

ISRC BOD/MEMBERS MEETING MINUTES

August 5, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm

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

Members in Attendance = Alycia Day, Sam Jones, Norm Nevers, Jenuwine Beaute, Jaklyn Michaels, Dr. Chance de Valmont, Stephanie Foxx, Odyssey Nightengale, Carlos Negrete, Cassie Nova, Jeremy Coring Peck, Michael Sexton, Tom Terrific, Sofia Valdez, Candy Wrapper, Fiano Flash Foxx, Flawless Shade, Daddy Robert, Envi Valentine, Devlin Lynn Phoenixx, Mr. Bill, Champagne, Miss Inanna, Jay J Carmichaels, Mark Hollywood, Colton Fields, Molly Doll Foxx, Erin Martins, Jay Dela Rosa, Ty VanHelsing, Eric Posada, Ryan Brainard, Charles Hall, Malibu Boulevard, Coco Petit Scities, Shima Valentine, Rocky Valentine, Kenzie B Valentine, Cicely, Cintronious Beaute Phoenixx, Clinton Maurice, Daddy Frank, Jarod Hall, Alexis Campbell Starr, Patrick Arnold, Vicious Platinum Boulevard

REPORTS:

General Membership – **Hellin/Jim** – No new members except the 2 that joined last month with a total of 63 members

Treasurer's Report – **Don Hood** – Currently right now our allocated funds stand at \$30,898.50; our available funds are \$19,846.65; we have a report on the Mr. Gay Portland dinner after expenses and everything it brought in \$1650.00 and then the Monarchs Pancake Breakfast that was held at the Roxy brought in \$481.66 that was for the Audria M Edwards Scholarship Fund and the Pride of the Roses Scholarship Fund to be split. Just a reminder to all the titleholders and whomever else is doing fundraisers and its going to a charity. If it is a new charity that is not already in our bank of charities that we have, it is YOUR responsibility to contact them and find out the 501c3 information. That is the only way we can give money away to a charity, they must be a 501c3. Don makes a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; Norm Nevers asked about Christmas in July, Don forgot to print that out and Don stated he would send that information out on FaceBook; Don believes that they brought in around \$500 for Esther's Pantry. 2nd by Vivica; passed by all.

Secretary's Report – **Nikki/Mark** – Motion made by Monica to accept all the minutes of June, July, the E-Votes on Judges for Gay Oregon and New ISRC Banner and GO Interviews; 2nd by Vivica; passed by all.

Vice President's Report – **Summer/Brent** – Ads are due today for Gay Portland Program and that is all I have.

President's Report – **Monica/Casey** – Nothing to report

Committees:

Traditions – Nothing to report

Website – We received an email from Kenny that everything is current on the webmasters' report. We got a ton of old information updated thanks to the help of Daniel and Don and several other people. We still have some gaps, but we are much more accurate than we have ever been.

Advertising – Nothing new except Gay Portland Pageant Program ads are due today; however, we do need to set a date for Coronation Ads, date has been set for September 22nd. That gives us 5 weeks to do the program.

Social Media – nothing to report

Empress's Scepter – We are in talks with Ken McGee, he has sent the scepter to the planers, it should be back in 2 weeks for us to review and then it will be ready to be shipped to us.

Emperor's Scepter – nothing new to report

Title Holder's Reports:

White Knight/Debutante – **JJ & Jaklyn** – Nothing New to Report

Gay Portland's – **Ryan/Cub** – Finishing up for the Pageant, last day for ad sales, asking if the button to pay for ads will still be on the website after today. Ryan has someone that wants to pay for 2 full page ads. Ryan will reach out to Michael from Stag and see if he can at least pay for it tonight. Thank everyone for the Lavender Farm night.

