

SDSA Board Minutes

January 11, 2010

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

Members present: Bryan Gerard, Elena Guajardo, Eric Alva, Cris Ramirez, Peg MacPhail, Linda Allen, David Plylar, Eduardo Juarez, Chris Forbrich and Olga Hernandez

Members absent: Ruby Krebs

Guests: Dan Graney, ex officio co-chair

Elena began the meeting by welcoming new board member Eduardo Juarez. He thanked SDSA for giving him the opportunity to serve and talked about the activities he is currently involved in.

Peg moved and Bryan seconded to approve the December Board minutes.

Treasurer, Chris Forbrich reported that he posted an end of year report on the yahoo group. Chris and Elena met with Kevin Voelker who is applying for the position of treasurer. Both feel that Kevin is very qualified and will make an excellent treasurer. Current balance is about \$9200.

Elena is still looking for someone to audit the SDSA books.

In view of the fact that SDSA donates money to candidates and other organizations and causes, Chris suggested acquiring a large laminated check that can be used for taking photos when we make donations.

Committee Reports:

Banquet: Chris reported that the Hilton will host the banquet but in a smaller room and a higher cost. Oak Hills Country Club was booked. Elena and Chris checked out the Menger and it looks promising. September 25th is the date we have selected for the banquet. Chris will begin negotiating with the Menger. Elena reported on possible speakers and requested that we send any suggestion to her or Chris.

Board Development: Cris Ramirez reported that election of Secretary, Treasurer, and four at-large board positions will take place at the membership meeting in January. Cris Ramirez will run again for the position of secretary; Kevin Voelker will run for the position of treasurer; and Eric Alva, Chris Forbrich, Ruby Krebs and David Plylar will

run again for each of the four at-large board positions. Nominations from the floor will be accepted.

Endorsement: David Plylar reported that the Committee has been meeting to plan the forum. Invitations and questionnaires have been sent out and responses are coming in slowly and some have committed to attend the forum. The yahoo groups (board and member) have spread sheets detailing what committee members are working with which candidates and which ones have responded. David will work on a script for Elena. The committee will provide summary sheets for the members at the forum indicating how the candidates have responded on the questionnaires. David provided a sample of the summary sheet that will be used. David will pass out copies of candidates running to the membership at the January 18th meeting. David moved that the summary sheets and any written responses be made available to the membership and the media. Bryan seconded.

The motion carried. A modified version of the spread sheet the committee is using is available on the web site. A reminder e-mail blast about the forum needs to go out before the 31st. At the membership meeting FIE (Friendly Incumbent Endorsements) will be discussed and voted on as well as a change to the standing rules. Peg MacPhail will post board member assignments for the forum on the yahoo group.

Membership Committee: Olga Hernandez reported that she and Eric Alva will be meeting on Friday, since Eric will be taking over some of the duties involved in the membership committee.

Old Business:

Discussion took place on e-mail blasts and calendar postings, constant contact adds and deletes, and facebook. Bryan has agreed to monitor the SDSA Facebook page.

David moved and Bryan seconded to have a \$5 student membership fee (student ID required as well as 18-25 years of age), with SDSA members volunteering to pay the difference. The motion passed.

Bryan moved and Cris seconded to explore the possibility of redesigning the graphics on the brochure and membership form. He will contact Bob Johnson. The motion passed.

Announcements:

Linda is working on putting our data base on the Texas Stonewall site. She hopes to have it completed sometime in February.

Northeast and Northwest Democrats have contributed \$500 to BCDP. Bryan moved that SDSA donate \$500 to the BCDP, Eric seconded, the motion passed with Chris abstaining.

Bryan will check on a month for us to donate to the Wounded Warriors.

Census 2010 will be speaking to SDSA in March. They want SDSA to partner with them. We will discuss and vote on this through the board yahoo group. Peg moved and Bryan seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cris Ramirez,
Secretary

