



Retired Senior Volunteer Program Advisory Council Meeting



Minutes of April 12, 2011

Members Present

Amelia S. Clarke William H. Wickline
Alicia de Jong Davis Patricia Williams
Anne Langenfeld
Nati C. Munoz
Shirley Roberts

Members Absent

Kaaren Kimball

Staff

Henry Drake
Lori Rodríguez
Sandra Serrano

Call to Order and Quorum Count

Meeting called to order @ 10:03 am.

Approval of minutes

Minutes of prior meeting reviewed and correction made.

Announcements/comments

New members introduced themselves to council and staff. Council members celebrating a birthday in April were recognized. Lori presented Mrs. Clarke with a pen set as recognition for her time served on council.

Unfinished business

Mrs. Nati Munoz took the Oath of Office to become the newest member of the RSVP council.

New business

Lori shared with council that the RSVP program would be receiving a cut in funding for the current year but was not aware of the exact dollar amount just yet. Lori also confirmed that the Hall Of Fame would indeed be canceled this year due to the budget cuts. Mrs. Davis shared with council that the volunteers she had spoken with mentioned they would still continue volunteering even without the recognition. Lori was happy to hear that since most organizations that partner with RSVP would heavily depend on their volunteers especially with program cuts. Mrs. Roberts also shared going out and doing presentations and passing out information on behalf of the RSVP program. Lori thanked those council members that went out of their way to support the program.

Mr. Tatem mentioned when he retired he responded to an ad in the El Paso Inc. for the RSVP program and he felt that the ad represented the program very well. He suggested that the program should continue with the ad. Lori briefly explained the RSVP program to the new members and mentioned it was a great program for seniors wanting to volunteer but might not know how to start. She mentioned the program does all the leg work for volunteer placement.

Lori shared with council that Humana had agreed to continue sponsorship of the RSVP program but with a reduction in donation money. Mrs. Clarke asked if that sponsorship money is directly used for Banquet expenses. Lori explained that most of the money is allocated for Banquet and for office expenses.

Lori announced that 132 new RSVP volunteers were sent their first year pin and certificate and are already out there serving their community. Mrs. Bahena expressed that she is not yet retired but has time to spare and wants to volunteer out in the community as well as serve on the council. Lori mentioned that Henry would get together with her and do placement with her to start her volunteer work.

Suggestions for the good of the council

Mrs. Clarke suggested contacting our legislative to come and visit with the council to let them know the program exists.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Next meeting

May 10, 2011