Gay Oregon's – **Daddy Robert & Flawless** - Thank everyone that have come out to support Legacy since starting. Propose a save the date for step down to be on 06/27/2020, Ball Chairs they would like to propose 2 at this time Chance deValmont and Shima Valentine. Issues – Monica, no issues with Chance, he has produced the Rosebud & Thorn Pageants along with the Leather and Lace. Ball chairs are to be present at meetings so that we can discuss business, is Shima committing to be at meeting on an ongoing basis, is she committing to that? Shima – Yes, she is committing to that. Kimberly – Curious that neither have done a Rose Court Event especially Gay Oregon where its in a ballroom, thoughts?? Daddy Robert has known Chance for a long time and has every confidence that he can do what is needed to complete this job. They have a third that they are wanting to possibly propose next meeting. Kimberly asked if the third person done or been a ball coordinator before? Daddy – Yes. Kimberly asked who it was? Vivica stated that she would be more comfortable voting on these coordinators if we could discuss the 3rd person now instead of being left with 2 people that haven't ever been coordinators for a Rose Court Function. Daddy asked JenuWine Beaute if she would be willing to be their 3rd ball coordinator – Daniel asked if the Oregon's thought that they might be overextending these people in the month or June which is a very busy month. Daddy feels that it would be true for anyone that they propose as coordinators. Daddy Robert plans on being very involved in everything for his step down to make sure it's the best it can be. Jenuwine declined that coordinator position. Motion to approve them both by Vivica; 2nd by Nikki; discussion – Hellin asked if Shima and Chance are ok working together and producing a Pageant of this size? Shima – Yes; Chance – Yes. Both feel that they can do a great job and have both worked on Rosebud and Thorn together and both feel that if they do run into an issue that

there are plenty of knowledgeable people that they can ask. Monica wanted to ask the 2 being proposed as ball chairs for the record – It's easy to commit to this task 11 months before it happens, everybody's brand new, everybody's excited, everybody's having a good time; at some point Flawless might turn into a complete raging bitch, its possible. Or it might be Daddy or Shima or Chance, we've got 4 potential people here that could turn it all around in one night. Are you all committed to working through this and doing the job no matter how you feel about each other? Shima – Yes, she feels that this is for the community and she can set personal things aside to complete this for the community, Daddy and Flawless. Chance – Absolutely. Maria – wants to know that come October there is a race, does that make a difference? Monica replied with "NO" no one is a candidate right now. Daniel for the record wants known that he is not in favor of this because he feels that it is overextending peoples time, to make this the best successful event. He wants people that can marry themselves together and make this next Gay Oregon Pageant the best it can be. Vote – Yes – 6; No – 2; Passes.

Daddy then asked whom they should be talking with about the after voting show, we no longer have an after voting show. Monica explained that the bylaws stated that they would help with the after voting show for E&E if there is one. Also, help with White Knight and Debutante Pageant; Monica stated all title holders help with this pageant.

Prince & Princess – LaVicious & Envi – Envi wanted to thank everyone that joined her down in Salem for the All State Princesses Show, they raised \$700 to be divided between the ISRC, ISCWE & ISCEE. Envi is proposing a fundraiser – Mac & Cheese Cookoff on 10/04 – to be held at Stag, 6:30pm set up time; 7:00pm dish up; \$10 cover; benefitting Esther's Pantry and she is hoping for a cash prize for 1st place winner. Monica asked what hoping for a 1st Place cash prize meant, falling from the sky. Envi explained that it would be coming from her, but she didn't want to obligate cash prizes for all 3 place winners. Motion to approve the event made by Monica; 2nd by Don; voted pass by all with Summer abstaining.

Emperor & Empress – Daniel & Kimberly – Event proposal – Rose Court Carwash; 8/18; 3:00pm to 5:30pm; \$15 per car with snacks; benefitting SMYRC. Motion made by Monica; 2nd by many; vote – passed by all. Sticker Ninja donating stickers of the Magnificence of the Rose Crest to be sold to help raise money for Coronation. Also, presenting a check for \$3000.00 from Stag as a sponsorship for Coronation this year. Putting together an AIDS walk team for the walk this year on 09/07. Reminder that after Announcement of Candidates for Emperor & Empress there is a photoshoot for the College of Monarchs and Imperial Family at the Chinese Gardens right down the street from Darcelles, 7pm.

