

Woodstock Pride Board Meeting Minutes April 16

Date: April 16, 2025

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: Mayberry Acres

Meeting Type: Regular

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by President Baz Morris.

Roll Call / Attendance

- **Board Members Present:**
 - Baz Morris, President
 - Nicky Wood, Vice President
 - Amy Hopper, Executive Director
 - Stoney Morris, Acting Secretary

Approval of Agenda

- Motion to approve the agenda: Passed unanimously.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Minor edits needed (due date changes).
- Motion to approve: Passed unanimously.

5. Reports

President's Report:

- No formal updates, but expressed appreciation for recent successful events.

Vice President's Report:

- Positive feedback on the recent community picnic.
- Formed valuable connections with community members and mutual aid orgs.
- Began compiling a member/vendor directory via website and social platforms.
- Discussions with Ally (company) for future paid volunteer programs.
- Working on gaining access to social media and setting up shared email infrastructure.

Executive Director's Updates:

- Forms/data now accessible via website, Facebook, Discord.
- Planning email campaigns and poll options for engagement.
- Considering newsletter platforms (MailChimp, WordPress, Google Sheets).
- Work in progress: claiming social handles and setting up group email.

Old Business

- **Committee Formation & Roles:**
 - Discussion of applicants: Shelly, Shannon, Oscar selected for board roles. Kaitlyn is alternate.
 - Kaitlin considered for Communications/PR committee lead.
 - Other individuals considered for committees: Events, Fundraising, Youth Outreach, etc.
- **Name Expansion:**
 - Open discussion about expanding beyond "Woodstock Pride" to reflect wider service area.
 - Brainstormed names like:

- *Heart of North Georgia Pride*
 - *Cherokee Queer Collective*
 - *Rainbow in the Ridge*
 - General support for expansion, discussion tabled for next meeting with full board.
- **501(c)(3) Filing:**
 - Final paperwork nearly ready.
 - Need legal review and name confirmation.
 - Exploring volunteer legal support for final document review.

New Business

- **Board Elections:**
 - Motion to elect:
 - Shannon Janae Gridley
 - Oscar Velez
 - Shelly Banks
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- **Upcoming Board Tasks:**
 - Assign Secretary and finalize executive roles with new board.
 - Email communications to be sent with proposed committee positions.
- **Future Events:**
 - Proposed casual community event or movie night in mid-May (12th–26th).
 - Research movie licensing, location logistics, internet support, and community polling.

Action Items & Follow-Up

Item	Responsible	Due
Finalize shared email & access	Amy	By end of next meeting
Export poll data to Google Sheets	Amy	ASAP
Contact new board members	Nikki/Amy	Within 48 hrs of email
Begin planning May event	All	Begin by Apr 23
Confirm board meeting dates (virtual + IRL)	Baz	By Apr 23
Brainstorm name rebrand options	All	Before next full board
Seek volunteer legal review for 501(c)(3)	Amy	Ongoing

Next Meetings

- **Board Check-In:** Wednesday, April 23 at 4:30 PM (virtual)
- **In-Person Full Board Meeting:** Tentatively May 13–14 (TBD based on availability)

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 5:49 PM.