

## ISRC BOD/MEMBERS MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm

**Board Members in Attendance** – Don, Vivica/Jess, Hellin/Jim, Summer/Brent, Monica/Casey, Kimberly/Brandon, Daniel, Richard, Nikki/Mark

**Members in Attendance** – Jay DelaRosa, Cheralyn Michaels, Vicious Platinum Boulevard, Dr. Chance de Valmont, Alycia Day, Sam Jones, Norm Nevers Sugarbaker, Jaklyn Michaels, Jordan Byrum, Tina Gee, Ben C Hobbs, Aliyah Nicole, Cintronious Beaute Phoenixx, Sofia Valdez, Michael Sexton, Coco Petit Scities, Devlin Lynn Phoenixx, Lexus Lynn Phoenixx, Clinton Maurice, Jenuwine Beaute, Alexis Campbell Star, Ryan Brainard, Eric Posada, Tom Geil, Kitty KariAll, Stephanie Foxx, Candi Wrapper, Kimberlee Van Patten, Maria Peters Lake, Shima B Valentine, Flawless Shade, JJ Carmichaels, Tony Carmichaels, Daddy Robert Foxx

### **REPORTS:**

**General Membership** – 61 paid members, no new members last month

**Treasurer's Report** – Allocated Funds- \$1066.71; Available - \$35970.00; Spring Ball brought in \$1678.14, which includes \$260.00 from the sale of Pins by Timmy (which is already allocated for their stepping down); White Knight/Debutante Birthday Show brought in \$237.00. Motion made by Don to accept the Treasurer's Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Summer. Questions – Daniel asked what the \$6820.50 was on the report, Don explained that it is the approved budget for the P&P Ball. Passed by all to accept report.

**Secretary's Report** – Nikki talked about the Pride Parade; she is the Monitor. We must check in by 8:30 AM and our vehicle needs to be in place by 8:30 also. All participants must be in place by 10:45 AM, the parade with step off at 11:00 AM. ISRC is #88 out of 171, ISRC staging area is on the corner of NW 8<sup>th</sup> and NW Couch. We need a rough estimate of how many people will be walking with the court because if we have more than 25 people, we will need a 2<sup>nd</sup> Monitor. Kimberly and Daniel suggested going ahead and adding Paul Ashley as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monitor. Nikki made a motion to accept the Minutes, Summer 2<sup>nd</sup>, Passed by everyone but Daniel; due to the lateness of the minutes being sent to everyone Daniel did not see where it was listed in the notes that we tabled the judges for the Gay Oregon Pageant at the last meeting. Monica and I assured him that it was in there, he then changed his vote from a No to a Yes.

**Vice President's Report** – nothing to report.

**President's Report** – Monica stated that we should have 2 months ago reappointed the President's Committee's. We will be doing that tonight as we go through the committees

### **Committees**

Tradition's – Cicely/Harold, yes, he will continue running that committee. He had nothing to report at this time.

Website – Kenny & Ty are both going to continue running this committee and everything is okay.

Advertising – Jay DelaRosa is going to continue running this committee. He had nothing to report.

Social Media – Richard Rochelle is going to continue running this committee. He had nothing to report at this time.

Empress's Scepter – Champagne, Maria, Stephanie and Kimberly will continue this committee. They have been in talks with Ken McGee, he is currently working on a sketch and once they get the sketch they will then approve or ask for some changes.

Emperor's Scepter – Daniel, Scott and Mr. Bill will continue this committee. Currently they are putting to get sketches and ideas for the new scepter. They are having a meeting on Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup> to review and finalize. Daniel will be reaching out to all past Emperor's to tell them about the meeting and encourage them to come.

### **Title Holder's Reports –**

White Knight/ Debutante – Debutante, nothing to report, but thank you to everyone who attended the Birthday Show. White Knight, thank you to everyone that attended the Birthday Show.

