



San Antonio Association of Hispanic Journalists

General Membership Meeting – June 24, 2017

Texas Public Radio

8401 Datapoint Drive

Host: Joey Palacios

Attendees: Tony Quesada, Ximena Alvarez, Angelica Garza, Sergio Chapa, Elizabeth Zavala, Diana (Didi) Fuentes, Melanie Mendez-Gonzales, Nikiza Goga, Marisa Kitchen, Melissa Vela-Williamson, Nora Lopez, Carlos Valenzuela, Yolanda Arellano, Jessie Moore, Joey Palacios and Brandon Benavides.

Call to Order

Joey called the meeting to order at 10:26 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Joey Palacios welcomed the members to Texas Public Radio and gave a brief on its operations. Members in attendance introduced themselves.

Minutes

Minutes from the May 24 meeting at HeartFire Media were presented. Joey noted that there is one item to note: that the date discussed at last meeting to close nominations (June 9) was subsequently extended to June 18. Didi moved to approve. Ximena second. All approved.

Treasurer's Report

Joey gave the treasurer's report for Tessa.

Operations account: \$6,660.16

Foundation account: \$151,253.37

Up by about \$10,000

About \$66,000 committed

Giving out scholarships to 11 students for over \$35,000

Gala Progress

Angelica briefed on Gala Progress.

Next week will work on script and run of show. The Gala Committee will meet with the Grand Hyatt on Thursday to finalize the menu. Over 300 people so far. We hope to get to about 400. We must give the final number three days before. The minimum contractual spend is \$26,000. A deposit of \$4,200 was made.

Urban 15 will be performing. We have received the video message from Jorge Ramos.

Angelica, Nikiza and Tessa are working on raffle. Glaziers is donating beer for a year. Kielbassa sausage company has donated product.

The swag bag committee needs help. It is looking to create about 400 swag bags.

Ad deadline is next Friday. Terry Carmona and Elaine are working on the program.

Melanie mentioned that we should remind people to bring cash to pay for tickets.

Giving out extra SAAHJ Fiesta medals was mentioned. Nora suggested putting some medals in the raffle. A discussion of the raffle ticket price was discussed. One for \$5 or five for \$20.

Nikiza has spoken to and sent emails to several restaurants.

Angelica recommended that raffle ticket buyers must be present to win.

Board Elections

Didi reported that 14 ballots were cast online, while those present at the meeting would be able to vote after the candidates introduced themselves.

Candidates for the board were each given one minute to make their case to the members.

28 people voted

Results:

- President – Joey Palacios
- Vice President – Nora Lopez
- Secretary – Tony Quesada
- Treasurer – Angelica Garza
- At large print – Sergio Chapa
- At large communications – Tie between Margaret Garcia and Nikiza Goga¹
- At large broadcast – Diego Aparicio

Announcements

Brandon mentioned that NAAHJ convention is in Anaheim in Sept. 7-9. The convention will be in San Antonio in 2019.

Jessie said the launch party for the next issue of Influence magazine will be from 5:30-9 p.m. on July 13 at 300 E. Ramsey.

Melissa Vela-Williamson reported that Texas State University will stage a bilingual adaptation of “A Comedy of Errors” on Aug. 3-9.

Nora said that the Gridiron show will be on Sept. 30 at TAMUSA. Cast call is on Saturday, July 29, at Blue Star. Writer’s meeting at Joey’s Bar at about 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 29.

Adjournment

Didi moved to adjourn. Yolanda seconded. All approved. The meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

¹ A runoff election was held by email, which also resulted in a tie. That tie was broken by a coin flip held on July 6 and witnessed by Joey, Sergio, Ximena and Tony. Margaret and Nikiza were also present. The coin flip was won by Margaret.