

SDSA Membership Meeting Minutes

July 18 2011

The meeting was called to order by Co-chairs Elena Guajardo and Eduardo Juarez at 6:30 PM in the Fiesta Room at Luby's Cafeteria.

Travis Peterson announced that it was Nelson Mandela's birthday and requested that we dedicate tonight's meeting to him.

Cris Ramirez, Secretary, moved to accept the membership meeting minutes for May and June as posted on the web site, Peg MacPhail seconded and the motion passed.

Kevin Voelker, Treasurer, reported that we currently have a balance of \$1175.67 in the SDSA account. Tickets and sponsorship forms for the banquet are available.

Gilbert Casillas, Banquet Committee, reported that the Hilton Palacio has been secured for the September 24th banquet, the theme is "Unite and Conquer," and that the guest speaker will be Senator Kyrsten Sinema from Arizona.

The guest speaker for the evening, Choco Meza, Bexar County Democratic Chair, was introduced. She began by thanking several SDSA members for their support, Eduardo Juarez, Peg MacPhail, Linda Allen, Mark Camann and Dan Graney. Choco focused on three major goals, retiring the debt, running a professional and efficient primary, and lastly organizing and building infrastructure in precincts where democratic votes are key. Bryan Gerard will be in charge of petition signing parties. Upcoming changes to be aware of include, precinct boundaries, filing dates and district boundaries.

Co-chair Elena reported on the SDSA retreat and informed the membership that they would be voting on a restructuring of the SDSA Board. The organization will be focusing on the Political Relations Committee to provide support to future elections. SDSA plans to initiate quarterly socials for members and board members to get acquainted.

Harris County Democrats will be hosting a brunch on August 6 to honor LGBT Trailblazers.

On August 13, Angie's List will be hosting a one on one workshop to train potential political candidates.

Bryan Gerard reported that the Wounded Warriors donation drive was a great success.

SDSA is no longer affiliated with the Police Academy Training.

On August 27 Dignity will be celebrating 35 years of ministry at 6:30 PM at San Fernando Cathedral. They are collection donations in order to publish an ad in the San Antonio Express and News.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cristina M. Ramirez,
SDSA Secretary