Gay Portland's – Update on Lilla Lavender Farms Event for those that were not here last month. It's a curated 4 course meal, \$75 per ticket, limited space. July 6<sup>th</sup> is the date, wine pairing. Charity for this event is Camp KC, 10 tickets still left to be sold. Can be paid by cash or credit card. Don Hood and Ryan both will be collecting money for this event.

Gay Portland Pageant Event – Place – CC Slaughters; Date – 08/24/19; Doors at 4pm and Show at 5pm. Must be out of there by 9pm. Budget proposal by Summer - \$350 – programs; \$20 – medallion; \$120 – tiaras; \$100 – decorations; \$90 – Insurance = total of \$940. Ticket sales – 100 @\$20 = \$2000; Ad revenue = \$1000; Application fees = \$80. Totaling \$3080.00 – budget of \$940 = \$2140.00 for the Pride of the Roses Scholarship Foundation. Emcee's for the evening will be Shima B Valentine and Vivica Valentine. Wrote the comp list at 10 will more than likely be 6 due to the passing of a lot of the anniversaries. Monica has a question for Ryan – 10 full page ads at \$100 each are you going to sell 10 ads are you committing to this group that you are going to sell these ads? Ryan stated that he can sell 10 ads for the Portland Pageant Program. Motion made by Monica to accept this proposal; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kimberly; passed by all. A Night of a 1000 Britney's.

Ryan would also like to invite everyone to his Friends and Family Show/Karaoke at Portland Burger; 8/23/19.

Gay Oregon's – Thank you to everyone who has bought an ad for the Oregon Pageant. Friends and Family Show at the Taco's and Tequila Restaurant, across the street from Darcelle's. Inviting everyone to the Oregon Pageant at Shotski's. Need 5 more full page ads to pay for the program, all ads and money's due by the 10<sup>th</sup>. Tiara Desmond Foundation is the charity.

Raffle prize from P&P Ball – Financial responsibility does fall on the BOD. BOD will have an answer next month.

Back to Gay Portland – 2<sup>nd</sup> event – Mr. Gay Portland’s Backyard BBQ – everything was planned out, however when Don Hood contacted Parks and Rec, they price that we were going to be charged was near \$1000, where we had only budgeted for \$400. Ryan’s work has agreed to donate \$400 towards food costs, Rose Court had approved a budget of \$350. Ryan is unsure what to do now with the price being raised so much. His work Green Light District has offered to hold it in their parking lot. Monica stated that since the original plan is not going to be able to be done, then the event is killed. Ryan would need to resubmit a new event proposal for what ever he decides to do, and he can email the board for time sensitive things.

Prince & Princess – Received email from Envi that she is out of town tonight and excused from the meeting. Thank you to everyone who helped make Spring Ball a huge success. Still have quite a few pins left to sell, so if anyone wants one to hit him up.

Emperor & Empress – Friday – 6/7/19 – 10am – Peninsula Park – Royal Rosarians are giving out honorary title to Darcelle XV. 6/30/19 – Washington Park – Peacock in the Park; Daniel and Kimberly have started choreographing the court number if anyone is interested in being in that number to come talk to one of them. Pride Parade, if anyone is wanting to walk with the court float to talk to Daniel or Kimberly also, we have a theme and oriental/Asian theme that they are requesting everyone be in. Kimberly congratulated the new Gay Pride winners.

Save the date – All you can eat pancake breakfast - 07/27 – 9am to 11 am - \$10 at the Roxy benefiting Audria M Edwards and Pride of the Roses Scholarship Foundations.

Hopefully planning to bring back Forever Young Show – Club 96

Stories of 25 LGBTQ Pioneers will be on display, each pioneer will be teamed up with a graphic design team to illustrate their stories. It will be at Place Gallery, Rose Empress XV – Darcelle and Rose Emperor V – Daddy Frank have been selected as pioneers. 06/27 – will be the evening reception.

### Old Business

We brought in 3 new board members last month, we have one open position besides our Members at Large positions. Monica nominates Hellin Heels as Membership Secretary, Vivica 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, its passed by all. Vivica and Richard will fill the 2 members at large positions.

