



RSVP Advisory Council Meeting
Minutes of May 12, 2009

Members Present

Sandy Caviness	Mary S. Newton
Amelia S. Clarke	Sofia Ordonez
Alicia de Jong Davis	Esther Perez
Marcellus Fullmore	William H. Wickline
Kaaren Kimball	
Anne Langenfeld	

Members Absent

Armida H. Hernandez
Julio Norman
Irma Chavez-Rodriguez
Patricia Williams

Staff

Norma Corona
Henry Drake
Gilbert Ramirez
Lori Rodriguez
Sandra Serrano

Call to Order and Quorum Count

Meeting called to order @ 10:10 am

Approval of minutes

Minutes of prior meeting reviewed and approved.

Announcements/comments

Mrs. Ordonez recognized council members that celebrated a birthday in May and had cake and coffee for everyone. Guest speaker from the Vista Project spoke on Disaster Relieve to council and staff. Mr. Wickline shared with council that he is a member of the Texas Baptist Men who are partners in the disaster relief efforts locally in El Paso.

Mrs. Ordonez passed around copies of the magazine Ronald McDonald House of Charities were there was an article on Mrs. Rodriguez.

Unfinished business

Norma reminded council of the Hall of Fame that was to be held on May 18th and asked council to attend if possible. She also showed council table decorations that were made for the tables at a cost of \$4.00 a piece. Mrs. Perez asked about how many guest were expected to attend the Hall of Fame. Norma gave a count of about 125 that were expected to attend.

Norma shared with council that for the efforts made during the CDBG week food drive the RSVP Program was recognized during City Council. 14 agencies took part of the food drive and each agency received 7 full boxes of donated can goods and non-perishables.

New business

KCOS-TV contacted the office of RSVP in efforts to recruit volunteers to help them with their Pledge Drive. Norma asked council if anyone would be interested in volunteering or knew of someone who would be willing to, the Pledge Drive is scheduled to be held on June 3rd from 6pm to 10pm.

Norma wanted to share some good news with council about gaining a new sponsor. After an article was run on the El Paso Times about the Hall of Fame, Physician's Health Choice contacted Norma. Physician's Health is now our second sponsor and will be donating \$200.00 for the Hall of Fame and about \$2,000.00 towards the Banquet.

Suggestions for the good of the council

Mrs. Perez addressed the issue of the speaker from Vista not being prepared to give his presentation and not aware of the audience he was addressing. Mrs. Perez suggested making sure presenters are well informed about background of program and group.

Mrs. Ordonez suggested to advisory and staff that minutes for advisory be mailed out before meeting. Mrs. Langenfeld explained that she enjoys reading the minutes right before meeting, that helps her refresh her memory of what took place the meeting before.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Next meeting

June 9, 2009