

SDSA Board Minutes

October 12, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, at the SAAPAC office, by Co-chair Elena Guajardo.

Members present: Elena Guajardo, David Plylar, Chris Forbrich, Cris Ramirez, Mark Spencer, Peg MacPhail, Linda Allen, Bryan Gerard, and Olga Hernandez

Members absent: Roberto Flores, Eric Alva, and Ruby Krebs

Guests: Michelle Meyers

Committee Reports:

Secretary---The September board minutes were not approved because of technical problems with the Yahoo group site. They will be approved in November, along with the October minutes.

Treasurer---Mark reported a current balance of \$11,596.07. We still owe the Hilton about \$2500, leaving us with a profit of about \$5000 from the banquet. An income/expense report for the banquet will be provided as soon as all bills have been paid.

Budget, Finance, and Fundraising---The committee will present the budget for approval by the Board and membership at the November meetings. All committees need to present budget information to Mark no later than the end of this week.

Banquet---Chris reported that the response to the banquet has been very positive. Everything was on schedule. There was a brief discussion about the award trophy and perhaps changing the design to something less fragile. Chris suggested revising the criteria for award recipients; this will be discussed via the yahoo group. Thank you notes will be sent to the sponsors and others who helped make the banquet such a success.

Board Development---Cris reported that there is a vacancy on the board since Jeanne Belaire resigned. The vacancy is for an at-large position. Peg made a motion not to appoint someone to fill the position at this time, but instead wait until January when elections are held. Bryan seconded and the motion passed. Mark asked Michelle Meyers to be assistant treasurer and she accepted. Since this is not an official SDSA position, no vote was necessary.

Endorsement---The committee has not submitted a budget amount to Mark. The consensus of the committee is that whatever amount is left over should go to the committee for contributions to candidates. A suggestion was made that perhaps TSDC be responsible for contributions to state candidates and SDSA be responsible for contributions to local candidates. Updated questionnaires will be posted on the yahoo group for review and a vote by the board. They will be presented to the membership in November for approval. The committee is looking into the possibility of having the Endorsement Forum at Luby's Cafeteria.

Membership---Currently we have 165 members. We have no student rate for membership dues. In the past we have had members volunteer to sponsor students who are unable to afford membership dues. David suggested a \$5 membership rate for students with the difference being made up by members volunteering to sponsor students. This will be discussed at the next meeting. Updated brochures and membership forms need to be printed. Since the membership form is one page, individual board members can print these. Chris suggested a printer for the brochures.

Communications---A motion was made by Peg and seconded by Bryan to put a link on the web site for both SDSA Board and Membership Minutes. The motion carried. Linda will put these links on the web site.

Old and New Business:

A follow-up meeting to discuss recommendations from the SDSA retreat may be held in early December. Items to be discussed include restructuring committees and board responsibilities and involving the membership in setting goals for the coming year.

Linda suggested a "thermometer" be placed on the web site to gauge ACT Blue contributions for candidates (extra Endorsement Committee funds).

Mark suggested that money budgeted for other items that will not be spent be given to Olga for her Give/Get contribution to NSD. Olga indicated that she has collected enough for this year; options for next year need to be discussed.

Chris informed us that Kenwood Center may no longer be providing some of their services to senior citizens and they have asked for our help. He will obtain more details on this situation and we will discuss options to help them.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cris Ramirez,
Secretary