Going back to Empress and Emperor – Coronation Budget – Kimberlee Van Patten presented the proposed budget – Coronations are expensive. One area they have found to cut is having the Monarchs Reception at Darcelle’s and then walking across the street to the Siren Theatre for the Out of Town Show, saves on food costs and rentals from the Embassy Suites. Siren Theatre rents for \$300 and they will be bringing in a Full Bar for the night. Also wanting to have a streamlined OOTS, title holders and perform somewhere on Sunday, the OOTS is for out of towners only.

AD Sales – Last year raised \$6763.00, this year they have budgeted for \$6000.00. Also, have budgeted for \$3000 in sponsorships, will be working on that also. Otherwise, there is just no where else to cut or

trim from, Coronations are our biggest events but also our most expensive. Could make a profit of \$1723.00 at a \$65 a ticket, monarchs would like to keep the ticket price reasonable. Monica makes a motion to accept the Coronation budget as presented, Don 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, passed by all. Victory Brunch will be at Embassy Suite - \$30, starts at 12pm.

Live Social Media Calendar – Calendars will be available starting at the next meeting to hand out. Richard and Kenny will also be updating the websites and court page. Should be out 1 week prior to the month happening. Richard wanted to let everyone know that now that his health is doing better, if anyone wants their events video tapped, please let him know.

### **Speakers –**

Tom Terrific – Rose Parade Announcer – asked to join the Royal Rosarians. Just finished Rose Bowl Classic Bowling Tournament, 36<sup>th</sup> year. People from all over come to participate and every year there is always a top 3 that get the Silver Awards. Amazing this weekend, they give out a Silver Award, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place this year went to the Chiffon's – Monica, Char, Nikki Davis and Sarah. Congratulations to them. Also sold tickets and the winner got a colorized silver \$10 coin celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Equality in Canada.

Jay DeLaRosa – Been doing advertising for 10 to 15 years, this will be his last year. Needs help, willing to train the younger generation so that they can take over. Carlos/Sofia is willing to learn and wants to learn. Monica appointed Sofia to the Advertising Committee.

We need to do more in advertising than just Facebook; we need to put out flyers, posters and everything to advertise the events we are having and not just social media.

Norm Nevers Sugarbaker – Reminder of Christmas in July to benefit Esther's Pantry, Silverado, \$10, 07/13/19, A Country Christmas in July.

Maria Peters Lake – Congratulations to Tony J Carmichaels and the other new Gay Pride's. Sunday was the All Ages Show, 24<sup>th</sup> year. Due to not wanting to turn people away, Poison Waters came up with doing 2 shows. Last year both shows sold out and so did this year. It's great for the kids.

Stark Street Celebration – Peacock will have a tent and alcohol, hoping to see the ISRC really represent this year on all 3 days.

Peacock in the Park – Volunteers, Volunteers, Volunteers – Please come help set up or take down whatever you can do is always greatly appreciated. It's a big event and very hard on everyone, especially when there are on a handful of people there to help. Please remember 07/29 is Kimberlee Van Patten's Birthday so please message her as she will be very busy.

Alexis Campbell Star – Soul Food & Gospel show is returning. It will be at Darcelle's on 08/18/19, \$10, door at 5pm, show at 6pm, if you would like to perform or be involved in any way please contact Alexis. Doing a Potluck type of theme, contact Alexis, must perform a Gospel Song. Saturday of Pride, Hot Chocolate will be on the Pride Main Stage from 4:30 to 4:50.

Don Hood – Valentines from Hell; theme is Motown, please save the date in February. Pride of the Roses Scholarship Foundation.

Monarch Shout outs

Motion to adjourn at 8:14 – Monica; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hellin

## GAY OREGON INTERVIEW MINUTES

June 3, 2019

Interview meeting was called to order by Monica at 8:25pm

Monica requested that all questions be relevant questions, qualifying questions. Applies to them being able to do the job. Also, that if you ask a question of one candidate that you ask the same question to all 3 candidates.

