thomas Vitkus
- Approval of Current Agenda
 - **Agenda moved and seconded; passed**
- Approval of July Minutes
 - **Minutes moved and seconded; passed**
- Public Forum
no public forum
- Reports
- ◆ Chair (Cindy)
 - Discussion regarding Library Plaque
 - Discussion regarding getting youth representative to the board for “Get Connected”
 - Discussion regarding getting carpets cleaned / general cleaning
 - Discussion about web site
- ◆ Vice Chair (Brent)
 - “The Center” site hit number received a boost following following President Trump's tweet regarding transgender persons in the military. Most of these visitors were seeking links to other LGBT organizations.
 - Received contact emails regarding transgender support groups. These were forwarded to Phoenix Group web site
 - Overall numbers holding at about 1,400 to 1,500 likes per week, Followers now close to 1,500 (any drop-off may be due to automated dis-likes)
- ◆ Secretary (Gary)
 - no report
- ◆ Treasurer (Nolin)
 - Balance Report
 - **Report Moved as presented, and Seconded**
- Current Committees
- ◆ LGBT Health Coalition
 - Goal to increase access to data
 - Working on trying to get on the “Health Quality Index” (HRC) – Working on Survey
 - Working on increase responses to health assessment surveys
 - Planned Parenthood to offer transgender services starting in September
- ◆ Library
 - General Discussion – work on the library in progress
- ◆ Fund-raising and Endowment
 - discussion of venues for events and different possibilities for fund-raising events
- ◆ Kids Connect (Morgan Beisner) Pre-K to 5th Grade
 - General Discussion
 - Expanding scope of Kids Connect to include more parental support group activities
- ◆ Get Connected (12 to 18)
 - General Discussion

- ◆ Phoenix
 - Continuing to actively posting on Phoenix group web site
 - Previous group meeting successful
 - Looking into getting a button maker as small fund-raising effort
- ◆ Grants
 - KDH grant submission in process
- Old Business
 - no old business
- New Business
 - no new business
- As Arises
 - none
- Announcements
 - “Return to Fantasy” event has been postponed to September 30
 - “National Coming Out Day” ... October 11
- Next Meeting
 - Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 6 PM
- **Moved to adjourn ... Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm**



The Center of Wichita

September 6, 2017

- **Call To Order at 6:00 pm**
- Members Present: Nolin, Gary, Cindy, Brent,
- Youth Representatives Present: Aiden
- Absent: Tom (excused), Morgan (excused)
- Guests: Milo Care
- Approval of Current Agenda
 - **Agenda moved and seconded; passed**
- Approval of August Minutes
 - **Minutes moved and seconded; passed**
- Public Forum
no public forum
- Reports
- ◆ Chair (Cindy)
 - Discussion regarding Library Plaque
 - Discussion about building cleaning
 - Discussion regarding the website
 - Review of prior issues regarding "Get Connected"
 - Discussion regarding emails from The Theater League
 - Discussion regarding email from Wichita Chamber
- ◆ Vice Chair (Brent)
 - Update regarding Social Media statics and discussion about other communications
 - Inquiry about obtaining list of "non-LGBTQ friendly" physicians to be passed onto LGBT Health Coalition
- ◆ Secretary (Gary)
 - no report
- ◆ Treasurer (Nolin)
 - Balance Report
 - Amazon Smile donation received ... \$42.39
 - PayPal Donations down
 - **Report Moved as presented, and Seconded**
- Current Committees
- ◆ LGBT Health Coalition
 - Applying for \$25,000 Grant, which would include the addition of a part-time position
 - Discussion about Wichita's "Open Street" event – September 24
 - Discussion about "Out Of The Darkness" event – September 16
 - Intern from WSU will be working for The Center / Health Coalition. Will also be working on "HQI"
 - Working on "Health Quality Index" (HRC)
 - Working to obtaining Grant Writing Interns from WSU as well
 - Planned Parenthood to offer transgender services started September 1
- ◆ Library
 - Work began on library's card catalog
- ◆ Fund-raising and Endowment
 - no discussion

