

SDSA Membership Minutes
November 16, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Co-chair Roberto Flores, at Luby's Cafeteria. He reported that Co-chair Elena Guajardo was not at the meeting because she was in Houston working on the Annise Parker campaign.

He introduced the guest speakers from the San Antonio Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. They spoke about binge drinking, underage drinking and stressed drinking responsibly.

Reports:

Secretary: Peg MacPhail made a motion to accept the October meeting minutes as posted, Bryan Gerard seconded and the motion passed.

Budget, Finance and Fund raising: Chris Forbrich presented a budget report and the proposed budget for 2010. Chris made a motion to accept the the report and the proposed budget, Marty Whitehead seconded and the motion passed.

Endorsement Committee: David Plylar reported that the Candidate Forum will take place on January 31, from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Luby's cafeteria. Candidate filing begins on December 3 and ends on January 4. The committee will send invitations as soon as they know which candidates have filed. There may be as many as 75 candidates on the ballot. Early voting begins in February. Questionnaires have been revised, and approved by the SDSA Board. Friendly Incumbent Endorsements will be discussed by the committee and voted on at the January Membership Meeting.

Board Development: Cris Ramirez reported that there are six positions coming up for election; two executive committee positions (Secretary and Treasurer) and four at-large-board positions. The following board members will run for re-election: Cris Ramirez, Secretary and Eric Alva, Chris Forbrich, David Plylar and Ruby Krebs, at-large-board members. Anyone interested in running for any of these positions can contact Cris or any Board member for more information and an application. Elections will take place at the January Membership Meeting.

Communications: Bryan Gerard indicated there was no report at this time.
Membership: SDSA currently has 167 members.

New Business:

Bryan Gerard reported that the Wounded Warrior donations we provided were most welcomed and the drive was a success.

Dan Graney reported on the Annise Parker campaign and encouraged members to donate money. He announced that National Stonewall Democrats had a new director, Michael Mitchell.

Eric Alva thanked all who participated in the HRC Dinner making it a great success.

Michelle Meyers announced that on Thursday, November 19 at MCC Church at 6:00PM, there would be a Day of Remembrance for Deceased and Persecuted Transgender People.

Susan Kirschner, an openly gay city council person from Live Oak spoke to the membership about harassment and threats that she has been subjected to. The city council meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month and she asked the membership to attend. Her motto is: "From adversity to diversity."

Peg MacPhail made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Marty Whitehead seconded and the meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cris Ramirez,
Secretary