

SDSA Membership Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2011

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

The meeting began with members reflecting on the City Council Meetings to approve the new budget which includes Domestic Partnership Benefits.

Peg MacPhail moved to approve the minutes of the August meeting as posted on the web site, Linda Allen seconded and the motion passed.

Kevin Voelker, treasurer, reported that SDSA has a working balance of \$11, 953.00.

Politicians, candidates and guests were introduced.

Peg MacPhail, Endorsement Committee, reviewed the changes that the committee made to the Standing Rules of Endorsement. The most significant change was that we are requiring candidates to fill out a questionnaire in order to be considered for endorsement at the Candidate Forum. The committee also removed the option of "recommend" with regard to candidate endorsement. Linda Allen moved to adopt the Standing Rules of Endorsement as revised, Marty Whitehead seconded and the motion passed. The list of candidates recommended for FIE (Friendly Incumbent Endorsement) will be presented at the October meeting and is subject to additions and/or deletions by the membership.

Comments and discussion took place regarding membership requirements for candidates; i.e. candidates join during election time and then never attend meetings.

Choco Meza, Chair of the Bexar County Democratic Party, gave a short presentation about plans for the future and specifically the upcoming election.

Chris Forbrich, Banquet Committee, announced that there were only 21 unsold tickets.

Minerva Mendoza, Membership Committee, announced that two new members had joined and that she has continued to send out renewal notices.

Several announcements were made:

Celebration of the Repeal of DADT at Sparky's on September 20 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

Petition signing part at Fire Fighter Hall from 5:00 to 8:00 PM.

Mission County Democrats hosting a dinner on Friday September 30.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Cristina M. Ramirez, SDSA Secretary