- ◆ Kids Connect (Morgan Beisner) Pre-K to 5th Grade
 - Things are going well. I have 1 parent I put in touch with Keith Reynolds and not only did that work out very well, this parent has managed to get the district to agree to have GLSEN come in, train the teachers and then have the teachers present to the students. I am very interested to see if we can get the district to do this with other middle schools especially, there is a gap there that has been a sore spot for parents and students especially. Marshall Middle School, btw. We had an off site family dinner Sunday, all but 1 family ended up not making it but it was still fun and we will plan another in October, since there was much interest. Next meeting scheduled for Oct 25.
- ◆ Get Connected (12 to 18)
 - We have a real need for us to find more volunteers (background checks required). Even if they're once a month, they have *got* to commit to that one day a month. Ellie, Gary, Brent and I are exhausted and there has to be a way for us to rotate out. The burnout is real. I have a friend that is supposed to be getting Fridays off to help, I'm trying to confirm that is going to happen now. Otherwise I'm writing that off as a possibility. Nolin: I have those 2 receipts for you, if you like I can scan or take photos of them here and send them later tonight.
 - Discussion about Kitchen / Dish available
 - Discussion about future guest speakers
 - Discussion about use of two-way radio.
- ◆ Phoenix
 - Previous meeting cut short due to weather
 - Upcoming meeting September 9th
 - Facebook group going well ... no issues
- ◆ Grants
 - no discussion
- Old Business
 - Discussion regarding Kristi Parker (Liberty Press) potential fund raising efforts with "The Center"
- New Business
 - no new business
- As Arises
 - no discussion
- Announcements / Upcoming Events
 - "Out Of The Darkness" event – September 16
 - "Sweet Affair" Donna Sweet Fund – September 19
 - Wichita's "Open Street" event – September 24
 - "Return to Fantasy" – September 30
 - "National Coming Out Day" -- October 11
 - Pride will be hosting two events in 2018 ... One in June and one in September.
- Next Meeting
 - Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 6 PM
- **Moved to adjourn ... Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm**



The Center of Wichita

October 4, 2017

● **Call To Order at 6:02 pm**

● Members Present: Nolin, Gary, Cindy, Brent, Morgan

● Youth Representatives Present: None

● Absent: Tom (excused),

● Guests: Milo Kare

● Approval of Current Agenda

- **Agenda moved and seconded; passed**

● Approval of September Minutes

- **Minutes moved and seconded; passed**

● Public Forum

no public forum

● Reports

◆ Chair (Cindy)

- Discussion regarding removing individual from "Get Connected" banned list
- Review of the "Get Connected" Facebook members

◆ Vice Chair (Brent)

- i) Communication/Events
 - (1) NCOD getting posted a couple of more times
 - (2) So far it's boosted our numbers
- ii) Website/Social Media
 - (1) Facebook
 - (a) Crested 1,500 likes and still slowly climbing
 - (b) Post reaches hovering around 1,000 per week
 - (c) Pattern getting weirder since politics are all over the map
 - (2) Website
 - (a) Increase over the last three months to now over 900 per month
 - (b) Most web links from google, second most common from FB
- iii) Phone system
 - (1) No phone calls this month
- iv) Calendar
 - (1) Adding NCOD
- v) Library
 - (1) Transferred the card catalog to an alphabetized spreadsheet
 - (2) Will be going through the books currently in the room to make sure it's up to date

◆ Secretary (Gary)

- no report

◆ Treasurer (Nolin)

- Balance Report Presented
- PayPal ... no new payment / issues with setting up reoccurring donations
- Discussion about sourcing and selling "Center" stickers
- **Report Moved as presented, and Seconded**

- Current Committees
- ◆ LGBT Health Coalition
 - Submitted for \$25,000 Grant, which would include the addition of a part-time position
 - Intern from WSU will be working for The Center / Health Coalition. Will also be working on “Health Quality Index”
 - Work continues on “Health Quality Index” (HRC)
 - Still working to obtaining Grant Writing Interns from WSU as well
 - Discussion about co-sponsorship of “National Coming Out Day”
- ◆ Library
 - Digitized Card Catalog (611 Books)
- ◆ Fund-raising and Endowment
 - no discussion
- ◆ Kids Connect (Morgan Beisner) Pre-K to 5th Grade
 - Looking at meeting an additional day per month
 - interview with Wichita Eagle about “The Center” to be published
- ◆ Get Connected (12 to 18)
 - Discussion about needing quarters
 - Received consumable donations from Sedgwick County Zoo and NuWay
- ◆ Phoenix (Milo Kare)
 - General Discussion
- ◆ Grants
 - no discussion
- Old Business
 - Discussion regarding Kristi Parker (Liberty Press) potential fund raising efforts with “The Center”
- New Business
 - Discussion about interested therapist getting involved somehow with the Center
 - Tallgrass sponsorships discussed
- As Arises
 - no discussion
- Announcements / Upcoming Events
 - “National Coming Out Day” -- October 11
- Next Meeting
 - Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at 6 PM
- **Moved to adjourn ... Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm**