New Business:

Update on updating Award Recipients from the past reigns – Is complete, Daniel believes that Kenny has received all the updates and now the website should be up to date with no missing award recipients. Still missing 4 proclamations and 13 declarations, we are hopefully going to have all this updated by the next meeting.

Troll Night has been booked for 09/26 at Stag PDX, hosted by Candi Wrapper and Stephanie Foxx, theme this year is Crazy Rich Trolls.

Emperor and Empress Dates for September and October

09/09 – Applications are Due

09/17 – Interviews for Emperor and Empress

09/22 – Announcement of Candidates for Emperor and Empress

10/13 – Voting Day for Emperor and Empress

10/16 – Harmony of the Rose Dinner and Awards

10/18 – Monarchs Reception – 6p to 7p at Darcelle's

10/18 - Out of Town Show at the Siren Theatre

10/19 – Coronation at the Melody Ballroom

10/20 – Victory Brunch at Embassy Suites

10/20 – The Stag Party hosted by Cassie Nova

Reminder – Ads are due no later than 09/22

Old Business:

Announcement of Candidates for Gay Portland's is on 9/16; usually the announcement is on the Friday following interviews. However, this is the first year that we have had a combined meeting so with campaign only being one week, the announcement of candidates is moved to 09/16 which gives the Candidates one extra week of prep work for their posters, flyers and everything. Announcement of Candidates will be held at CC Slaughters during Pre-Pump.

The next meeting will be on 09/09 due to the Labor Day holiday.

Speakers:

Rose Empress 20 – Candy Wrapper; Inviting everyone to the Troll Night. Reminder of the "No Tip Show" at Darcelle's; 10/6; presold over \$800. Performers are any Monarch's from Portland, Salem & Eugene. A couple weeks ago had a Christmas in July Show for Martha's Pantry in Vancouver which raised over \$800. Last weekend the Monarch's Show in Vancouver raised over \$400.

Rose Empress 57 – Vivica Valentine – She has LeFemme Magnifique International Tickets for sale, \$35 at the Convention Center.

Rose Emperor 6 - Tom Terrific – Event 10/5 and 10/06 – Nightmare on Main Street – Gets on TV and in Newspapers – featuring this year on their poster Timmy LaVicious. This year is Tom & Stephanie's 40 year Anniversary, Tom needs our help, no rehearsals, no changing cloths it's a type of song where everyone can stand up from where they are at and be a part of this song

Rose Empress 36 - Maria Peters Lake – Big thank you to everyone that helped with Peacock in the Park and with everyone volunteering. She felt the love from her court family, loved the presentation.

Mr Gay Portland 24 – Patrick Arnold – Loved seeing everyone engaged, also wants us to know that he has co-produced for Seattle’s Coronation. Wants to offer his help with anything that the Rose Court might need.

Rose Empress 47 - Alycia Day – Just wanted to let the court know that going forward she will be spending her winters in Palm Springs.

Monarch Shout outs

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm – Motion by Daniel ;2nd by Vivica

GAY PORTLAND INTERVIEW MINUTES August 5, 2019

Interview meeting was called to order by Monica at 8:21pm

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 6 candidates.

ACE/ICE/BOARD Members Present – Kimberlee Van Patten, Maria Peters Lake, Don Hood, Monica Boulevard, Kimberly Michelle Westwood, Daniel Sureall Foxx, Summer Lynne Seasons, Vivica Valentine, Cassie Nova, Norm Nevers, Mark Hollywood, Alycia Day, Cicely, Fionna Flash Foxx, Hellin Heels, Nikki Ontolodge Monet

Candidate #1 for the position of Miss Gay Portland – Summer Rayne

ID was given to Vivica for verification of residency; and she meets all requirements of residency. Nikki verified before the meeting that she met the requirements of attending court meetings prior to interview.

