

Woodstock Pride Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 6, 2025

Time: 4:16 PM

Location: Dirty Unicorn Studio

Meeting Type: Special – Name Change Discussion

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:16 PM by President Baz Morris.

2. Roll Call / Attendance

****Board Members Present:****

- Shannon Gridley
- Amy Hopper
- Nikki Wood
- Baz Morris
- Oscar Velez
- Elton Banks

****Virtually Present:****

- Shelly Vinks

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Previous meeting minutes reviewed and approved unanimously.

4. Follow-Up from Previous Meeting

- Amy will distribute bylaws.
- Catch-all email setup not possible; new group emails to be configured after name change.
- All members added to Discord, board roles to be assigned post-email notifications.
- Outreach letter and committee invitations to be handled by Baz.

- Caitlin confirmed for PR Director role.
- Gretchen suggested for Community Outreach and Events roles.

5. Name Change Discussion

- Final list of names under consideration:
 - Heart of North Georgia Pride
 - Cherokee Queer Collective
 - Rainbow in the Ridge
 - Cherokee County Pride
- Extended discussion on pros/cons of each, with focus on inclusivity, marketability, scope, and potential for misunderstanding (e.g., 'Cherokee' confusion with Indigenous identity).
- Final Vote Result: **Heart of North Georgia Pride** chosen by majority vote.

6. Next Steps Post-Name Change

- Begin logo design brainstorming.
- Volunteers to submit ideas via Discord/group chat.
- Caitlin and additional volunteers to be engaged for branding and PR work.
- Paperwork updates to begin immediately following name confirmation.

7. Committee Formation

- **Fundraising:** Led by Shannon Gridley
- **Marketing:** Led by Baz Morris (with support from Finley)
- **Networking:** Led by Oscar Velez
- **Site Scouting:** To be shared, multiple members participating
- Coordination and info sharing to be set up via Discord and shared documents.

8. Events Planning

- **Virtual Movie Night:** Scheduled for June 28, 2025 (via Discord)
- **In-Person Event:** Planning in progress for mid-August (outdoor movie night or similar)
- Future ideas include: book clubs, game nights, pool party, and library meetups.

9. Next Meeting

- **Date:** July 1, 2025

- **Time:** 4:00 PM

- **Format:** Virtual (Discord preferred)

- Additional in-person meeting targeted for August 8, 2025

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Meeting closed at approximately [time not specified].