- **Call To Order at 6:00 pm**
- Members Present: Nolin, Gary, Brent,
- Youth Representatives Present: None
- Absent: Tom, Morgan (excused)
- Guests: Milo Kare, Reid Baccio, Robert Broughton, Hillary Clark
- Approval of Current Agenda
 - **Agenda moved and seconded; passed**
- Approval of October Minutes
 - **Minutes moved and seconded; passed**
- Public Forum
 - Hilary Clark, WSU ... Discussion regarding and assessment of the current board as well as specifications and expectations for potential new board members.
- Reports
- ◆ Chair
 - Chair resigned effective November 1, 2017.
- ◆ Vice Chair (Brent)
 - Emails
 - o Thanksgiving party plans
 - o Kaleidoscope LGBT Group at Newman asking for volunteer roles
 - o Phoenix and KC for woman with transitioning son
 - o Volunteer with focus on LGBT Athletes
 - o MDD Security, verification by email for Nolin?
 - o Dine & Donate was published to the event listing Evensii
 - o WSU Physician Asst program would like to send observers
 - Website
 - o Top five visits to the website are, in order:
 - § Homepage, Get Connected, Board of Directors, Kids Connect, Linked Orgs
 - § Noteworthy was the “Dine & Donate” event was in the top ten but only on for 1 week
 - o Holding steady at around 890 visits for the last two months.
 - o Most common click-throughs are from FB and Twitter
 - o Updated “notes” to current
 - FB
 - o Boost for Dine & Donate reached 1000 which is the highest boosted this quarter
 - o Highest non-paid for news reach was the Court putting a hold on Trump’s trans military ban, and the department of ed reconsidering the trans bathroom issue both over 200
 - § Meaning, government good news is a big draw right now but we need to make absolutely sure it doesn’t electioneer
 - § Post from ‘The Advocate’ Reid found was timely, but the article itself was a problem because they were in too much a hurry to edit, even misspelled GLAAD
 - o Highest non-paid for social reach was two videos who both got over 600
 - o Page likes are still above 1500 averaging three a week

- o Audience Insights
 - § still favors female at 55%, with 4% gender unidentified
 - § mostly Wichita with a handful in Derby and KC
 - § Mostly over age 30, highest between age 25-34
 - § most visits after 4p with peak at 3p
- ◆ Secretary (Gary)
 - no report
- ◆ Treasurer (Nolin)
 - Balance Report Presented
 - Received 'Charitable Solicitation License' from The State of Kansas
 - **Report Moved as presented, and Seconded**
- Current Committees
- ◆ LGBT Health Coalition
 - Followed up on the successful "National Coming Out Day" event
 - Discussion on the community outreach
 - Discussion on rating healthcare providers based on their acceptance and experience with regard to the LGBT spectrum
 - Will be moving forward to have LGBT friendly providers listed with the Health Coalition publish in their 'handout' that they are "LGBT Friendly"
- ◆ Library
 - Overdue books now cataloged
 - Plaque still pending
 - Copy of "George" missing
 - Robert and Reid volunteered to help re-catalog the library
- ◆ Fund-raising and Endowment
 - no discussion
- ◆ Kids Connect (Morgan Beisner) Pre-K to 5th Grade
 - Eagle article is still not published. I checked with the journalist (Suzanne Tobias Perez) last weekend and was told it was planned for publication the week of the 20-27th, and still have not seen it. It was still planned, since the author is coming this week it might be soon?
 - Last month's meeting was canceled due to my being sick and most of the families having conferences or after school events. Some did the Phoenix family dinner that weekend and had a very good time. (Kudos to Milo and Thomas)
 - Social Media is taking an upswing, the Twitter was followed by the founder of stophomophobia/wipehomophobia and the 10 year old drag queen Desmond Napoles, and his mother WendyLou has followed the Facebook page. There has been a little more engagement/reach happening on the page, and I am still aiming for that oh so close 100 mark.
 - November meeting is undecided because of the upcoming holiday, but likely to take place earlier in the month than usual because of Thanksgiving. Hopefully will have a solid date for the calendar within the next week or so.
 - Discussion about moving people into leadership positions within "Kids Connect"
- ◆ Get Connected (12 to 18)
 - General Discussion
- ◆ Phoenix (Milo Kare)
 - Planning continues for "National Trans Day of Remembrance"
- ◆ Grants
 - no discussion
- Old Business
 - Discussion regarding Kristi Parker (Liberty Press) potential fund raising efforts with "The Center"
- New Business
 - Reid and Robert to be working to help at The Center
 - Discussion about Board Elections in January
 - Board Assessment