Board to do a quick vote on list of current judges selected for the Oregon Pageant. The current list submitted is being declined. Board is requesting that Bar Owners be removed and add 2 new alternates. The vote for this will be done electronically once the BOD receives the new list.

### **Candidate #1 for the position of Mr. Gay Oregon – Daddy Robert Foxx**

ID was given to Vivica for verification of residency; and he meets all requirements of residency

**Question – Cheralyn Michaels – As an Oregon Titleholder, your realm is Portland, Salem and Eugene; who are the reigning Monarch's of these realms?** Answer – In Eugene we currently have Maliena Bitchcock and Hunter Downe – Knightly; Salem is without Monarch's at this moment; however, they do have an Imperial Princess Nicole Stanza. Here in Portland we have Kimberly Michelle Westwood and Daniel Surreal Foxx.

**Question – Kimberly Michelle Westwood – Have you held any titles in the past and if so, what were your successes and what could you have worked on better?** Answer – Last title that I held was Miss Gay Vancouver Pride #5. To date the 3 of us have had the most successful Prides they have ever had, we haven't been beat. As far as doing anything better, as I look back on it, there was nothing we could have done better. We went everywhere we could possibly go and the 3 of us had a fantastic year. Monica did mention for those that had not seen his application – He has lifetime titles in Portland, Eugene and Vancouver. He resides in Portland

**Question – Aliyah Nicole – If awarded Mr. Gay Oregon, what do you bring to the table and plan on improving what you feel has been lacking?** Answer – For right now, I bring to the table my prior years of experience and I plan on building on what I started years ago. And I plan on improving that there is a Mr. Gay Oregon, I feel that it is very much needed.

**Question – Don Hood – Do you serve on any other boards here in the City of Portland? And if so, would they be conflicts?** Answer – I do not sit on any boards in any cities at this time, or in Portland specifically.

**Question – Daniel Surreal Foxx – Can you state why these are volunteer positions and not paid positions? (Clarification – In this day of RuPaul's Drag Race a lot of people are wanting to be paid. Daniel would like to hear the candidates explain why it is so important that these positions are volunteer)** Answer – For roles such as these I feel that it is very important the they are volunteer,

because we are out to do community service and to work for our communities and raise money for charities. That isn't something we should be putting our hand out saying "pay me" to raise money for charity. That's not what its about, you are supposed to be there for the community doing the work. And you don't get paid for that, that is done out of your heart with love.

**Question – Kimberly Michelle Westwood – Piggy backing on the last question, can you please explain to the room, your definition of expectations vs requirements?** Answer – Requirements, I would say are what we have down in the bylaws and are what we have to do. Expectations are what I am going to set against myself for what I want to have for a year.

**Question – Monica Boulevard – Assuming you win the position and we are sitting here in the same spot next year and you can consider yourself successful. How would that be measured, in what way, what qualifies as a successful year?** Answer – For me knowing in my heart that I have done my best, will be a measure of success. Another measure of success would be that there would be at least 3 people vying for the title of Mr. Gay Oregon 47. *Side note from Monica – If there are at least 3 people running for Mr. Gay Oregon next year I will buy you a trophy myself.*

**Question – Maria Peters Lake – Do you know what the requirements are for the Gay Oregon's?** Answer – Can I quote them right now, NO; have I read through them, do I remember them through out the years, Yes for the most part. I know I have to attend some of the Pageants and Fundraising Shows, but as far as that, I would have to look them up.

**Question – Alycia Day – What do you consider a Rose Court Function outside of the other 2 courts? What is a Rose Court Function to you? (Clarification from Monica – sometimes people say "I'm not going to that event because it's not a Rose Court Function and I don't have to; what do you consider a Rose Court Function?)** Answer – Well as far as a Rose Court Function, I would try and attend everything that I could, example when I was First Lady to Josef Foxx, I went to every single in town function and I traveled to Eugene, Salem, Vancouver. I went up and down the I-5 corridor because I wanted to go to everything and its not limited to just Rose Court functions being a Gay Oregon Titleholder. You've got to through out the state and represent.

