

Meeting Minutes

- **Opening & Attendance**

- Nicholas, Lisa, Matt, Dixon (Teagan), and others attended. Matt and Teagan introduced themselves and shared updates on their activities and involvement.

- **Event & League Planning**

- Nicholas and Lisa coordinated logistics for an upcoming potluck, including shopping at Sam's Club, grilling plans, and organizing food contributions.
- Plans for a Lansing potluck included a free cornhole tournament, kids' activities, and a parent-child three-legged race. Dixon offered to bring canopy tents and games.
- Discussion about Ann Arbor and Grand Rapids leagues, including volleyball, kickball, dodgeball, bowling, and potential for pickleball and axe throwing.
- Grand Rapids is focusing on making Thursday nights a community sports night, with growing participation and community engagement.
- Ann Arbor faces attendance challenges; efforts are ongoing to find local leadership for sports leagues.

- **Financials**

- Nicholas reported over \$18,000 in the bank, with outstanding bills for field rentals and t-shirts. The organization is financially stable for the next year's insurance.

- **Community Engagement & Partnerships**

- Successes at Pride events in Lansing and Grand Rapids were shared, with high booth engagement and new member sign-ups. Plans to attend Ann Arbor and Jackson Pride.
- Discussion about collaborating with other LGBTQ+ organizations for events and potlucks.
- Consideration of new venues for the holiday party due to issues with previous locations.

- **Succession Planning**

- Nicholas and Matt discussed identifying backup leaders for each sport and city to ensure continuity and reduce individual burden.

- **Branding & Marketing**

- Plans to refresh the organization's logo and develop a new slogan, with "Play with Pride" as a leading candidate.
- Discussion about improving social media outreach, especially to younger demographics, and leveraging student projects for marketing and website improvements.

- **Future Activities & Expansion**
 - Ideas for new leagues and events, including a dart league, billiards, e-sports (e.g., Mario Kart tournaments), and trivia nights to engage non-sports participants.
 - Dixon and Lisa to explore trivia and dart league logistics and venues.
 - Discussion about the long-term vision for a community center, funding challenges, and the need for grants or major donations.
- **Action Items**
 - Lisa and Nicholas to coordinate potluck shopping and setup.
 - Dixon to provide canopy tents and games for the potluck.
 - Nicholas to follow up on pickleball league logistics and potential venues for axe throwing.
 - Dixon and Lisa to explore trivia and dart league opportunities.
 - Nicholas to send out a dish sign-up link for the potluck.
 - Matt to distribute volleyball tournament flyers in Grand Rapids.
 - Nicholas to coordinate with graphic designers for logo refresh.
 - Dixon to check with MSU contacts for student marketing projects.
- **Closing**
 - Meeting adjourned with plans to circulate notes and follow up on action items.