Question – Monica Boulevard – I have here your application where you have signed and initialed all the qualifications, do you 1 - believe you meet all those qualifications? and 2 -do you understand what you have signed and accepted? Answer – I do yeah, I believe in every single qualification, you need to have those qualifications to be the next Miss Gay Portland. I whole heartedly believe in everything single thing I initialed.

Question – Nikki Ontolodge Monet – As a candidate for Miss Gay Portland and possible winner, do you know any of the other city title holders in Oregon, Eugene, Salem and even Vancouver? Answer – I do yes, in Portland we have Mr. Gay Portland 42 – Cub Chiari; In Vancouver – 3 titles, Mr. is Breckin; Miss is Kisses Ash and Ms is Stephanie Nichole Aria Experian; Eugene – unsure of them and same with Salem.

Question – Cassie Nova – Can you tell us why you want to be Miss Gay Portland? Answer – As Miss Gay Portland, I want to represent for the bearded community, in and out of drag, its important to think

about our community as well as the conservation of our community. I think not a lot of people think about our environment and nature and mother nature. I am ready to get out there and get dirty.

Question – Kimberly Michelle Westwood – Given that you will only be with Daniel and I for 2 months, you will be getting a new set of monarchs that come in, how will you adapt to changing and transitioning to these new monarchs, especially if they are people that you do not want to particularly want to win or like? Answer – I’m always ready to step up to the challenge, I’m absolutely ready. Put it in front of me I am ready to take it. I’m adaptive, I’m so charismatic, so I don’t think I have an enemy out there.

Question – Hellin Heels – How will you handle the rumors and criticisms that often come with being a titleholder? Answer – I think it just goes to show with vulnerability and you just learn. It’s a hard lesson to learn at some points about the gossip. It’s easy to get into that, you can hear it, but can you move on or step back and not get into that. I’m not ready to get into that boat, I’m ready to get on my life preserver and swim to shore.

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 – Because you need to have that person to inspire about, I don’t have a lot of people that have come to me and said, Colton or Summer Rayne you are an inspiration to me and I’m ready for that. I’m ready for anything, but it goes to show how you can represent yourself, you can either be that person that complains, complains, complains until no one wants you there. Or you can be that person that people say I can count on you to be there regardless of whether you are being paid or not.

Question – Monica Boulevard – You are running for a title that requires people to show up and vote and you are relatively new to the community and people that have been doing this a lot longer than you have. How are you going to get people in the door to make sure you seal this win? Answer – People can be here for years, but it goes to how their character is in the end, if you’re not giving them that last chapter in the book that they are ready to read. Then how can you move on in a community, you’ve got to make sure that you step up to the plate and inspire those around you.

Monica – Summer your interview is done, we ask that you step back over to the Rainbow Room and wait, we will call everyone in after all interviews. Vote – Yes – 16; No – 0; Abstain - 0.

Candidate #2 for the position of Miss Gay Portland – Sofia Valdez

ID was given to Vivica for verification of residency; and she meets all requirements of residency. Nikki verified before the meeting that she met the requirements of attending court meetings prior to interview.

Question – Monica Boulevard – I have here your application where you have signed and initialed all the qualifications, do you 1 - believe you meet all those qualifications? and 2 -do you understand what you have signed and accepted? Answer - Absolutely

Question – Nikki Ontolodge Monet – As a candidate for Miss Gay Portland and possible winner, do you know any of the other city title holders in Oregon, Eugene, Salem and even Vancouver? Answer –

Yes, Salem's counterparts would be Prince Stud and Mulan Rouge; Eugene's would be – blanked out; Vancouver is Stephanie Aria Mercury Experian, Kisses Ash, Brekkin Consent.

Question – Cassie Nova – Can you tell us why you want to be Miss Gay Portland? Answer – The reason I want to be Miss Gay Portland is because I want to continue being involved with the community. White Debutante was a good steppingstone for it, and I felt that through these leadership positions helps me be better and responsible leader in the community and in my daily life.

