

SDSA Board Minutes
May 10, 2010

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

Members present: Linda Allen, Peg MacPhail, Olga Hernandez, Elena Guajardo, Chris Forbrich, David Plylar, Cris Ramirez, Bryan Gerard and Roberto Flores. Ruby Krebs was in attendance via conference call.

Members absent: Kevin Voelker, Eric Alva, and Eduardo Juarez

Guests: Michelle Myers and Dan Graney

Elena began the meeting by welcoming Roberto back to SDSA after his leave of absence to assume the position of Interim Co-chair of the Bexar County Democratic Party.

Treasurer's report: Kevin sent in a report indicating the current balance is \$8,792.72 and that he filed the latest TEC report.

Committee Reports:

Banquet: Chris Forbrich reported that letters will be going out to invite Democratic politicians and candidates to the banquet. He and Dan will be looking at awards that will hopefully be more cost effective. Linda Chavez Thompson has not confirmed as a speaker for the banquet; however Chuck Wolfe has confirmed. Carlos Guerra was suggested as the emcee for the event and he will be asked. Chris will be hosting an informal meeting for those interested in working on the Banquet Committee, details will follow.

Endorsement: Peg reported that two new members have joined the committee, Charlie Gallimore and Eduardo Juarez. There will be an upcoming endorsement forum for the November school board elections. Dan spoke in favor of doing another forum for those candidates that were eligible but did not receive our endorsement the first time. Peg seconded and the motion carried. Dan also requested that we have another candidate forum to allow certain candidates, that did not send in a questionnaire or attend the candidate forum, be given an opportunity to seek our endorsement. Bryan made a motion to contact those candidates that did not seek our endorsement the first time to be invited to a forum to be held in September. Ruby seconded the motion. There was a lengthy discussion. The motion did not carry, there were 2 yes votes and 6 no votes.

Old Business:

SDSA made a presentation to the Alamo College Board of Trustees on the inclusion of sexual orientation and gender identity expression in their non-discrimination policies. The presentation went well.

Elena brought up the idea of having the follow up retreat on June 20 instead of the monthly June SDSA Board Meeting. The time frame for the meeting will be 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

New Business:

Chris will find out about Pride events and the requirements for participation.

Roberto reported that five organizations met with Christian Archer regarding the upcoming election. Each organization will select a candidate and decide how to help, donating money, block walking, phone banking etc. This is an effort to avoid a duplication of efforts. Bryan moved that we get more information on this before making a commitment, David seconded and the motion passed.

Cris moved to change the SDSA Board Meeting time from 7:00 PM to 6:30 PM, Peg seconded and the motion passed.

Chris moved to exclude current SDSA Board Members from being recipients of the annual awards given at the banquet. Peg seconded. Ruby spoke against the motion. The motion passed with one no and one abstention.

Membership Meetings: May, Immigration and the LGBT Community; June Eric Alva will update us on DADT and in August, Carlos Guerra will be the guest speaker.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cris Ramirez,
Secretary