**Question – Hellin Heels – Other than Drag Shows, do you have any other ideas for Fundraising Events?** Answer – Yes and if I am selected and win this title, I will let you know.

**Monica – Robert I have your application here and you have signed and checked all these things on your application, do you understand everything that you have read and signed?** Yes, I do

**Do you have any questions?** My only question is what number will this title hold since there was someone in the position last year that resigned. **Answer – 46**

Robert was thanked and excused, all Monarch's and Board vote. **Yes votes = 18; No votes = 0**

### **Candidate #1 for the position of Miss Gay Oregon – Devlin Lynn Phoenixx**

ID was given to Vivica for verification of residency; and she meets all requirements of residency

**Question – Cheralyn Michaels – As an Oregon Titleholder, your realm is Portland, Salem and Eugene; who are the reigning Monarchs of these realms?** Answer – Great question, in Eugene we have Hunter

Downe-Knightly, Emperor and Maliena Bitchcock, Empress Reign 45; In Salem, they currently do not have reigning Monarchs, but do have a Princess, Nicole Stanza; and of course here in Portland, we have Daniel Surreal Foxx, Emperor 42 and Kimberly Michelle Westwood, Empress 60.

**Question – Kimberly Michelle Westwood – Have you held any titles in the past and if so, what were your successes and what could you have worked on better?** Answer – Miss Gay Portland 46; what was successful to me was my drive and my visibility. I worked my ass off to be present and pick up some slack that may have been present in our team. But I pulled it off successfully, oh she knows that it is no shade, she knows it. What I could have done better was maybe worked on encouraging the team better, trying to get more out of us together instead of just running away with it.

**Question – Kimberly Michelle Westwood – Can you please explain to the room, your definition of expectations vs requirements?** Answer – Lets start with expectations – what I see expectations are what other people would like you to do and things that they would see you doing and want to see from you. Requirements are defined, outlined things that you do have to do, I really strive to meet people’s expectations, because I want to present the best foot forward and make everyone happy. I am very much a people pleaser.

**Question – Alycia Day – What do you consider a Rose Court Function outside of the other 2 courts? What is a Rose Court Function to you? (Clarification from Monica – sometimes people say “I’m not going to that event because it’s not a Rose Court Function and I don’t have to; what do you consider a Rose Court Function?)** Answer – Anything that has been presented here at a board meeting, anything that people have brought here to the Rose Court that they want or would like us to attend, they would like to see our shining faces at, those are Rose Court Functions.

**Question – Hellin Heels – Other than Drag Shows, do you have any other ideas for Fundraising Events?** Answer – Not currently, but I do really appreciate Mr. Gay Portland Ryan, his BBQ cook out idea, I thought about doing that during my year but never had the time to completely flush it out. But, I’m willing to give it another try.

**Question – Daniel Surreal Foxx – Can you state why these are volunteer positions and not paid positions? (Clarification – In this day of RuPaul’s Drag Race a lot of people are wanting to be paid. Daniel would like to hear the candidates explain why it is so important that these positions are volunteer)** Answer – Frankly for these things we are not going to be paid for and there should not be an expectation that we’re going to get paid. Because this is not a paid position, this is a volunteer position, we are a volunteer organization, we need to be present and be happy to be there without worrying about what kind of monetary exchange there’s going to be.

**Question – Don Hood – Do you serve on any other boards here in the City of Portland? And if so, would they be conflicts?** Answer – I do not.

**Question – Maria Peters Lake – Do you know what the requirements are for the Gay Oregon’s?** Answer – Oh yeah, I’ve been studying those requirements. There is actually a new one that I learned that I don’t think has been enforced a lot. In the bylaws it says that the Gay Oregon’s must help with the White Knight/Debutante Pageant, so I would love to do that if you guys would like and I am lucky enough to get this position.

