



RSVP Advisory Council Meeting
Minutes of February 13, 2007

Members Present

Rosa De Leon	Shirley Roberts
Alicia De Jong Davis	Sandy Caviness
Armida H. Hernandez	Cora P. Ramirez
Robert Marin	Barbara Rodgers
Sofia Ordonez	Marilyn Ginty
Esther Perez	Marcellus Fullmore
Irma Chavez-Rodriguez	Amelia S. Clarke

Members Absent

Julie Belcher
Stefania Garza
Shirley J. Whelen

Staff

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

Call to Order and Quorum Count

Meeting called to order by Norma Corona @ 10:12 am

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of prior meeting reviewed and approved without changes.

Announcements/Comments

Eva gave thanks to both Mr. Wickline and Mrs. Roberts for their dedication and time served on the RSVP Advisory Council. Norma expressed what a wonderful chairperson Mrs. Roberts had been and that she will be missed. Norma introduced new faces in the group who would become new advisory council members.

Unfinished Business

Norma asked council who would be attending the VC training on the 28th. Mrs. Hernandez asked where they should meet the staff. Norma mentioned it would be better to meet in the back of the building. Norma briefly explained the material that would be covered at the training.

Esther Perez suggested getting volunteers to go out and read to students at schools. She has attempted before and had not gotten a good response. Mrs. Roberts mentioned that seniors are very active in the Ysleta Independent School District. Mrs. Perez also expressed that children are not used to seeing older seniors and they should be exposed. Mrs. Rodgers brought up the Read Across America event in March. She explained that if anyone is interested in volunteering to read they should contact their closest school and speak with the librarian.

Armida Hernandez suggested that council as a group could set the example and volunteer to read on Dr. Seuss birthday. Norma did mention it was a great idea and something to consider for next year, too short of a notice for this year. Lori mentioned that the Foster Grandparent Program senior volunteers are already in place at local schools.

Mrs. Clarke mentioned that many seniors don't have transportation to get them around, she believes this is the reason they don't respond. Mrs. Rodgers asked council for their help on a project she's working on, which is collecting books for children, either in English or Spanish. The books will given out on "Dia De Los Ninos", there would be a big celebration at the park and that's where the books will be given out. Mrs. De Leon agreed this would be a great idea for April.

New Business

Norma opened nominations for a new Vice Chairperson. Irma nominated Mrs. Sofia Ordonez, all council was in favor. Mrs. De Leon swore in Mrs. Ordonez as the new Vice Chairperson.

Suggestions for the Good of the Council

None

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am

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March 13, 2007