



RSVP

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RSVP Advisory Council Meeting
Minutes of May 8, 2012

Members Present

Everett Barnett	Jeraldine Hubbard
Gilbert Blancas	Nati Munoz
Angie Garcia	Mary Newton
Stefania Garza	Sofia Ordonez
Armida Hernandez	William Wickline

Members Absent

Michele Aboud
Alma Bahena
Lucia Hernandez
Irma Rodriguez

Staff

Norma Corona
Henry Drake
Sandra Serrano

Call to Order and Quorum Count

Meeting called to order @ 10:03 am.

Approval of minutes

Minutes of prior meeting reviewed and approved.

Announcements/comments

Mrs. Hernandez gave a very informative presentation on the Assistance League of El Paso.

Unfinished business

Henry advised council that the banquet ads were slowly coming in but he also mentioned it was still early enough to continue in securing future ads. Mrs. Ordonez asked if the ads had gone up in price. Norma explained that all the ads remained at the same price as last year and the only item that would increase in price would be the price of the meal. Norma also shared with council that she is beginning to work on the banquet booklet and is in the process of negotiating a contract with the Convention Center.

Stefania suggested to council members if they do any spring cleaning and find any holiday gifts they don't want, it can become a great door prize.

New business

Nominations for new chairperson and vice chair took place and resulted in Mr. Gilbert Blancas as the new advisory chairperson and Ms. Stefania Garza as the new vice chair.

Norma shared with council that she had attended the directors meeting and was told the program might face a 9% budget cut. Ms. Garza suggested developing a Facebook page for RSVP to showcase what the local volunteers are doing and making people aware of the program. Stefania also pointed out that the program is much more than just recognition, it's also education. Mrs. Ordonez used Father Martinez Senior Center as an example of how volunteers look forward every year to the banquet and how they fight over volunteer time at the center.

Norma brought up the suggestion of moving the advisory meeting to another location because of issues with parking. She recommended City Hall but also stated it would have to be on another day other than city council Tuesdays because parking would also be an issue on that day. Mrs. Garza volunteered her space at Hospice of El Paso as a location to consider. Council agreed to meet at Hospice for the July meeting and see how that works for everyone.

Suggestions for the good of the council

None

Adjournment

11:02 am

Next meeting

June 12, 2012