

J/CCSPAT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TYLER, TX
October 11, 2006

Members Present

Cindy McAlister
Sherrie Lang
Debbie Kelley
Marie Light
Gaynelle Hayes
John Bicknell
Arnold Ramirez
John Baker
Vickie Geisel
Eddie Sandoval
Seldon Mapel
Kathy Kelley
Mike Farnell
Carmen DeLuna-Jones

Members Absent

Lolo Mercado
Lola Redmond
Paula Vastine
Mary Carla White
LaRonda Ashford
Becky Greene

The meeting was called to order by President Sherrie Lang at 12:10 pm. Sherrie welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Vickie and Debbie for all their work on the conference.

Roll Call

Secretary Marie Light called the roll and recorded the members present and members absent.

Minutes

The members read and made corrections to the minutes. Gaynelle made a motion to accept the corrected minutes and Seldon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Financial Report

John Baker gave the financial report. The present balance is \$41,234.38. This does not include expenditures of the conference.

Membership

John Bicknell sent memberships to Vickie, who at the time of the meeting, had 85 registered (95 members) and 36 rooms reserved. Ten memberships were received with no conference registration. A discussion followed on hotel rates.

Historian Report

Kathy Kelley had no report at this time. Debbie said that there were ten cameras for members to take pictures during the conference.

Awards

Eddie Sandoval said he had no one for the research award and two for the distinguished service awards. Also, there were five retiring from the Board of Directors: Eddie Sandoval, John Bicknell, Seldon Mapel, Lolo Mercado, and Carmen DeLuna-Jones.

Professional Development

Arnold Ramirez said that it would be possible to earn 15 ½ CEUs at the conference.

Website

Carmen said that there were some small cosmetic changes made about two weeks ago. Since Carmen is going off the board, Sherrie asked if someone would take her place doing the website. Vickie volunteered to do it.

Scholarships

Carmen announced that there were two applicants for the scholarships – one in each category. She told us something about each applicant and read what they had written. Carmen made a motion to accept these two applicants and Gaynelle seconded it. The motion passed. More information will be on the website. Arnold suggested that we send it to colleges and universities. Board members will pass out posters in their areas. Sherrie thanked Carmen for her efforts.

2006 Conference

Vickie said that the quilt is back and being displayed in the conference area. She will give it to Eddie for next year's conference.

Debbie told us about the entertainment for Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Wednesday will be a reception with a cash bar and music by Geezers, a local band. Thursday there will be a bus to a winery for wine tasting, snacks, and tours of the vineyard and winery.

She also mentioned the hospitality room hours, snacks, and chair massages in the lobby.

She said she would be using board members to pass out programs Wednesday and Thursday. It was also mentioned that we might have a drawing for a school to win a scholarship like we used to do. Gaynelle suggested that we do it for next year's conference and include membership and registration. Sherrie suggested two at \$150.00 each. John Baker said it would be a good way to get the J/CCSPAT name out there. John made a motion and Arnold seconded it. Motion passed.

Ten rose bushes were donated and will be used as door prizes.

Vickie praised her staff for their hard work on the conference. She also talked about the program and luncheon.

2007 Conference

Eddie gave the board members folders with hotel information and brochures on one of the hotels being considered for next year's conference in Ft. Worth. He asked the members to look through them before Friday's board meeting.

Vacant Board Positions

Sherrie will announce at the business luncheon that there are openings on the board and for interested members to apply. Four openings are available (Eddie Sandoval said he will run again). There will also be three positions open because of board members who have missed three consecutive meetings. These openings are to finish out the unexpired terms of: Becky Greene, Mary Carla White, and Paula Vastine. Carmen said that the issue is for travel to the meetings and recommended that the board pay for some board members' travel. Gaynelle said we should look at board meetings other than the conference. Discussion followed and we will make a decision about it a Friday's meeting.

Seldon suggested setting up a retiree's fee for the conference. Gaynelle said the membership fee is already waived. That will be addressed on Friday also.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Marie Light, Secretary