

SDSA Board Minutes

September 10, 2007

Members present: Roberto Flores, Joe LaMonica, Ruth Dalrymple, Bryan Gerard, Olga Hernandez, Travis Peterson, Antonia Padilla, Jeanne Belaire, Cris Ramirez and Lynne Armstrong

Members absent: Richard Moon

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM, by Co-chairs Lynne and Roberto.

Travis corrected the minutes of the previous month. He did not resign from the Police Officers Training Committee; he resigned as chair, but would continue to be part of the training.

Travis made a motion to accept the minutes of the last board meeting, Olga seconded and the motion carried.

Travis made a motion that Dan Graney revise the by-laws to include a statement indicating that among its educational activities, SDSA may provide training to police officers on LGBT issues. Bryan seconded the motion and it passed.

Ruth gave a treasurer's report. She reported on expenses for the LOGO debate, the trophies, the printing of the programs, decorations for the banquet and deposits for the banquet, tickets and sponsorships, giving us a current balance of \$12,117.66.

Lynne reported on the status of the banquet. Olga announced that the program has been sent to the printer, and any additional sponsors would be announced at the banquet. Lynne announced that Azul Barrientos agreed to play the guitar during the cocktail hour of the banquet, for \$150. Cris made a motion to approve the \$150 payment, Joe seconded and the motion passed. Thus far 181 people will be attending. Roberto noted that we had hoped each board member would sell 10 tickets, and urged members to try and meet this goal, Lynne agreed with Roberto wholeheartedly. Lynne, Roberto, Olga and Lynne have been calling all of the "politicos" to remind them of the banquet.

Chris Forbrich has made a request of the Young Democrats for 2 volunteers to help staff the table during the banquet.

Lynne and Olga will be hosting a wine and cheese reception for Jon Hoadley, Executive Director of National Stonewall, on Friday evening, September 14th, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Members can bring wine, sparkling water, and/or sodas.

Travis commented on the fact that the Alamo City Men's Chorale was advertised as singing at the banquet, when in fact it is the ACES, a smaller ensemble of the Chorale that will be performing.

Olga reported on the TSDC meeting in Austin. She indicated that there was a definite split on the TSDC Board, as well as the membership, on the issue of Shannon Bailey. One side believes that Shannon should resign for the good of the organization, his lack of leadership at this time and his non-responsiveness to phone calls and e-mails. The other side believes that he has only been charged and not found guilty. His removal would be based only on

allegations. A motion to ask for Shannon's resignation passed by a vote of 5 to 4. A second motion to remove Shannon, if he does not resign in 7 days, did not pass. A committee was formed to revise the by-laws and a second meeting will be held at the end of September to discuss the revisions in the by-laws and probably to discuss the resignation of Shannon.

John and Zeda True Courage will be giving a presentation on becoming a delegate to the National Convention at the September membership meeting.

Cris made a motion to adjourn and Olga seconded, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cristina M Ramirez,
Secretary