



General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

6:30 pm

Location and Host: SA Current

Minutes taken by Sergio Chapa

Board Members Present: Joey Palacios, President; Nora Lopez, Vice President; Angelica Garza, Treasurer; Sergio Chapa, Board Member

Members Present: Lilliana Gonzalez, Angela Downey, Sylvia Foster-Frau, Lorraine Pulido, Leslie Garza

Non-Members/Prospects Present: Byrdie Franco-Rocha; Christina Ramirez; Danny Vargas; Daniel Calderon

Guest Speaker

- Greg Jefferson, San Antonio Current Editor

Joey Palacios welcomed called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m. and opened the meeting to introductions.

6:57 pm – onto first order of business – introduction to the SA Current Editor Gregg Jefferson. Greg has been her for two months. The publication went for seven months without an editor-in-chief. He is now looking to expand the stable of freelancers – anything to advance the mission of the current. Greg is looking to beef up his investigative reporting team.

Minutes

7:04 pm – Joey said members and membership report will be pushed to June because secretary Tony Quesada could not attend. We currently stand at 63 members

Treasurer's Report

7:05 pm – Angelica is giving the treasurer's reporter. SAAHJ has \$1,614.80 in the operations account and \$105,398.387 in the foundation account. Fiesta medal report is pending. The money will be deposited to our operations account.

Gala

7:07 pm – Gala committee report from Angelica. Angelica put out a call for volunteers for the gala on the day of the event. Production, volunteers and other logistics. Still need to draft the press release. Letters have started to go out to the sponsors and that should be done by the end of the week. Joey said Texas Public Radio has already committed. BCSF has already committed. Angelica previewed the graphic. The \$100 single ticket gets a seat, Fiesta medal and membership. Tickets are \$125 for non-members.

Scholarships

7:12 pm – Joey moved to scholarships. SAAHJ is awarding \$36,000 to 13 students. Selections were made in mid-April by a five-member committee. The top scholarship was \$5,000 and the smallest one was \$1,000. The on-line application by the San Antonio Area Foundation was successful but Joey is taking input to help improve the process. Some 80 students started the only application process but only 21 of them finished. Out of those students, only 18 of them completed their applications correctly. The applications ran from December through March 9. The organization has given out more than \$500,000 in scholarships over its 30-year history.

Board Elections

7:18 pm – Joey moved to the next item of business: board elections. Joey explained the nomination process. Nominations will occur at our June Meeting and the election will take place at our July meeting. The winners will be seated at the gala. June meeting location, date and time are TBA. Board terms are one year – gala to gala. Nora clarified that there are term limits of two years for a seat but the member is free to run for a board seat in another position. Joey reiterated that

Announcements

7:25 pm – Announcements. Sergio asked for volunteers for the SAAHJ Job Bank. Melanie announced an event where Michael Quintainilla will be the emcee. *** will be hosting a workshop on digital marketing at St Phillips College Port of San Antonio Campus on Wednesday, June 6th from 9 a.m. to 4 pm. Angelica announced that May is Lupus Awareness Month and that tomorrow is World Lupus Day. She is asking everyone to wear purple on Friday, May 18th and post a photo on social media using the hashtag #PutOnPurple. *** announced that Palo Alto College graduation is on Saturday, May 19th.

Adjournment

7:30 pm – Joey asked to call the meeting to adjourn. Sergio moved. Fred seconded. Meeting adjourned.