

## **SDSA Board Meeting**

**August 10, 2009**

Co-chair Roberto Flores called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM at the SAAPAC office.

Members present: Chris Forbrich, Bryan Gerard, Roberto Flores, Peg MacPhail, Linda Allen, Olga Hernandez, Eric Alva, Cris Ramirez, Elena Guajardo, Mark Spencer

Members absent: Jeanne Belaire and David Plylar

Guests: Dan Graney and Michelle Meyers

Linda moved to accept the minutes of the last board meeting, Peg seconded and the motion passed. Three motions were passed via e-mail, the appointment of Elena Guajardo and Eric Alva to the SDSA Board; paying Constant Contact on a yearly basis as opposed to monthly; and requesting contributions for the Wounded Warriors in October.

Cris, Board Development, reported that she asked Elena to accept the position of co-chair for SDSA. Elena took time at the meeting to ask some questions regarding future plans and milestones for the organization. She indicated that she would accept the appointment with the caveat that future employment may take priority over this. Bryan moved that the Board appoint Elena Guajardo as co-chair of SDSA. Peg seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mark, treasurer reported that the current balance is \$6,931.52. He indicated that there are some cash deposits that he does not know how to categorize. A discussion took place regarding the "pass the hat" activity we conduct at membership meetings. Henceforth contribution envelopes will need to be used so as to be able to document our contributions.

Chris made a motion that members put their announcements on the calendar, he accepted a friendly amendment that there be a sign-up sheet for those making announcements to sign-up. There will be a total of 15 minutes for announcements at membership meetings with each person receiving one minute to make their announcement. This policy will take effect at the September meeting. Peg seconded the motion and it passed.

Chris, Banquet Chair, passed out Nomination Forms for Annual Awards and reported that the save the date announcement went out and also letters to the politicians. He also passed out sample logos for the banquet. Bryan moved to accept one of the logos, with some additions, Eric seconded and the motion carried. Chris will draft a physical save the date card to pass out at the membership meeting. Chris will be sending out letters to candidates running for offices.

Dan volunteered to contact Matt Foreman to discuss his requirements and arrangements for the banquet. Olga indicated that someone from National Stonewall would be here for the banquet. A Friday night reception will probably be scheduled for the guest speaker and the National Stonewall representative. Judge Monica Guerrero has agreed to be the emcee for the evening. Chris is working on some sort of visual program during the dinner portion of the banquet.

Peg, Endorsement Committee, reported that questionnaires are being revised and possibilities for scheduling endorsement meetings are being discussed. There is an additional form for local school board elections, there will be no endorsements, but recommendations will be made. The committee will discuss a budget for the coming year.

Mark, Budget and Finance, announced that they would meet next Wednesday. Jeanne and Chris will be getting copies of the software report, by way of back up. They will be working on the budget.

Olga. Membership, will be removing some members from quarter 1 who have not renewed. Olga announced that after the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter she will no longer be doing membership. Dan commended both Mark and Olga for their meticulous work on this.

Roberto brought up the possibility of a follow-up retreat. Chris suggested that we should think about getting together in an informal setting without a facilitator.

Chris asked that the polls on the yahoo group clearly state if we are voting on a motion or just seeking board members opinions.

Mark brought up the idea that we need to look for a new meeting site for membership meetings and also we need to find a printer. Dan reminded everyone of the DNC meeting in Austin, in September and Bryan reminded everyone of the Wounded Warriors contributions in October.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cris Ramirez,  
Secretary