

Dear Sedona Pride Community,

Firstly, your patience as we reorganize continues to be greatly appreciated. We hope you will stick with us, as we proudly remain a 501(c)(3), Arizona non-profit corporation in good standing.

Our primary charter remains the supportive education of our local LGBTQ* community membership, including its allies, friends, and neighbors, many of whom “we simply haven’t met yet”.

Secondly, as many of you know, Sedona Pride had been in discussions since early Spring 2018 with a new group of interested community members calling itself Unify Sedona. We at Sedona Pride engaged in good faith to effectively merge the former into the latter, with the lofty goal of a stronger, better-funded group with a wider scope around LGBTQ* support and more.

That merger attempt ultimately broke down in the details, as mergers sometimes do. Unify Sedona’s representative leadership made it clear, late in the game, that they were not interested in evolving Sedona Pride, but desired instead to supersede and replace Sedona Pride’s charter and interests in favor of their own. Continuing with Unify Sedona would have resulted in surrendering Sedona Pride completely, closing it down, and most significantly in the breaking of an important promise made on July 26 to the Sedona Pride community. That promise was to preserve all the good, all the history, all the valuable legal standing of our well-established organization.

PLEASE BE AWARE: The Board of Directors of Sedona Pride are responsible only for the business activities of Sedona Pride, and have no connection with any group or groups identifying themselves as Unify Sedona, and any events, activities, fund-raising, or expenditures advertised or managed by said group(s).

Thirdly, we *could* state that Sedona Pride is “back”. Then again, we never left, just got a little sidetracked and learned some important lessons. The experience should serve us well in the future. We now move forward in certainty that our membership, community supporters, and partners will be better served for this return to our roots. Let’s go!

Please visit our re-established website at www.sedonapride.org for status updates. We have retained our membership mailing list, which we hope will continue to grow. We will shortly reactivate our Facebook and other social media vehicles, seeking to re-connect and communicate modestly, with value and respect.

Watch our website for new social media links, and please address any questions or comments to us via email to contact@sedonapride.org.

Respectfully,

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