Question – Kimberly Michelle Westwood – Given that you will only be with Daniel and I for 2 months, you will be getting a new set of monarchs that come in, how will you adapt to changing and transitioning to these new monarchs, especially if they are people that you do not want to particularly want to win or like? Answer – So, I am very flexible and whether I like you or not, I will still respect you. We will work on things that need to be worked on together and it will be 100% business. If I don't like you it will be business, I will put on a smile and state what we need to get done and work together to get it done. I still firmly believe that if you do not have anything nice to say do not say anything at all.

Question – Hellin Heels – How will you handle the rumors and criticisms that often come with being a titleholder? Answer – Can I cry, I would try and go and confront the person, I really do care about this organization a lot and I care about how people perceive me. If I hear that someone has issues with me, I will go up to them and ask them to go get coffee or something because this really needs to get squashed, which is how I pretty much handle all my problems.

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 – It's very important because I feel like if we were or some sort of incentive were involved, people would be doing or raising the money for the wrong reasons. Volunteering and a nonprofit bring out people's true colors, they are doing it because they love it and they want to help the community and that is pretty much why I like doing it. Most of my shows I don't even get paid.

Question – Vivica Valentine – Why this specific year? Answer – It honestly started out with a certain Emperor and Empress, but ever since I started with Debutante, I saw how much work people put into it and how much they enjoyed it. I just wanted to continue, and I am ready for the next challenge.

Question – Monica Boulevard – You are running for a title that requires people to show up and vote, how are you going to get people in the door to make sure you seal this win? Answer – Go out and be seen, I have that whole week off work, I have my boss's and regional bosses wanting me to show up and by just being out there and talking to the community.

Monica – Sofia your interview is done, we ask that you step back over to the Rainbow Room and wait, we will call everyone in after all interviews. Vote – Yes – 16; No – 0; Abstain - 0.

Candidate #3 for the position of Miss Gay Portland – Miss Inanna

ID was given to Vivica for verification of residency; and she meets all requirements of residency. Nikki verified before the meeting that she met the requirements of attending court meetings prior to interview.

Question – Monica Boulevard – I have here your application where you have signed and initialed all the qualifications, do you 1 - believe you meet all those qualifications? and 2 -do you understand what you have signed and accepted? Answer - Absolutely

Question – Nikki Ontolodge Monet – As a candidate for Miss Gay Portland and possible winner, do you know any of the other city title holders in Oregon, Eugene, Salem and even Vancouver? Answer – Honestly, I do not, but having not been a part of all this, never attended a court meeting until this year. However, it is something I am wanting to explore and get to know more of the ISRC and the surrounding areas. I'm very eager to learn not only about fundraising but help in providing more opportunities everywhere.

Question – Cassie Nova – Can you tell us why you want to be Miss Gay Portland? Answer – The reason I want to be Miss Gay Portland is because in my life right now I have undergone a lot of changes and through those changes I have been able to really look at myself and at the person I have been versus the person I want to be. And that person that I want to be is a leader, someone that people can look up to. Not just a person that is providing a space in a bar for people to perform, but also somebody who raises money for charities, who is always there at those events as Kimberly is, I look up to her so much because she is always there at those events, shows up to every meeting in drag. Given the opportunity to be Miss Gay Portland, I want to be able to showcase not just who I am but who I want to be as an entertainer.

Question – Kimberly Michelle Westwood – Given that you will only be with Daniel and I for 2 months, you will be getting a new set of monarchs that come in, how will you adapt to changing and transitioning to these new monarchs, especially if they are people that you do not want to particularly want to win or like? Answer – I think we can all agree that in this ever growing community that there are going to be people that you come across that you don't always get a long with, but at the end of the day we are a community, we are a family and even if I have a beef with somebody. If someone was picking on them or bullying them, making them feel uncomfortable. I would still stick my neck out there for them or find a solution for them so that we can all move forward together.

