



**TAG Board Meeting
 Chamber of Commerce (Genecov Room)
 315 N. Broadway Tyler
 March 20, 2024
 Minutes**

Thank you for attending. Tyler Area Gays (TAG) Governing Board appreciates your interest in bettering our LGBTQIA+ community. Tyler Area Gays is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that promotes wellness and celebrates our diversity through support, education, outreach, and advocacy in Tyler and the East Texas Region.

NOTE: The board cannot discuss nor vote on items not listed on this agenda.

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Chair calls meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
2. Board Members Roll Call

<u>Names</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u> <u>Unexcused</u>	<u>Names</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u> <u>Unexcused</u>
Billy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Rory	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ivan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		OPEN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Jay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		OPEN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Melissa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		OPEN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ron	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		OPEN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

3. Welcome Guest: _____ *Summer Adams, Heather Mclean, Em Mclean* _____
4. Reading of the Mission Statement
 - i. Read By: *Jay*

THE MISSION OF PROJECT TAG IS TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY WELLNESS AND TO CELEBRATE OUR DIVERSITY THROUGH CLUBS, GATHERINGS, EDUCATION, OUTREACH, AND SUPPORT.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *No Announcements*

III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. CA-1 Approval of February 2024 minutes (See Attached)

Motion	Billy
2nd	Ron
PASS	

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Storage Unit – *Jay Spoke with Erin, they moving into new building, Glass House Open house is June 1st, once they get into the Glass House we will discuss the storage unit.*
2. New Banner and Yard Signs for Rainbow Market – *Banner and yard signs are here and they will be placed out at the next Rainbow Market.*
3. Jay to the Altra Account – *Will make an appointment with the bank to get this done.*
4. Table Cover with TAG+ Logo – *Jay is in the process of getting this done.*
5. Hiring DJ Sean Jamal as DJ for Pride – *Hired, have contract signed and have a sponsor.*
6. Renewing annual dues Tyler Chamber of Commerce – *Completed, total was \$175.00*

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. *Vote on accepting Colten Curry to the TAG+ Board (See attached Application) – Summer asked: why do you want to be on the Board? Colton: Born and raised in Tyler, coming out has has some struggles, the growth of the organization. Summer Asked: How did you find out about TAG? Colton: Pride and other events and people talking about it. Summer asked: Are you able to attend board meetings? Colton: Yes. Ron asked: Would you be able to attend events? Colton: Yes. Jay asked: What can you contribute to TAG? Colton: Growing the LGBTQ community Ideas, Jay asked: Any groups/events would chair? Colton: Would like to and would need to see what he would like to be apart of. Heather asked: Any fears of being out and part of the TAG group? Colton: Most important people know who he is. Heather asked: Physical Violence out in the community? Colton: No. No Questions from Colten.*

Motion	Billy
2nd	Rory
PASS	

2. Discuss moving the social committee to The Foundry. – *Got moved from the Tyler Chamber of Commerce, Next meeting is held on the 2nd Wednesday of April at 6pm.*

Motion	Ron
2nd	Rory

PASS

3. Discuss revamping or eliminating outreach. – *Only people that are bringing items is the board members, eliminating the quarterly charity drive is best right now to get fundraising up for TAG, Heather suggest doing raffles, and eliminate SPCA and non-profit donations, suspend until next year.*

Motion	<i>Billy</i>
2nd	<i>Rory</i>
PASS	

4. Discuss Pride Items to be sold at Farmers Market and Pride for Tyler and Longview. – *Sell items at the Rainbow Market, Buy a small amount of items to sell at our booth, for all of the events that we are present.*

Motion	<i>Ivan</i>
2nd	<i>Ron</i>
PASS	

5. Review and Approve Ball Invitation. – *Ron has brought different flyers for the board to look at. Wicked Invitation is what we are going to go with.*

