



RSVP Advisory Council Meeting
Minutes of January 9, 2007

Members Present

Rosa De Leon	Shirley Roberts
Alicia De Jong Davis	Sandy Caviness
Stefania Garza	Robert Marin
Sofia Ordonez	Irma Chavez-Rodriguez
Shirley J. Whelen	
Cora P. Ramirez	

Members Absent

Julie Belcher
Armida H. Hernandez
Esther Perez

Staff

Henry Drake
Norma Corona
Lori Rodriguez
Eva F. Aguilar
Sandra Serrano

Call to Order and Quorum Count

Meeting called to order by Shirley Roberts @ 10:10 am

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of prior meeting reviewed and approved without changes.

Announcements/Comments

Henry wanted to thank Irma for allowing us to meet at the Ronald McDonald House. He mentioned it was a beautiful location.

Unfinished Business

Norma informed council that the January newsletter went out to all of the RSVP volunteers and stations. Norma again mentioned the VC training being held at the Wyndham, previously the Airport Hilton. She also mentioned that at the training breakfast and lunch would be provided. Mrs. Davis asked Norma if help was needed for the training. Norma explained to council that help might be needed during registration and with greeting the volunteer coordinators.

New Business

Norma announced that the Convention Center has been officially booked for October 6, 2007, for this year's banquet. Stefania shared some good news with council about a meeting she had attended with different businesses wanting to purchase advertisement for the banquet. Norma mentioned that last year in advertisement and guest attending the banquet we raised over 5,000 dollars. Unfortunately, this year the banquet would cost 20,000 opposed to 18,000 of last year, the funds would be used to cover the difference.

Norma informed council that a selection of a new band to play at the banquet would be selected and if any one had any suggestion to please let us know. Lori mentioned on researching bands that play at senior centers. Mrs. Davis asked what the budget allowed for a band. Norma explained that the 20,000 is just for the food and location. Norma said the mariachis get paid 250; they are use to getting paid very little. Henry mentioned the band gets paid about 300. Stefania mentioned that Ft.Bliss has a band that plays for banquets and their wonderful.

Mrs. Ordonez informed everyone that the band Melao would be playing at the coronation dance at Father Martinez on the 16th, good opportunity to go out and hear them.

Suggestions for the Good of the Council

Rosa De Leon extended an invitation to everyone to attend the Senior Love Conference February 17th. Stefania asked who to contact to set up a booth. Mrs. De Leon advised her to call the office for a packet, booths were 50 for profit and 35 for non-profit. Mrs. Whelen asked if anyone could have a booth at the event. Rosa also mentioned that parking would not be a problem; there is a lot of it.

Rosa also mentioned to council that the AARP would be lobbying for electric rates in Texas and they will need many signatures. She also mentioned we have the highest rates in Texas and there will be another increase in March or

April. Mrs. Ordonez suggested the ABC program were one pays the same amount all year round. Mrs. Roberts mentioned calling the gas and electric company to enroll in the ABC program.

Irma invited council to take a tour of the Ronald McDonald House.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:40am

Next Meeting

February 13, 2007