Question – Hellin Heels – How will you handle the rumors and criticisms that often come with being a titleholder? Answer – Can I counter question that? **Sure**, in that are you referring to just the ISRC or any title anywhere? **In general, as a title holder there will often be times where you will be criticized or rumors started, how would you handle those rumors and/or criticisms?** I think that being any titleholder puts a spotlight on you in the community. People are always going to watch you and wait for you to mess up. There are going to be rumors, I'm the type of person that doesn't like to rollover, I like to confront those rumors head on, if that is meeting with someone over coffee and talking like adults versus what I may or may not have done in the past which is social media. That is not an outlet anymore, we are learning we are growing. I would like to confront those head on.

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 – Well, I kind of want to give you a back story, years ago Vivica tried to get me to join the ISRC, I was like oh no, its not my thing and I'm not quite there yet. And she was like, I am going to keep working on you and she did and here we are today. And in response to your question, these days many girls have watched RuPaul's Drag Race and are all about collecting that check, but having already succeeded in that realm, having succeeded in providing a place for people to perform with the help of Miss Gay Oregon Flawless Shade starting Pre-Pump. I myself would like to be a part of this organization

and help give back to the community that has given so much to me. Not just collecting a check for me but collecting a check for an organization or charity.

Question – Vivica Valentine – Why this specific year? Answer – Well to piggyback on my first answer, watching Kimberly this year has really been influential to my life. Seeing Flawless Shade run for Miss Gay Oregon and the dedication she has put forth towards her title so far have all inspired me to do this. And I really want to be a part of this system, to give back and could showcase myself in a different light.

Question – Monica Boulevard – You are running for a title that requires people to show up and vote, how are you going to get people in the door to make sure you seal this win? Answer – Providing I only have one week in advance to campaign, I will be out every single night campaigning that week and tell people where to go, what time and to vote for me. I will also use all platforms that I currently have available to me, like Pre-Pump Fridays or any shows I may have that week to campaign and showcase myself as well.

Monica – Inanna your interview is done, we ask that you step back over to the Rainbow Room and wait, we will call everyone in after all interviews. Vote – Yes – 16; No – 0; Abstain - 0.

Candidate #4 for the position of Miss Gay Portland – Kenzie B Valentine

ID was given to Vivica for verification of residency; and she meets all requirements of residency. Nikki verified before the meeting that she met the requirements of attending court meetings prior to interview.

Question – Monica Boulevard – I have here your application where you have signed and initialed all the qualifications, do you 1 - believe you meet all those qualifications? and 2 -do you understand what you have signed and accepted? Answer – 100%

Question – Nikki Ontolodge Monet – As a candidate for Miss Gay Portland and possible winner, do you know any of the other city title holders in Oregon, Eugene, Salem and even Vancouver? Answer – That's a very good question, in Vancouver, Stephanie is the Ms, the Miss is Kisses Ash; Eugene – unsure currently.

Question – Cassie Nova – Can you tell us why you want to be Miss Gay Portland? Answer – Portland for me was the first city where I felt welcome in an LGBT community. Coming out in that community and being welcomed with out judgement and with open arms and everything like that. And I want to be a person or a pillar for the community to have a positive out look on the fact that maybe somebody who may have never dreamed of being a drag queen or a performer or anything like that is held in such high esteem in the community but is there as an open door or a shoulder to cry on, thing like that.

Question – Kimberly Michelle Westwood – Given that you will only be with Daniel and I for 2 months, you will be getting a new set of monarchs that come in, how will you adapt to changing and transitioning to these new monarchs, especially if they are people that you do not want to particularly want to win or like? Answer – I feel that I have always been the type of person that regardless of personal issues or feelings towards another human being on moral levels or what have you. When it comes to being a queer person in this community at the end of the day we have more things a like with each other than we do differences and I feel like as a titleholder its your responsibility to be that person

in the community that regardless of personal feelings towards somebody they have a completely different title than you and we are all here as a community and as a team to build each other up.

