



RSVP Advisory Council Meeting
Minutes of November 11, 2008

Members Present

Amelia S. Clarke
Alicia de Jong Davis
Armida H. Hernandez
Anne Langenfeld
Mary S. Newton
Sofia Ordonez

Cora S. Ramirez
Irma Chavez-Rodriguez
Patricia Williams

Members Absent

Sandy Caviness
Marcellus Fullmore
Kaaren Kimball
Robert Marin
Esther Perez

Staff

Norma Corona
Henry Drake
Lori Rodriguez
Gilbert Ramirez
Sandra Serrano

Call to Order and Quorum Count

Meeting called to order @ 10:35 a.m.

Approval of minutes

Minutes of prior meeting reviewed and approved.

Announcements/comments

Norma introduced Mr. Gilbert Ramirez and welcomed him on board; Mr. Ramirez is the new program specialist for the Calling All Seniors program.

Mrs. Ordonez thanked staff for the breakfast served and mentioned it was a nice treat.

Unfinished business

Henry announced the Gift Giving Tree Lighting Ceremony to be held Monday November 24th at 9am at City Hall. He mentioned that there would be 300 tags on the tree this year and that he was working with 5 different agencies: Mathew's Kitchen, El Paso Foster Parent Association, Lee and Beulah Moore Home, Bienvivir Health Services and the Texas Dept. of State Health Services Children with Special Needs.

Norma reminded council about the Christmas Luncheon to be held on December 9th at 11am at the Lancer's Club. She reminded everyone to call Sandra before November 26th to make reservations.

New business

Lori mentioned the RSVP newsletter scheduled to be sent out on January 9th, it will be covering the 2008 year's events.

Norma informed council that the Volunteer Coordinator training would be held on February 20, 2009 at 9am at the Ysleta Independent School District Administration and Cultural Arts Center. She also asked council for any suggestions on a guest speaker, any one they had heard before and that would charge very little or nothing at all.

Suggestions for the good of the council

Mrs. Ordonez asked Norma to please explain to council some limitations or expectations for fundraising. Norma explained that the staff itself is not allowed to do fundraising during working hours and that's why we have council. She mentioned any fundraising money goes into a restricted account that can be used for recognition. The issue of inviting fewer volunteers to Banquet also was addressed, to set a limit of volunteer hours per volunteer to be sent an invitation. Norma explained that through the Corporation as long as a volunteer has served one hour per year they can attend Banquet. Norma suggested to council to try and get sponsors for each event that RSVP puts together every year to help out with the cost of each event. Norma offered to make a list of names of partners that might be interested in sponsoring and the amounts of donations that are reasonable, she will supply council with the list at the next advisory meeting.

Mrs. Hernandez suggested giving the Ronald McDonald House a letter of appreciation or a certificate for allowing us to hold council meetings. Lori remembered last year Mrs. Rodriguez mentioning the house wish list and bringing in items off the list to help out the families. Mrs. Rodriguez supplied staff and council with that list and Lori mentioned bringing in the items to the January advisory council meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Next meeting

December 9, 2009