**Monica – Devlin, I have your application here and you have signed and checked all these things on your application, do you understand everything that you have read and signed? I do**

**Do you have any questions?** No, I don't

Devlin was thanked and excused, all Monarch's and Board vote. **Yes votes** = 18; **No votes** = 0

### **Candidate #2 for the position of Miss Gay Oregon – Flawless Shade**

ID was given to Vivica for verification of residency; and she meets all requirements of residency

**Question – Cheralyn Michaels – As an Oregon Titleholder, your realm is Portland, Salem and Eugene; who are the reigning Monarchs of these realms?** Answer – Eugene reigning Monarchs are Emperor Hunter Knight and Empress Malania Buttcock, and in Salem it is Reign 42, and in Portland it is Kimberly Michelle Westwood as our Empress 60 and Daniel Surreal Foxx as our Emperor 42. Thank you for your question.

**Question – Kimberly Michelle Westwood – Have you held any titles in the past and if so, what were your successes and what could you have worked on better?** Answer – Miss Sweetheart 29; I feel I did a really successful job bring more awareness and a lot more events to the Sweetheart title. I held at least one event a month, obviously as we know it all goes to charity, which is that title. A lot of the events that I do and that I host I have to have a charity and an organization that we are raising money for and I felt that I did a good job coming up behind Bolivia Carmichaels and bringing up the Sweetheart Legacy. What I felt that I could have improved on from my year was probably communication with my Mister. I think we both had different opinions and ideas of how we wanted our year to go. And I think if we would have talked earlier rather than later, during board meeting and have private communications before we started doing a lot of our things we would have had a more successful year. Thank you for your question, Empress.

**Question – Kimberly Michelle Westwood – Can you please explain to the room, your definition of expectations vs requirements?** Answer – For me a requirement is something that is written down on paper. If someone above you, lets say your manager, I use to work for Michael Kohrs, my manager required me to do something, for me I was required to come in here with a State ID that shows that I have lived in Portland for at least a year, for me that is a requirement. An expectation is something that people expect you to do, people expect me to hold myself at a show in a very entertaining and maybe a political way because we are gay and queer, so I'm allowed to speak my mind. So yeah, I think expectations vs anything other than that are more opinionated and bias as to factual. Thank you for your question, Empress.

**Question – Alycia Day – What do you consider a Rose Court Function outside of the other 2 courts? What is a Rose Court Function to you? (Clarification from Monica – sometimes people say “I'm not going to that event because it's not a Rose Court Function and I don't have to; what do you consider a Rose Court Function?)** Answer – I consider a Rose Court function being something that is any one of our pageants that we have, whether it be our White Knight/Debutante Ball, whether it be Turnabout, anything that the ISRC are doing for fundraisers is a function that I would be at every single one of those.



Any Pageants or functions that fall under the ISRC category of Ball's and Pageant's and fundraisers that a Gay Oregon title would need to go and attend, that function. Thank you for your question.

**Question – Hellin Heels – Other than Drag Shows, do you have any other ideas for Fundraising Events?**

Answer – I do have a lot of ideas that I am very excited about talking about to and communicating with the future Mr. Gay Oregon. One of the things while I am interviewing for candidacy is more community involvement and I believe we have such strong community, this is a strong community, but I would love for it to be all into one, like Peacock in the Park is a very grand fundraiser that the entire community goes to. I would like to book something like that where I could book local entertainers where they could be paid, appreciated and bring all aspects of the community together. I would like to see us all together instead of the likes we put on Facebook. Thank you for your question.