Question – Hellin Heels – How will you handle the rumors and criticisms that often come with being a titleholder? Answer – I feel like for me as a person in the community regardless of having a title in the past or anything like that. I've conducted myself in such a way that I feel, I'm not messy, I mean some people are and maybe we have all been there at one time or another and I probably have been to, I'm not saying I'm better than anyone else. But if and when someone is given a title you have that responsibility to conduct yourself in such a way and at the end of the day most rumors are lies anyways.

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've, ever since I've started drag people have been asking me if I want to be on RuPaul's Drag Race and for me its an outlet for creativity but the reason I am running for a title and not to be on RuPaul's Drag Race is because I want to be a part of a community and not to say that the Drag Race Girls are not part of a community because there is more than a 100 of them and I am sure they are all the best of friends. But, RuPaul's Drag Race has been going on for like what 10 years and this organization has been here for now over 60 years. So, at the end of the day I am here for the community and not to grab one of those 100 thousand-dollar paychecks to spend on 2 wigs.

Question – Vivica Valentine – Why this specific year? Answer – I feel like last year when I saw our reigning Empress get that crown on her head, it's kind of lit a fire so to speak. I've had a fire and a passion for drag for quite a while but seeing somebody like Kim, who I knew back in the Boom Boom days, to see a change in her and to see her sitting here with the greatest title in Oregon, it inspired me to want to be a better version of myself and be a better version of my own drag.

Question – Monica Boulevard – You are running for a title that requires people to show up and vote and you are relatively new to the community and people that have been doing this a lot longer than you have. How are you going to get people in the door to make sure you seal this win? Answer – I mean anyone that knows Kenzie and her current form knows that Kenzie brings the people to the party. But other than that, I'm a social, nonjudgmental, open armed person that will welcome any new person into the community, will welcome any new friends, colleagues, coworkers, titleholders to my side.

Monica – Kenzie your interview is done, we ask that you step back over to the Rainbow Room and wait, we will call everyone in after all interviews. Vote – Yes – 16; No – 0; Abstain - 0.

Candidate #5 for the position of Miss Gay Portland – Stardust Envi

ID was given to Vivica for verification of residency; and she meets all requirements of residency. Nikki verified before the meeting that she met the requirements of attending court meetings prior to interview.

Question – Monica Boulevard – I have here your application where you have signed and initialed all the qualifications, do you 1 - believe you meet all those qualifications? and 2 -do you understand what you have signed and accepted? Answer – Yes I do.

Question – Nikki Ontolodge Monet – As a candidate for Miss Gay Portland and possible winner, do you know any of the other city title holders in Oregon, Eugene, Salem and even Vancouver? Answer – I do not currently.

Question – Cassie Nova – Can you tell us why you want to be Miss Gay Portland? Answer – I want to be more involved in this community because I have only lived in Portland for 2 years now. So, I would like to get more involved in this community, if that makes sense.

Question – Kimberly Michelle Westwood – Given that you will only be with Daniel and I for 2 months, you will be getting a new set of monarchs that come in, how will you adapt to changing and transitioning to these new monarchs, especially if they are people that you do not want to particularly want to win or like? Answer – If I don't like them, I can just deal with it.

Question – Hellin Heels – How will you handle the rumors and criticisms that often come with being a titleholder? Answer – What do you mean by rumors? **All of us that do drag know that other people are going to talk, they are going to spread rumors, there is going to be criticisms, we just want to know how you would personally deal with that.** I would be like I whatever, you are talking shit and I don't care.

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 – So you can like raise money for like your community and you don't care if you get paid or not.

Question – Vivica Valentine – Why this specific year? Answer – Well, this year because I have only been doing drag and this state for about 6 months and I have been living here for like 2 years and I have never like ran for anything at all. So, I thought I would try this to see if I would like it or not.

Question – Monica Boulevard – You are running for a title that requires people to show up and vote and you are relatively new to the community and people that have been doing this a lot longer than you have. How are you going to get people in the door to make sure you seal this win? Answer – Because in these 6 months I have met a lot of people that have grown to like me as a performer.

Monica – Stardust your interview is done, we ask that you step back over to the Rainbow Room and wait, we will call everyone in after all interviews. Vote – Yes – 11; No – 4; Abstain - 1.