Motion	<i>Billy</i>
2nd	<i>Rory</i>
PASS	

6. Approve moving info@tylerareagays.com to WIX.com.

Motion	<i>Billy</i>
2nd	<i>Rory</i>
PASS	

VI. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

1. JAY HILBURN – CHAIR

- i. Men’s Social Group – *Happy’s Fish for the month of March.*
- ii. Fundraising Committee – *Nothing to Report.*
- iii. Treasurer’s Report

Motion	<i>Billy</i>
2nd	<i>Rory</i>
PASS	

- iv. Finance Committee – *Nothing to Report.*
- v. Boo Ball – *Event is Oct 5th and we will need to start fundraising for this event.*

2. BILLY DIAZ – VICE-CHAIR

- i. Rainbow Market – *13 vendors, Total amount made is \$226.00, after paying for the park we made \$76.00 which will be split \$38.00 to TAG and \$38.00 to TAG+ Scholarship. There are 9 vendors for Next Month, we can put the banner up 2 weeks early. We will need to look for the month of May for another location, can't host at the park due to another event. We will move to South Side Park for May, or Faulkner Park is a possibility.*
- ii. Scholarship Committee – *Information is out in the world at the schools, waiting for applications, built in an extra 4 months for applications to come in. Will post on social media, sent to all the schools in Tyler.*

3. IVAN LEON – SECRETARY

- i. Bylaws/Policy and Procedures Committee – *All of the Board members have a copy of the bylaws and they are to take them home and look over them to make their own corrections and we will set up a meeting later this month to go over those changes.*
- ii. Bowling Co-Ed Social Group – *There were 13 people at the event, possibly move to a Friday night or Saturday night, will need to make contact with the Bowling Alley.*
- iii. Newsletter - *Need to make some changes, will send out to emails and post on social media.*
- iv. Website – *There have been changes made to the website.*
- v. Pink Pages – *A couple of businesses that have been added to the Pink Pages.*

4. MELISSA GRAMMAN

- i. Volunteer Program
 1. 1st Quarter 2024 (SPCA) – *Will talk to Becky, Adoptions on Saturdays, Adoptions at Pets Smarts, May Rainbow Market possibility at SPCA.*
Jay Reported - Andrew Center – Andrew's Mental Health Summit – May 7th 2pm to 4pm.
 2. 2nd Quarter Quarterly Drive. – *Suspended*
- ii. Ladies Social Group – *In February there were 7 people, this month will be at Cotton Patch on the 26th.*

5. RON HARRIS

- i. Social Committee – *Talked about the Ball Invitations, Figure costs, selling things at the Market, Longview Pride.*

- ii. Rose City 2024 Pride – *Purchase things to sell, 20 Vendors for Pride, 15x15 sold out, Marking for the floor for the vendors.*
- iii. Game Night – *30th of this month.*

6. RORY GERARD-GOVEA

- i. Oasis – *7 people*

VII. OPEN DISCUSSION

- *Casino at the Boo Ball – Get a Sponsor and cost of the prizes, and a sponsor.*
- *Uniformity and Marketing – Stick with a brand and stick with it, Rainbow Market, Oasis, Boo Ball and any other events that we have.*
- *Discord – Is a place for the younger generation to chat there is a Public Profile and Private Profile, Chat room, someone will have to send invitations out to people to join, you have to be invited from another member in the group, there will be a vet process for people to join the group.*
- *Narcan – Some Board Members want training on this.*

VIII. GUEST WISHING TO SPEAK

- *Glass House Resource Center – Will have a Food Pantry, Clothing Pantry, will be a place to have resources. Located off Old Bullard Rd across from the Fire Station. Collaboration with different non-profit.*

IX. ADJOURN

- 1. Board Chair adjourns this meeting at 8:09 p.m.

<u>Motion</u>	<i>Billy</i>
<u>2nd</u>	<i>Rory</i>
PASS	

Thank you for attending this month’s Tyler Area Gays Governing Board Meeting!

Next Board Meeting:
 Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
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