

MINUTES

ORCA Board Meeting on November 11, 2025

Minutes Called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Paul Oostenbrug

Attendees, in person or via Zoom (x-attended)

Paul Oostenbrug	x	Jessica Bailuff (Zoom)	x	Jere Kelly	x	Elizabeth McLane	x
Peggy Roberts	x	Craig Viitamonti	x	Trudy Burtis	x	Melissa Oberle	x

Guests, in person or via Zoom (x-attended)

Havens Levitt (Zoom)	x	Dennis Weber					
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Approval of October Minutes: YES

Changes or concerns:

Modifications to the Agenda: NO

OLD BUSINESS:

Contractor Items:

Havens Levitt reports:

Cultural Competency Training

- Smitty needs to step back from scouting locations
- Evan from Senior One is willing to do a warm handoff to Havens (No cold calling)
- Haven't heard from the Presbyterian

- Age-Friendly Summit- Cabinet Secretary seemed open to the training. Havens sent an email to her this week.

Asking the State for Money

- A lawyer may create a proposal(possibly by Nov 14) according to Marshall and Adrian
- LGBTQ+ should ask the Legislature to give money
- Think of ways the state should fund things for the community and call it the Rainbow Budget
- Programs to survive and thrive: Support Rural training, senior housing for LGBTQ+, IN Homecare (maybe certified), Cert businesses that are friendly, or an LGBTQ+ community center.

(RFP- Request for Proposal- “Bidding contract”)

ORCA Events

- Friendsgiving- 22 NOV, 1-3 \$500.00 budget. Venue: First Congregational Church.
 - Has a post on the Meetup site organized by last name and item to bring
 - Sign up for storytelling “Letter to My Younger Self”
- Dance- Dec 27, 1:30-4:30 2-4 pm DJ \$250.00 budget, Venue: First Congregational Church
- Noon’s New Year’s Eve-Dec 31 noon, Venue:? (possibly Empower), Havens to host, \$750.00 budget
- Please provide Havens, when the decision is made, on how to communicate the need for these items.
 - Donations to Casa Q from their Amazon wishlist (permission given from Shannon, the head of CasaQ, and thank you for thinking of them)
 - New and unopened socks and underwear for all charities
 - Contributions from attendees
- Pie Palooza date and venue to be confirmed once the Mayoral Runoff election is complete.
- Put a request in the newsletter and Meetup for volunteers to be part of the PRIDE committee, Craig.
- Make a Pride email so that at least a few on the steering committee can communicate specifically with the committee and respond to inquiries, Claire

Dance

- Dances are scheduled for Dec 27 and Feb 14 at First Congregational

Program development committee. We should explore using volunteers to conduct:

- Falls Prevention. Janet Popp, Chair, New Mexico Adult Falls Prevention Coalition, will deliver a falls prevention workshop. However, this is not a good fit for the dance.
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- Barry's new Community Plate monthly Saturday potlucks last Saturday in October or First in November. Hasn't started yet It could be a good fit during the potluck
- Bi-Annual check-in with Group Leaders, Discussion Leaders _
 - Craig will research how to assess the leaders, possibly through a survey or checklist
 - ORCA fund a dinner for this meeting

Finance:

10/31/2025 Merrill Lynch Balance \$199,110.46

11/06/2025 PayPal Balance \$200.00

11/06/2025 Nusenda Balance \$8940.65

- This included the donation of Terry Garrett's 2025 IRA RMD of 3,806.20
 - Bookkeeper Sam Poarch **-\$87.45**

NEW BUSINESS:

Agenda:

- Please, everyone, reply to the sender for agenda meeting changes. Please put change in the subject line for corrections, questions, and additions

Nomiation

- Paul moved to nominate Melissa Oberle to the board. Trudy seconded, and all agreed.

Open Issues and Proposed Events

- Kindness project Jessica and Trudy will meet soon about the
- Jake Segura of BCBS offered to become a community partner. **WHAT COULD/WOULD HE DO?** (Emailed 2:19 on 10/1). Craig will reach out to him.

- Art auction – early in 2026? First quarter of 2026 at the Adult Learning Center of Albuquerque. Craig now volunteers there, so he will make contact. Maybe we can check with CasaQ about participation in this event.
- Resource page Does need a disclaimer: How do we figure out a disclaimer?
 - Delete?
 - HRC-Human Right Lobby group
 - Senior affairs
 - LGBTQ+ senior affairs
 - Retire guide

Possible Additions to Resource Page

- Craig is going to Death Cafe Training. Maybe add to the list (Craig to ask Agnus if there are more sessions)
- Compassionate Choices (I don't remember what this is for)
- Elizabeth will go through the resource pages to see if there is any LGBTQ-focused death stuff

Announcements:

Annual Reporting to NM Secretary of State

- Due 11/15/2025

Adjournment at 6:54 pm

Next meeting: December 9, 5:30, Trudy Burtis's house