

**Team Saint Louis General Meeting Minutes: September 23, 2009
(LGBT Community Center)**

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm by ATejada. 15 members present. DLee took minutes.

Congratulations to the 6 ballroom dancers who competed in the OutGames in Copenhagen. Also to two volleyball teams who recently competed in the "Labor of Love" volleyball tournament in Columbus.

At the next general meeting elections will be held for Vice President and Treasurer. Current nominations are: Vice President: SMcVay; Treasurer: TAckerman. Other nominations were solicited; No other nominations were promoted.

This month's newsletter was in a new PDF format. Input was solicited on the new format.

Budget:

MBrown distributed the Treasurer's report. We have recently received our payment from working the Pride margarita booth. We are on target for the forecasted budget.

Fundraising:

The fundraising committee held a meeting on August 19th. A year-long schedule of planned events was distributed.

Grovefest was recently held and TSL staffed a booth for Just John's. DSmith reported on the effort and was satisfied with the results. A total of \$326 was raised. We should look to participate in this event again next year if given the opportunity.

A decision has been made to go forward with the "Crazy Bowl" cooperative fundraiser with Band Together. A date will be mutually agreed upon sometime in January.

We will also be cooperating with Band Together for fundraising during the upcoming year by staffing the Scottrade center concession booths. JKilloran reported that Band Together will be picking approximately 1 date per month. We will be notified of the dates.

KBecker handed out flyers for the Butter Braided Bread Fundraiser. Orders will be due by November 13th and the bread delivered on Saturday, November 21st.

Sports:

Indoor Volleyball League begins October 20th. DReyna is serving as the commissioner for the league. There will be 3 8-week sessions. The fee per team is \$200/session. DLee will assist in administration for the fall session. TAckerman will assist for the winter session.

Fall Softball Scramble started September 27th and will run through November 1st. Games are Sundays at 12:00 and 1:00 at Lyon Park at Broadway and Arsenal.

ATejada reported on the Summer Softball Scramble finale which was held at Ballpark Village next to the stadium and was a huge success. Pictures of the event are on the TSL Facebook page.

TSL will be transitioning to start administering the Rainbow Kickball League. The league begins October 17th and runs for 6 weeks. Beginning with the fall session TWalsh will run the league for two sessions (fall and spring), with TSL taking over administration of the league for the fall 2010 session. DLee has agreed to assist in the transition to TSL.

NAGVA volleyball tournament is scheduled for February 26-28. MEbel is directing with SMcVay assisting. The planning and preparation for the event is well underway. MEbel reported that the event has already been sanctioned. TAckerman will be running the concessions again this year, but it will be his last year. TMurphy has agreed to assist with the concessions this year and take over the task for next year's tournament.

PR/Outreach:

MEbel reported on the work of the PR/Outreach committee.

- TSL staffed a booth at the Urban Health Fair on September 12th.
- A November event for the Education Series is currently being planned
- A Welcome Home event is being planned for the attendees of the OutGames

ATejada and MBrown reported on the team's outreach to the Cleveland Synergy Foundation. Several members of the team travelled to Cleveland the last weekend in July to support Cleveland's bid to host the 2014 Gay Games. Cleveland has raised \$1.2 million to support their bid. ATejada was named an official ambassador.

Scholarship:

SMcVay has filled the position as executive advisor vacated by DMiller's resignation.

11 sport scholarship applications have been received and approved this year for a total of \$2682. Additionally 6 scholarship applications for the OutGames were received and approved for a total of \$1475.

MBrown passed out a list of the scholarship awards year-to-date indicating the recipient names and whether a partial or full scholarship was awarded. It was decided that this information should be included in the monthly newsletter.

A discussion was had regarding the scholarship process and how it could be improved.

SMcVay indicated that there has been a lot of discussion within the scholarship committee regarding ways in which to improve the scholarship process and improvements were currently being worked on for the upcoming year. He anticipates a proposal for some changes will soon be forthcoming. Anyone with ideas, proposals, or questions can email them to TSL-Scholarship@TeamSaintLouis.org.

The deadline for early registration for the Cologne Gay Games is December 31st. Members are reminded that, regardless of when their registration takes place, scholarship awards will not exceed the early registration fee.

Gay Games: Cologne, July 31 – August 7 2010:

Registration Fees:

Deadline	Fee	Event Fee
Prior to December 31	125 euro \$177.68	40-100 euro \$56.86-142.15
After December 31	150 euro \$213.22	Same

**Next General Meeting
October 28th @ 7:00 pm
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