- As Arises
 - Hilary Clark, WSU ... Discussion Part 2 ::: Board Skills Assessment; Board Member Expectations; Recruitment

- Announcements / Upcoming Events
 - Alex Gino, Author of "George", Book signing Event ... November 2, 2017
 - Missouri Valley DNA In The Dark ... November 10, 2017
 - "Trans Day of Remembrance" ... November 20, 2017
 - "World AIDS Day" ... December 1, 2017

- Next Meeting
 - Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 6 PM

- **Moved to adjourn ... Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm**



The Center of Wichita

December 6, 2017

● **Call To Order at 6:15 PM**

● Members Present: Nolin, Gary, Brent, Morgan, Tom

● Youth Representatives Present: None

● Absent:

● Guests: Thomas Vitkus

● Approval of Current Agenda

- added Reid Baccio and Robert Broughton to agenda
- added discussion about security system to minutes
- **Agenda moved and seconded; passed**

● Approval of Minutes :::

- **Minutes moved and seconded as amended; passed**

● Public Forum

- no public forum

● Reports

◆ *Chair*

- *no report*

◆ Vice Chair (Brent)

- VP report
 - o Website
 - § Significant dip from Oct to Nov
 - Down 200
 - Most commonly through direct visit or facebook, a few from google searches and one from Twitter
 - Peak for Nov was during Trans Day of Remembrance, so will work on more event / promotional postings
 - § Still getting hits from the LGBT Health Coalition site
 - § Top page is archives and homepage
 - o FB
 - § Page unfollows/unlikes increased taking us below 1,500 benchmark, but that number is going back up and currently at 1,491
 - § Highest reach and shares for last 30 was day of posts on
 - Trans Youth, alternative couple, and Channing Tatum in drag
 - Germany high-court recognizing third gender & gay politician
 - Indicating youth, trans, politics, and allies/non-gay still biggest draw
 - § Peak visits still between 1p and 9p
 - § Audience still 35-44 y/o skewing reported female by 10%
 - § Mostly Wichita and KC, with some in Derby and Hutch
 - o Email / VM
 - § Several requests for involvement in surveys (last week of fall semester, lots of PhD candidates, etc.)
 - § Request for help on missing person cold case from TX
 - § Request for 'Le Mis' style march down the streets of Wichita singing "Can You Hear the People Sing", I'm not exaggerating
 - § Will be updating the calendar for Dec
 - § Received Office 360 expiration notice
 - § Bravo TV
 - § Date change for 1099

◆ Secretary (Gary)

- no report

◆ Treasurer (Nolin)

- Balance Report Presented
- **Report Moved as presented, and Seconded**

● Current Committees

◆ LGBT Health Coalition

- Health Coalition had discussion about updating their website
- Health Coalition continued discussion on rating healthcare providers based on their acceptance and experience with regard to the LGBT spectrum
- Will be moving forward to have LGBT friendly providers listed with the Health Coalition publish in their 'handout' that they are "LGBT Friendly"

◆ Library

- Card Catalog almost complete
- Plaque still pending
- Copy of "George" replaced
- books were found mixed in with the recycling

◆ Fund-raising and Endowment

- discussion regarding preservation and display of 1ft x 30ft piece of historic Rainbow Flag

◆ Kids Connect (Morgan Beisner) Pre-K to 5th Grade

- Kids connect is looking at changing their meeting days

◆ Get Connected (12 to 18)

- General Discussion

◆ Phoenix (Thomas Vitkus)

- General Discussion
- working on fund-raising, and new social event(s)
- discussion about obtaining a button press
- Facebook views increased

◆ Grants

- no discussion

● Old Business

- Discussion / Update regarding The Center WiFi – work will continue Thursday (12/7/17), needing to get a new equipment
- Discussin regarding email / web hosting
- Board Skills Assessment as requested by Hilary Clark, WSU, ... brief discussion

● New Business

- Discussion regarding Reid and Robert
- Discussion about security system
- Discussion about obtaining two-way radios
 - **motion to purchase 12 two-way radios at a cost of \$135.38. Moved by Nolin: Seconded by Morgan**

● As Arises

- no discussion

● Announcements / Upcoming Events

- THE CENTER'S NEXT MEETING WILL BE THE ANNUAL MEETING

● Next Meeting – ELECTIONS / ANNUAL MEETING:

- Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 6 PM

● **Moved to adjourn ... Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM**