

The Big Easy Sisters

Mission of The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Inc.

General Membership Meeting

3/11/2014

Call to Order

- _NvSr. Cathi - called to order the regular meeting of the general membership at 07:11pm on 3/11/2014

Approval of Minutes

- Motion February minutes approve, motion NvSr Gloree Bea, 2nd NvSr Eileen
- Discussion - None
- Pass

Roll Call

- Roll Call
- Quorum Met - 5 of 7 Voting Members present.

FOUNDING MEMBERSHIP

	Sister Name (Secular Name)		Sister Name (Secular Name)		Sister Name (Secular Name)		Sister Name (Secular Name)
X	NvSr Cathi Terr (Kevin Donahugh)	EX	NvSr Wilma Ballsdrop (Michael Norris)	X	NvSr Gloree Bea DiVine (Tony Rux)	X	NvSr Mary Pat McCooter (Bill Anderson)
X	NvSr Eileen Eulick (Brent Chauvin)	EX	NvSr Rainblow Bite (Fidget Zaftig)	X	NvSr AuJus (Ben Warsham)		

SABBATICAL

S	NvSr Moana Moans-A- Lotts (Michael Maldonado)	S	Guard Ten Buck U (Timmy Powell)				

POSTULANTS

	Sister Name (Secular Name)		Sister Name (Secular Name)		Sister Name (Secular Name)		Sister Name (Secular Name)

ASPIRANTS

	Name		Name		Name		Name

X = Present P = Phone A = Absent T = Tardy S = Sabbatical EX = Excused

Mistress of the House Report –

- Participation is crucial at events/ functions whether we are hosting or invited since the house is so small. We need to make it a point as a house to go out into the community and keep The Big Easy Sister presence known.
- Whether a function counts as a house event or not, BE THERE! You should only be unavailable to manifest or attend functions in face if you are working, there is a death in the family, or you are too sick to leave your house, but just remember almost EVERYTHING counts.
- There is concern in the way we are manifesting in the house. Our reason for going out into our community is not to just look “pretty” or take pictures with people on the streets. We should be spreading the word about our mission as a house, the mission of the SPI as an organization, talking about safe sex and HIV, handing out condoms, etc. We seem to be getting away from the true mission. Pictures are ok, and it is ok to have fun while being out in the community, but do not forget the purpose of why we are here.
- We as a house need to dig deeper in manifesting to our community and not just those (tourists) passing through.
- We need to get involved with more organizations that also reach out to the community and also partner up with them to make a bigger impact on the community and what these organizations stand for. A great way to get this started would be to put together an anti-bullying program in the city.
- Novice Sister Eileen, Novice Sister Gloree Bea, and Novice Sister Cathi have joined the Avita Diamond Dats, a non-playing gay softball team that help support the Gay Softball teams Avita Hit Dats and Avita Tap Dats. Novice Sister Eileen has been a member for a year now and was asked by players of both teams for The Big Easy Sisters to join forces with them to do joint fund-raisers for the community.
- Discussion of all upcoming events within the community that are scheduled through the end of June, some by our house and others by other organizations in the community. More events can be scheduled and we may be asked to attend. An e-mail was sent out to members of the house and Novice Sister Cathi asked for the house to send an e-mail back to him stating what who was able to attend what.
Below is the schedule:
- March 14, St. Patricks Parade – 6:30
- • **March 15, Sister Bingo, 7:30pm, Phoenix**
- • March 16, EGM Sponsorship Party, 3p – 5p, Cutters. Are we interested in \$100, \$250 sponsorship?
- • March 16, LOL Rush Party, 3pm – 5pm, Phoenix
- • March 22, Eggstravaganza, 7p – 11p, Michaels
- • March 23, Amon-Ra Rush Party, 2pm, Good Friends
- • **March 28, BES Beer Bust, 9pm – 12pm, Phoenix**
- • April 11 – 12, Mr. & Miss New Orleans Pride Pageant, Luck Pierres
- • April 6, Satyricon Rush Party, TBD
- • April 18, Good Friday, DO WE WANT TO DO SOMETHING?
- • **April 19, Sister Bingo, 7:30pm, Phoenix**
- • April 20, Easter Parade, 10am, line-up on Rampart by Michaels
- • April 25, BES Beer Bust, 9pm – 12pm, Phoenix
- • May 3, Hat-titude, celebrates the Kentucky Derby
- • June 21, Family Day in the Park, PARTICIPATION??, also Pride Parade at 7pm
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- A motion was made by Novice Sister Cathi to be a bronze level sponsor for the Gay Easter 2014 for \$100.00. The motion was 2nd by Novice Sister Au Jus and the house voted unanimously YES to be a sponsor.
- Novice Sister Cathi stated an attendance roster needs to be made and kept for the house of who attends what event as this is crucial to becoming a fully professed Sister of the SPI. Novice Sister Eileen already created one for the house and will send an electronic copy to the board.
- Mardi Gras was cold and wet but fun. Novice Sister Cathi and Novice Sister Eileen represented the house and manifested Mardi Gras day. There was also a visiting sister in town from The Windy City Sisters of Chicago, Sister Diarreah en Frank, who also manifested several times throughout the weekend before Mardi Gras and Mardi Gras Day. He had a blast and is actually moving to New Orleans over the next two months and would like to join our house.
- The Gay Mardi Gras balls were fun and thank you to all those members who were able to manifest for them.
- **Special Orders**

- None

Mistress of the Quill Report – NvSr Rainblow Bite

- NR.

Mistress of Coins Report – NvSr Eileen Eulick

- Bank Balance, \$2561.96; 2 checks still outstanding, checks were never delivered to the receiving organizations, checks will be cancelled and donations made via website if applicable or through cashiers check.
- Pay Pal account is up and running, donations can now be made to The Big Easy Sisters on the website at anytime.

Mistress of Novices Report – NvSr Gloree Bea DiVine

- Membership is open; encourage new members. Post on personal FB pages. We need to grow our house stronger.
- Our 2 Moms to assist and give advice to our house are Sr. Mora Lee Wong – OKC and Sr. Bertha Sinn-DFW. Sr. Mora Lee Wong from OKC will be down for Southern Decadence.
- P&P manuals were sent out after the February meeting and all members of the house should have read them. Motion to approve P&P manual was made by NvSr. Eileen and 2nd by NvSr. Gloree. This was voted on and approved by the quorum. A 2nd and final vote will be made on the P&P manual in April.
- Fully professed Sister Diarreh en Franc will be moving to New Orleans in a couple of months and wants to become a member of our house.
- Everything for the 501c3 has been submitted to the attorney. He said everything looks great and he will polish it up and send it off. The ball is now in his court, but NvSr. Cathi will send weekly e-mails to keep up with the status.
- Per Sister Bertha from the DFW Sisters all we need is an acknowledgement letter that the gov't has received our application for the 501c3 in order for our house to become fully professed. We will double check with Paul from Mags 940 to see about moving our meetings to the new coffee shop by his bar. This is a much quieter, less public meeting space.
- We should get t-shirts made with the BES logo on the front and BES website on the back. This is a great thing to have and wear to events in which we can attend, but not in face, this way we still advertise who we are and can still get the word out about who we are. Need to look around for prices from different places.
- Progression history's were given out to and filled out by members of the house. This is a record to keep track of each person's progression on becoming a fully professed Sister. A paper copy will be kept on file as well as an electronic copy in the Mistress of Novice records.

Standing Officer / Committee Reports

Mistress of Archives – NvSr Wilma Ballsdrop

- NR

Mistress of Habits - NvSr Gloree Bea DiVine

- See Mistress of Novices report.

Mistress of the Web/Gossip - NvSr Au Jus

- Facebook stats and likes are up significantly over last month.
- The graphic company in New Orleans Alphagraphics can print 2 sided bar cards for the house. The cost is \$160.00 for 2,500 cards. This would be a great tool to hand out to members of the community while manifesting to explain who we are. Would like to get some quotes from other companies as well to see if we can get them cheaper.
- Website has been updated and now includes a Pay Pal link for people to give donations.
- Press releases were sent out to all major publications including The Advocate, Gambit, NOLA.com, Ambush, VIP Magazine. A copy of the press release will be sent to the Mistress of Archives for house records.
- NvSr Au Jus needs to do a public service announcement for Tulane. He asked the house for a donation of \$450.00 to host the event and all proceeds from the event would be donated to the

house. This was discussed by all present members of the house. There were some questions and concerns about the event and the house decided to hold off on making a decision about this until 3/18/2014.

- **UNPC Delegates – NvSr Gloree Bea DiVine, NvSr Cathi Terr**
 - NR
- **Mistress of Bliss - NvSr**
 - NR
- **Mistress of Rituals - NvSr**
 - NR
- **Mistress of Events - NvSr**
 - NR

Old Business

- NR

New Business

- Purple Party for Easter Grand Marshalls is tentatively scheduled for April 5th. This is the last big fundraiser for Gay Easter. The house is encouraged to attend since we will be sponsors of Gay Easter.
- Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 14th, at the new coffee shop by Mags 940.

Novice Project Submissions/Update

- NvSr Eileen Eulick's novice project is scheduled for Saturday, August 23, 2014. The theme is White Trash Bash.

Elevations

- None

Discussion

- None

Adjournment

- MOTION to adjourn by: NvSr Cathi, Second: NvSr Gloree Bea Pass/Fail : Pass
- Adjourned @ 8:51 pm.