**Question – Daniel Surreal Foxx – Can you state why these are volunteer positions and not paid positions? (Clarification – In this day of RuPaul's Drag Race a lot of people are wanting to be paid.**

**Daniel would like to hear the candidates explain why it is so important that these positions are volunteer)** Answer – I think that, I have been doing drag for 4 years and so for me, I do drag as my source of income, and I would say that not a lot of people get that experience of it. But I have paid my dues to get my pay, and I would love to pay more, and I feel I have paid some dues to get me to be a potential candidate here. So, just like with the Sweetheart Organization I gave up a whole year while still facilitating my lifestyle and what its like to be a drag queen. To do all that, I would still continue to give back to the community and help out whatever organizations that I could whether it be in attendance or helping out. Or anything I could do; I do know that drag is about more than just being paid its about showing you care and showing the community by helping out and educating. So, I am not looking to be paid but I will be paid before this so I can help further my potential legacy with the Gay Oregon's and helping out the ISRC. Thank you for your question Emperor.

**Question – Don Hood – Do you serve on any other boards here in the City of Portland? And if so, would they be conflicts?** Answer – I do not, I host a lot of the shows at the venues where I work at, that want me to host shows at. Thank you for your question.

**Question – Maria Peters Lake – Do you know what the requirements are for the Gay Oregon's?**

Answer – I did read the requirements and feel that I can uphold every single one of them as much as I can to the ability of my knowledge. Thank you for your question.

**Monica – Flawless, I have your application here and you have signed and checked all these things on your application, do you understand everything that you have read and signed?** Yes, I do

**Do you have any questions?** I don't have any questions.

**Discussion – Question from Daniel** - still confused on whether she understands that this is a volunteer position and not paid. **Answer from Monica** – She will still be working as a paid Drag Queen to fulfill her life and pay her bills. But she is stepping aside from that to work voluntarily for the year as part of earning her dues in the community. She's going to do both. **Comment from Jenuwine** – there's one thing that I thought might need some more clarification for her is that she mentioned that she wants to do a fundraiser and have the performers paid, that isn't something we would do. **Answer from Monica** – she would need to present that, and it would never be approved. I will clarify with all 3 of them that at no time will they or anyone else be paid for a court event.

Flawless was thanked and excused, all Monarch's and Board vote. **Yes votes = 17; No votes = 1**

**Monica** – before we bring them back in, we have had a request from the Empress, in the past, in the Oregon Pageant, we say that they can go onto Facebook and say that they encourage people to attend the Gay Oregon Pageant, but can not say that they have been approved to be a candidate. She would like to get more involvement and thinks it would be beneficial to the reign and the court if they were allowed to say that they are approved candidates and get their friends to come. Someone mentioned that it states in the bylaws that they can't, Monica replied that it does not state in the bylaws that we can't it states in the rules of operation which we have the right to amend as needed, it is not a bylaw exception. **Time to Vote; Yes vote = 11; No votes = 5 PASSED.**

**Daniel** – I just want it noted that this wasn't a policy and procedure protocol we are changing.

**Monica** – We are not changing the rule we are making an exception. To change the rule, we would have to follow the protocol. **People asked** - what is the difference? **Answer** – Exception means we did it this time while we wait for an appending change. If we wanted to wait until next year we would have to vote again if we don't have an official change.

**Question** – Will the candidates be sequestered? **Answer** – The night of the pageant? I don't think we normally do that, No. Aliyah noted that she was sequestered her year and Monica stated that she thinks that they just naturally sequester themselves because they are busy getting ready for each category. It's not a requirement.

**Ryan** was asked to bring all 3 candidates back in.

**Monica** started by clarifying due to some questions asked after interviews - that at no time does a court function get paid or pay any of its people. You all have the right to work and earn your money outside of court functions which is completely understandable but during court shows nobody ever gets paid. Monica then informs them that they all 3 have passed and congratulations, for the Miss candidates, Summer has numbers for them to draw who will be candidate #1 and who will be candidate #2. Devlin draws the #1 so she is candidate #1 and Flawless draws the #2 so she will be candidate #2. Monica then informs them that they can announce that they are approved candidates for Gay Oregon and use the power of their name to get people to come to the Pageant. Summer will send each candidate tonight the criteria of what they can and can not say on social media.

**Nikki** takes all applications to keep with the minutes.

Motion was made by Monica to adjourn the meeting at 9:20pm; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel