

SDSA Board Meeting

February 8, 2010

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

Members present: Elena Guajardo, Kevin Voelker, Eric Alva, Bryan Gerard, Ruby Krebs, Eduardo Juarez, David Plylar, Peg MacPhail, Linda Allen, Cris Ramirez, and Chris Forbrich

Members absent: Olga Hernandez

Guest: Dan Graney, ex officio Co-chair

Elena introduced Kevin, our new official treasurer. He reported that our current balance is \$8934.99. Elena, Kevin and Chris met with an auditor. The by-laws do not require an audit, but state that one may be held when the board feels it is necessary. The auditor suggested a Risk and Process review, rather than an official audit, which would be very costly. She also suggested that she could do a monthly checks and balance on the check book.

David made a motion that we have an annual audit and that it be conducted by three people, two board members and one person from the general membership, and that it be conducted at the beginning of the fiscal year. Cris seconded. A discussion followed. Bryan added a friendly amendment to change the word audit to review, David accepted. The main issue, regarding the auditor, was the cost of the audit and monthly checks and balances for the check book. Linda called the question and all voted yes. David's motion was voted on and passed. Peg made a motion to have the BFF (Budget Finance and Fundraising Committee) come up with a set of operating procedures to provide confidence to the board and members. Bryan seconded. Kevin suggested a friendly amendment to substitute review and revise for the wording come up with, Peg accepted. The motion passed.

Elena announced that the big check has arrived and will be used when donating money and photos will be taken. Ruby will ask Antonia if she will take pictures. Pictures from the Endorsement Forum will be posted to the web site.

Committee Reports:

Banquet Report: Elena and Roberto sent a letter to Anise Parker inviting her to be the speaker at the next banquet. We have not received an answer yet. Chris and Elena toured the Menger, but the staff is unresponsive and does not return calls and e-mails in a timely manner, so the Menger is no longer an option.

Endorsement Committee: They met and reviewed the forum. They are recommending that we not give money to any candidates for the primary. The recommendations from the post mortem meeting include the following: the FIEs (Friendly Incumbent Endorsements) will be done in a timely manner. The questionnaire will be revised to ask for explanations only on the answers that candidates give; there will be no section for additional comments. This will allow the membership to have copies of the comments. Active input will be requested from the membership for the FIEs. Peg mentioned that better use of the web site is vital, accessibility to the rules, questionnaires, etc. School Board elections are coming up and the committee still has to make decisions about who to send questionnaires to. They will be meeting again next week.

Elena thanked the committee for their hard work and for making the forum such a success. The SDSA Endorsement Flier was presented and Peg and Linda were commended for their work on it.

A discussion on the privacy issue during the membership discussion at the forum took place. Expectations need to be specific and policies need to be in place and explained. With regard to the media only the Co-chairs should make public statements. All of these policies need to be put in writing. The Co-chair needs to set the tone for the meeting, reminding all to be courteous and respectful.

Bryan moved not to give any money to candidates for the primary. Ruby seconded and the motion carried.

BFF Committee: Chris reported that monies have been raised at various events. A thousand dollars was raised at the January membership meeting and about five hundred dollars was raised at the Endorsement Forum.

Membership Committee. Elena met with Bob Johnson to discuss redoing the membership application. She brought several samples for the board to look at. Eric and Olga are working together to transition duties and responsibilities of this committee to Eric, the new chair. There are currently 157 members.

Communications: Bryan posted a message about the Endorsement Forum on the Face Book page.

Elena brought up the issue of revisions and updates to the by-laws. Elena and Cris will review board minutes for the year 2009 and update the by-laws.

Judge Barbara Nellermoe will be the speaker at the February membership meeting, to discuss the different courts and what they do. Dan reported that Zada True-Courage has

a 10 minute presentation on precinct conventions and becoming a delegate, since some of the rules have changed. She will be speaking at the meeting, after Judge Nellerhoe.

Ruby Krebs announced that she is the new president of the San Antonio Gender Association.

Peg moved to adjourn the meeting and Bryan seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Cris Ramirez,
Secretary