

SDSA Membership Meeting Minutes  
August 15, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Co-chair Elena Guajardo at 6:30 PM, in the Fiesta Room at Luby's cafeteria. Co-chair Eduardo Juarez was not present; he was in Washington DC on business.

Elena began the meeting by asking the membership to send thank you notes to the city manager for her inclusion of domestic partnership benefits in the city's annual budget.

Cris Ramirez, secretary, moved to accept the minutes of the last membership meeting as posted on the web site, Dan seconded and the minutes were approved.

Lloyd Doggett spoke to the membership briefly, asking for their support in the upcoming election.

Diego Bernal, City Councilman from District 1, was introduced as the guest speaker for the evening. He spoke on domestic partnership benefits and this was followed by a question and answer session.

Joaquin Castro also spoke to the membership seeking their support in the upcoming election.

Chris Forbrich, Banquet Committee, reported on the banquet location, speaker and ticket sales.

Kevin Voelker, treasurer, reported that SDSA has a current balance of \$3,146.33.

Cris Ramirez, Board Development Committee, reported that there are currently two board positions open for the board elections in January. Anyone interested can talk to her, or any board member, applications are available on the SDSA web site.

The SDSA Mixer has been tabled until after the banquet in September.

Dr. Mark Caman made a motion to condemn Raging Elephants.org for their misinformation, Dan seconded and the motion passed.

Announcements:

Bryan Gerard announced that once again our efforts to help the Wounded Warriors had been successful, and we received a certificate of appreciation.

John Courage announced that the NE Democrats would be holding a Labor Day Picnic on September 5 at VFW Hall Post 76 from 11:00 to 3:00 PM. Senator Leticia Van de Putte will be announcing her bid for re-election. The mayor as well as Jim Hightower will also be present.

Rosie Gonzalez, SDSA Board member, announced the locations, dates and times of City Council District Budget hearings. Elena urged members to attend and speak on behalf of domestic partnership benefits.

Candidates, politicians and guests introduced themselves.

Jamie Lewis announced that Bexar County Democrats would be hosting a fundraiser in October at La Villita, tickets would be \$50 each.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cristina M. Ramirez,  
Secretary