Candidate #1 for the position of Mr. Gay Portland – Carlos

ID was given to Vivica for verification of residency; and he meets all requirements of residency. Nikki verified before the meeting that he met the requirements of attending court meetings prior to interview.

Question – Monica Boulevard – I have here your application where you have signed and initialed all the qualifications, do you 1 - believe you meet all those qualifications? and 2 -do you understand what you have signed and accepted? Answer - Yes

Question – Nikki Ontolodge Monet – As a candidate for Mr. Gay Portland and possible winner, do you know any of the other city title holders in Oregon, Eugene, Salem and even Vancouver? Answer – I don't, but back when I worked for Cascade Aids Project, I was part of the group that went into the Coronations to offer free testing, so I got to interact with people, but I didn't get to build those particular relationships.

Question – Cassie Nova – Can you tell us why you want to be Mr. Gay Portland? Answer – Because I believe in the mission of this organization, when I first got introduced to this organization it was back in Idaho. I was introduced by Pricilla; they saw something in me, and they welcomed me into the community, and I saw the potential and the good that comes from this. So, I want to do my part here in Portland. He was Mr. Gay Idaho #1.

Question – Kimberly Michelle Westwood – Given that you will only be with Daniel and I for 2 months, you will be getting a new set of monarchs that come in, how will you adapt to changing and transitioning to these new monarchs, especially if they are people that you do not want to particularly want to win or like? Answer – I think that the people that know me understand that I am very welcoming to anybody, I try to get to know the person before I get the ideas from the community, of like who they are or what they are or what they are known for. I want to get to know them myself to make those assumptions. I am pretty easy going and outgoing, so even if it's the devil that I have to interact with I will hangout with them and love them and make sure that they have a great time.

Question – Hellin Heels – How will you handle the rumors and criticisms that often come with being a titleholder? Answer – Well I work in prevention of STD's so I'm familiar with rumors and dealing with all that negativity, so I have a support system which I think is very important to have when you are a part of this community. So, I know who to count on in my family and my queer family and not let those things get to me. Because at the end of the day its not about me but about what they are facing, so I don't give much light to those things.

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 the organization evolves with the times, so I know that the drag scene is getting really popular but the mission of the community doesn't change, it still wants to improve life and make good changes for others in the community. I think that the role of this organization at the end of the day is to find people that care about the community and not the money at the end of the day. They can have a job they can do other things, but when you step into an event you know it's going to benefit an organization or charity.

Question – Vivica Valentine – Why this specific year? Answer – Because I needed to get to know Portland, because when I first moved here, I wanted to be part of the court. And I came to a couple meetings, but it was so intimidating being in a new city with a new job everything here was new, I had no friends, I had to build myself and my community. I feel I have done that now, so I feel I am ready to make a change and I want to do that now.

Question – Monica Boulevard – If you had another candidate running against you, this title requires you to get people to the Pageant to vote. You will win if you vote for yourself, but how focused are you on making sure that you still have people packed into this Pageant to support you? Answer – Yes,

because like I said at the end of the day its not just about me its about the mission, so I want to bring my friends and co-workers to see what is being done in the community.

Monica – Carlos your interview is done, we ask that you step back over to the Rainbow Room and wait, we will call everyone in after all interviews. Vote – Yes – 16; No – 0.

All candidates have passed the interview process, we will now have you draw numbers to designate what candidate number you are, this will be added to all your campaign stuff, the piece of paper from Summer will also have the email address of where you need to send all campaign stuff to so that it can be approved. You cannot post or distribute anything until it has been approved and you have been officially announced as a candidate at Pre-Pump on whatever day we decided, 8/16. Carlos you are clearly number 1.

Ladies Candidate Numbers

#1 – Miss Inanna

#2 – Sofia Valdez

#3 – Summer Rayne

#4 – Stardust Envi

#5 – Kenzie B Valentine

Motion made by Monica to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Hellin

Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm